





SURFCITY BEACH CRUISERS

CHALLENGE & SOLUTION

The Surf City Beach Cruisers bike shop website needed help! It was difficult to navigate. The font and color choices were chaotic. There were many technical challenges to work out in navigation and displaying image carousels of product photography. The solution was to streamline the use of photography, color, and fonts. A logo redesign was also executed to better differentiate the company from competitors. The color selections were aimed at the client's request that the site reflect a relaxing and fresh atmosphere that connects with selling bikes.

RETO Y SOLUCIÓN

¡El sitio web de la tienda de bicicletas Surf City Beach Cruisers necesitaba ayuda! Ya que era difícil navegar. Las opciones de la tipografía y color eran caóticas. Hubo muchos desafíos técnicos que resolver la navegación y la visualización del carrusel con las fotografías. La solución fue optimizar el uso de la fotografía, el color y las tipografías. También se ejecutó un rediseño de logotipo para diferenciar mejor a la empresa de sus competidores. Las selecciones de colores estuvieron dirigidas a la solicitud del cliente de que el sitio refleje un ambiente relajado y fresco que conecte con la venta de bicicletas.

SPECIFICS

LOGO | WEBSITE

SOFTWARE: Illustrator | Photoshop | DreamWeaver

DATE: November 2020



MT. ANGEL PUBLIC LIBRARY

CHALLENGE & SOLUTION

The Mt. Angel Public Library needed a more functional website with customizable templates so in the future they could update information easily so the community could stay up-to-date on all the Library has to offer. The challenge was customizing the template so it matched the library's identity. A successful result was achieved by working with a template that offered a deep range of customization tools.

