

## **Dea Sasso**

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### **Objectives:**

To identify and instruct the next generation of bookbinders. To teach the skills required to do traditional hand bookbinding, including restoration and conservation, boxes and enclosures, miniatures, sculptural and movable book forms. To help students to evaluate and advance their skills, plan and implement a course of education that will result in achieving their personal goals regarding this field of study. To increase the capacities of students to learn.

### **Qualifications:**

- Teacher and/or hand bookbinder/restorer to many institutions and private collections including: John C. Campbell Folk School, BookWorks, Center for Contemporary Craft, Smith College, Harvard University, Augusta Heritage Program of the Davis and Elkins College, Tennessee Technological University Appalachian Center for Crafts, Brookfield Craft Center, Snow Farm Craft Center, and numerous antiquarian book