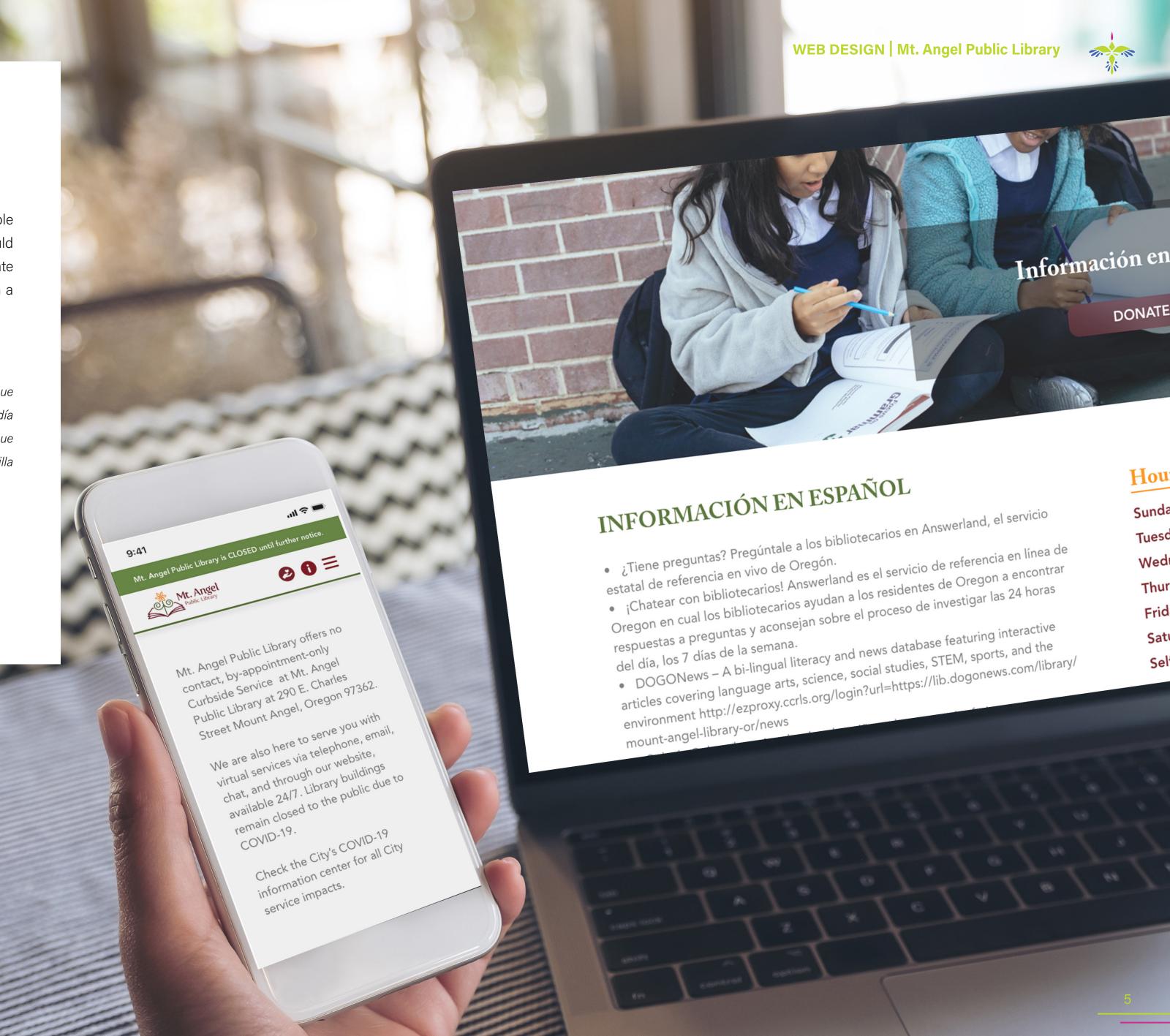
PROBLEMA & SOLUCIÓN

La biblioteca Mt. Angel necesitaba un sitio web más funcional con plantillas personalizables para que en el futuro pudieran actualizar la información fácilmente y así la comunidad pudiera mantenerse al día con todo lo que la biblioteca tiene para ofrecer. El desafío consistía en personalizar la plantilla para que coincidiera con la identidad de la biblioteca. Se logró un resultado exitoso trabajando con una plantilla que ofrecía una amplia gama de herramientas de personalización.

SPECIFICS

WEBSITE

SOFTWARE: XD | Dreamhost
DATE: December 2020





Oreganik: Organic Soaps

CHALLENGE & SOLUTION

Prior to working with Oreganik they only had a Facebook page. They wanted a website to help elevate them within their market. Their organic products and a sense of play were identified as core brand attributes. Redesigning their logo came first to update their visual identity and improve their product packaging. A primary color palette and a font program was established and applied consistently across their website.

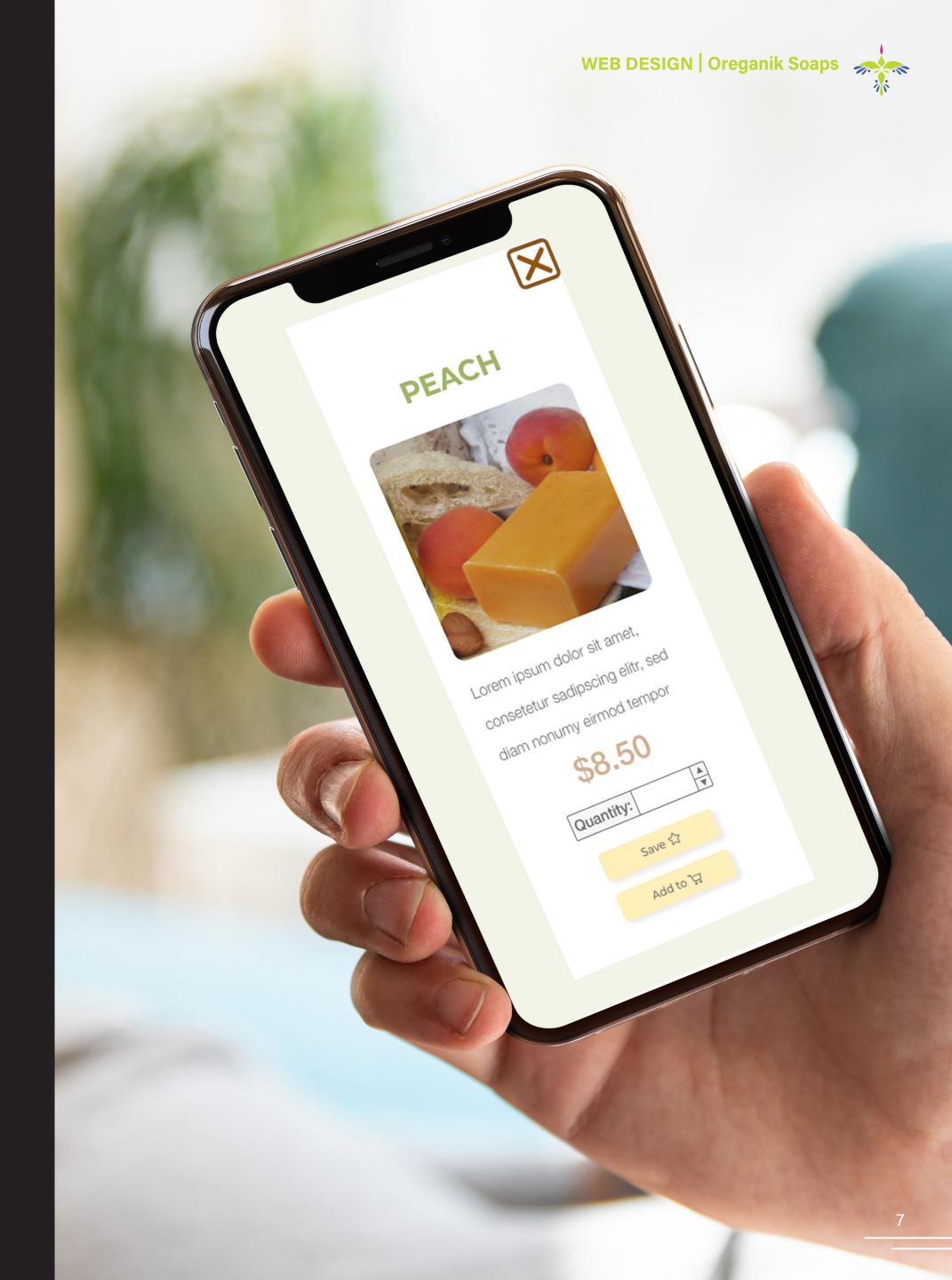
PROBLEMA & SOLUCIÓN

Antes de trabajar con Oreganik, solo contaban con una página de Facebook, pero querían un sitio web que los ayudara a elevarse dentro de su mercado. Sus productos orgánicos y su identidad juguetona se identificaron como atributos centrales de la marca. El rediseño de su logotipo fue lo primero para actualizar su identidad visual y mejorar el empaque de sus productos. Se estableció una paleta de colores primarios y un programa de tipografías y se aplicó de manera consistente en todo su sitio web.

SPECIFICS

LOGO | WEBSITE

SOFTWARE: XD | Illustrator | Photoshop
DATE: March 2021





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CHALLENGE & SOLUTION

The theme for the 2021 Chemeketa Community Colleges Visual Communications graduating cohort "Resilience." The challenge was to design promotional artwork around this theme. The artwork needed to work equally well in print, on the web, and be easy to animate. I am very proud of my artwork being selected by the entire graduating cohort to be used on all the promotions for our graduating events.

PROBLEMA & SOLUCIÓN

El tema de la cohorte de graduados de Comunicaciones Visuales de Chemeketa 2021 fue "Resiliencia". El desafío consistía en diseñar obras de arte promocionales en tornoa este tema. La obra de arte debía funcionar para las versiones impresas, en la weby serfácil de animar. Estoy muy orgulloso de que mi obra de arte haya sido seleccionada por toda la cohorte de graduados para ser utilizada en todas las promociones de nuestro evento de graduación.

SPECIFICS

ILLUSTRATION | TYPESETTING

SOFTWARE: Procreate | InDesign | Photoshop

DATE: April 2021





WYNEMA: A CHILD OF THE FOREST

CHALLENGE & SOLUTION

Designing this book cover for the book, Wynema, A Child of the Forest, was challenging. It had to incorporate aspects of the book and honor the Muscogee Nation. My first concept wasn't successful. But, with feedback from the client I was able to pivot to my second idea that made stronger connections with the story.

PROBLEMA & SOLUCIÓN

Diseñar la portada para el libro Wynema, A Child of the Forest, fue un desafío. Tenía que incorporar aspectos del libro y honrar a la Nación Muscogee. Mi primer concepto no tuvo éxito. Pero, con los comentarios del cliente, pude cambiar a mi segunda idea que hizo conexiones más fuertes con la historia.

SPECIFICS

COVER | TYPESETTING

MEDIUM: Paper, Glue & Camera
SOFTWARE: InDesign | Photoshop
DATE: December 2019





CHAPTER VI

AN INDIAN BURIAL

ears passed on with the same round of school duties for Genevieve Weir—duties crowned with joy and pride, as she watched the gradual unfolding of mind and soul to the touch of her magic wand—the influence of love opening doors that giant force could not set the least ajar. Wynema continued to be her greatest joy and pride and was more than ever her vade mecum, of whom she wrote often to her home friends.

"She learns faster and retains more of what she learns, than any child of whatever hue it has been my fortune to know. She is a constant reader and greets a new book with the warmth of a friend. I have directed her course of reading, and I venture to say, there is not a child in Mobile or anywhere else who has read less spurious matter than she. It is amusing to see her curl up over Dickens and Scott, and grow animated over Shakespeare, whose plays she lives out; and it is interesting to watch the different emotions, in sympathy with the various characters, chase each other over her face. Of the good ones she will say, 'This is you, Mihia, but you are better.' Dear child; would that I were as perfect as she believes me to be!"

One evening as Miss Weir and her pupil were returning from school,

they heard strange sounds—such as groaning, wailing, lamenting and sobbing—proceeding from a cabin not far from the roadside; and Miss Weir turned to Wynema for explanation.

An Indian Burial

"Some one must be dead, and they are singing the death-chant," said Wynema. "Mamma said Sam Emarthla was very sick—so I suppose—so I suppose it is that he is dead." She always spoke brokenly when she was touched. "Shall it be that we may go and look upon the dead?"

"Yes, dear," responded her teacher; "and it may be that we can speak a comforting word to the bereft ones. But tell me before we go in, what is the meaning of the death-chant."

"The death-chant? How can I tell you, Mihia? It be-gins by telling the good deeds of the dead person; of his virtues; what a good hunter he was; how brave he always was; and ends by carrying him over the mountain side to the happy hunting-ground, there to live forever, among dogs and horses, with bows and arrows and game of all kinds in abundance."

By the time she finished speaking they had reached the cabin door, and on looking in, they beheld the room full of sympathizing friends, who pushed aside and made an en-trance for the new-comers.

Going up to the bed where the corpse lay dressed and decorated for burial, Genevieve found the stricken wife lying face downward on the breast of her dead husband.

Not a sound escaped her lips, for she seemed stunned by her grief. Here was no fashionable grief with its dress of sable hue, its hangings of crepe, and stationery with its inch-wide band of black, such as Madison-Square widows use. Ah! no, here was real, simple, heart-felt grief such as the ignorant and uneducated feel; grief such as Eve felt over the death of her well-beloved son.





YOU ARE HERE MAGAZINE

CHALLENGE & SOLUTION

Designing an edition of the You Are Here magazine was first about building a good team. Our team built a rapport and supported each other throughout the design process creating a concept based on approachable and fun to the readers. In order to come with the concept took discussions and team decisions. At the end we were very happy with the final result.

RETO Y SOLUCIÓN

En primer lugar, diseñar una edición de la revista You Are Here consistió en formar un buen equipo. Nuestro equipo construyó una relación y nos apoyamos mutuamente durante todo el proceso de diseño creando un concepto basado en accesibilidad y diversion para los lectores. Para llegar con el concepto, se llevaron a cabo discusiones y decisiones en equipo. Al final quedamos muy contentos con el resultado final.

SPECIFICS

COVER | TYPESETTING

ROLE: Graphic & Layout Editor

SOFTWARE: InDesign | Illustrator | Photoshop

DATE: February 2020

As far as your team is concerned, what does it consist of? Illustrators, photographers, ect.

Well, Logan Martin is a team lead; like a creative director or main creative strategist I play a little bit of a COO [Chief Operation Officer] role since I do a lot of internal organization and operations. I'm the organized one on the team, I do a lot of art direction .My design work is mainly focused on branding and creation of logos and developing brands for clients. Isaac tion world. Then, we have a web developer, Stephen Brown. Shaun Jaquez who has been helping him as a junior developer, and then Ashlie Rene Gonzales who does photography and videography and Bryon Neal Daniels who does social media and creative strategy.

The Visual Communications program recently added a multimedia arts degree. You just mentioned photography, but does Good Notion do any film making, motion graphics, etc?

Not any in house animation and stuff like that, but yeah, AshlieRene does beautiful photography and and what you're communicating, is special.

How would you describe the projects that Good Notion likes to take on?

We do a lot of logo and branding projects. Then we work with a lot of nonprofits as well and help them further define their messaging.

As someone who is part of a small, tight-nit design other skills are important for future employees to have?

I think, being organized and punctual. I see a lot of care

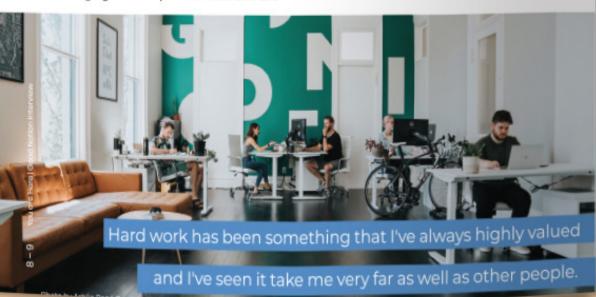
and respect and in just paying attention to what is being said to you and listening well, general organization, then having good communication skills. I'm not necessarily saying someone needs to come in and be able to run client meetings and stuff, but I think a lot of that is just being open to asking questions and receiving feedback. Effort goes a long way and I think it's more important to have a good attitude and try really hard then it is to be, like, the best designer that you can be. We can all get there we can all grow and learn and of course there Mitchell works with us and he thrives in the illustra-needs to be a base level of talent, but if you have all the talent in the world and you can't come in and take criticism and don't ask any questions and don't really show any effort, then that isn't really going to go over very well.

On the other hand, is there a key design skill you look for, apart from other skills?

Coming up with creative concepts and strategies behind your designs is really important and I know at least for me, it took a while to do this even outside of college. It took me a bit to really get a good grasp on that, but being able to have a lot of meaning behind what you're designing, like what fonts and colors you choose

I know from personal experience the struggle design students face debating over whether to put their energy into honing their skills or broadening their skill set. What do you believe is more valuable, having a refined or wide range of skills?

Both! I'm trying to think from a student's perspective. I think as you're learning it's really valuable to come to understand a wide range of what design can really be firm, I'm curious to know: apart from design skills, what and then keep thinking about it as you explore and be open to which one really sticks with you. Like, which one either starts to feel natural or you really enjoy the most





Obviously portfolios are pretty crucial to the hiring process. Is there anything Good Notion specifically lancing and needs 10 hours a week of work from us and looks for in a potential new hire's? Is there anything you included in yours that you believe set you apart?

how much perspective I have on that because I'm store for 2020? Any big projects or events? part of such a small design team and I only work with so many designers and I haven't done a ton of looking Yeah! We're looking forward to finding some more cliat designers' portfolios. But, I think a general layer of ents that are passionate about the work they're doing paying attention to details, like no typos and stuff like that is good. I think making it easy for people to look at and communicate. We also really want to keep partneryour work and review your work outside of the portfolio ing with nonprofits and find more ways that we can help show is important.

How important is including work in your portfolio that you've done outside of classes in school?

I think it's just as important as school work. Even putting in work that you have made up on your own just to show your own passion projects is great. But, it also definitely helps to have had experiences working with clients and

while they're in school to prepare for employment in the field after college?

I think that doing an internship was important.

I did a few internships when I was in college and you just really don't know what having a job as a designer is like until you're in an office and you're dealing with you're job searching.

What do you think the Salem design market will look for in the future? Where do you see growth or change that designers here in Salem should start preparing for now?

Specifically right now, Salem has a lot of independent designers who are kind of doing their own thing and freelancing and contracting just 'cause, like I said, there aren't many large agencies you can get a job at. I think there probably are a handful of in-house design jobs but I'm not super familiar with what that market looks like in Salem. But yeah, Salem is tough 'cause it's such a young design scene and being a tighter knit community, there is a lot of pressure put on designers. Who you know and having good contacts and getting in front of people or networking is a good place to start. And if there are creative events you can go to or any networking opportunities, do it, because Salem might for the near future be the place where; like us at Good Notion; I don't know when we'll be at a place to bring on another full-time designer. We'd be looking for someone who is freethen eventually they might be able to work their way

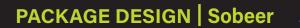
Yeah, that's kind of a difficult question and I don't know With that being said, what does Good Notion have in

and how to better get it out there and brand themselves Salem grow and reach its potential!

Lastly, do you have any final words of wisdom you'd like to offer to the future designers reading this segment?

I was definitely somebody in school who sometimes felt like there were other people who were more talented than me and I didn't know how to get there and I was doing the whole feedback process and going through jealous of them and couldn't really figure out what they were doing right. But, I did a ton of internships and I would shadow people on my winter breaks when I What would you recommend that design students do was at home. I always worked really hard and I've been able to get my career and skills to a place that I'm really happy with. I think it just kind of came from a lot of hard work and putting in the hours. There's a lot of messages out there like, "Get up two hours earlier and stay up two hours later and work yourself to the ground!" and I don't want to necessarily promote that because I think keeping my mental health happy has been important in bala co-worker about a job and you're doing that job and ancing out the hustling. But yeah, hard work has been you're seeing a project go from your hands to someone something that I've always highly valued and I've seen it else's hands. I think internships are going to be as close take me very far as well as other people. Putting in that as you can possibly get to a real world experience when work and being a good person can get you pretty far.









SOBEER: A NON-ALCOHOLIC BEER

CHALLENGE & SOLUTION

The purpose of this project was creating a brand for a craft beer made in Oregon. I decided to work with a non-alcoholic variety to expand options in this more untapped market. My solution was to create a strong logotype combined with hand-rendered illustrations that form a background pattern referencing the different fruit flavors. The hand-rendered illustrations call back to the craft of brewing.

RETO & SOLUCIÓN

El propósito de este proyecto era crear una marca para una cerveza artesanal hecha en Oregon. Decidí trabajar con una variedad sin alcohol para ampliar las opciones en este mercado menos explotado. Mi solución fue crear un logotipo sólido combinado con ilustraciones hechas a mano que forman un patrón de fondo que hace referencia a los diferentes sabores de frutas. Las ilustraciones hechas a mano recuerdan el oficio de la elaboración de cerveza.

SPECIFICS

LOGO | LABEL

MEDIUM: Pencil, and markers

SOFTWARE: InDesign | Photoshop | Illustrator

DATE: April 2020





VIDA: VINYL & CD

CHALLENGE & SOLUTION

This project entailed creating artwork for album promotion. It was an interesting mix of old and new attempting a vinyl album for a contemporary pop band. I focused on typography and illustration. Inspired by geometric figures, I simulated confetti and breaking glass referencing to the rhythm of the album. This also led to developing an animated version, that could be used for promoting the album.

RETO & SOLUCIÓN

Este proyecto implicó la creación de ilustraciones para la promoción del álbum. Fue una mezcla interesante de lo antiguo y lo nuevo intentar un álbum de vinilo para una banda de pop contemporánea. Me concentré en la tipografía y la ilustración. Inspirándome en figuras geométricas, simulé confeti y cristales rotos haciendo referencia al ritmo del álbum. Esto también llevó al desarrollo de una versión animada, que podría usarse para promocionar el álbum.

SPECIFICS

COVER | ILLUSTRATION

SOFTWARE: Illustrator | AfterEffects
DATE: May 2020





BEAU: LIPSTICKS

CHALLENGE & SOLUTION

This package design project involved rigorous research, process, time management, and precision. For this process, I choose to execute a minimalist design, using line illustration, with the accent color of the lipstick referred to. My concept besides being minimal was inspired by creating perfect lips, regardless of the race of the person who wears it.

RETO & SOLUCIÓN

Este proyecto de diseño de paquetes involucró una investigación rigurosa, procesos, administración del tiempo y precisión. Para este proceso opte por ejecutar un diseño minimalista, usando ilustración de lineas, con el acento de color del labial referido. Mi concepto aparte de ser minimo. El diseño del paquete esta inspirado en los labios perfectos, sin importar raza de la persona que lo porte.

SPECIFICS

ILLUSTRATION | PACKAGE

MEDIUM: Charcoal and watercolor SOFTWARE: InDesign | Photoshop | Procreate

DATE: June 2020





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I'm Sharon Mendiola Albor a Mexican graphic & web designer. I graduated from Chemeketa Community College's Visual Communications Program with two Associate of Applied Science degrees in Graphic Design and Interactive Media. Along my Education I found that I love Web, Package and Layout Design; However, I really enjoy the process that it is behind every creative project, so I also like doing Logo Design & Branding. I consider myself responsible and committed to my work because...

I love what I do, and I always gonna do my best!

Soy Sharon Mendiola Albor una diseñadora originaria de México. Me gradúe de Chemeketa Community College en Salem, OR, obteniendo las carreras de Diseño Gráfico y Diseño Web. A lo largo de la carrera descubrí que me apasiona el Diseño web, de Paquetería y Editorial, sin embargo disfruto mucho el proceso que hay detrás de cada proyecto creativo, sin dejar a un lado el diseño de logotipos e identidad. Me considero una persona responsable y comprometida con su trabajo porque...

¡Amo lo que hago y siempre me asegurare de dar lo mejor de mí!

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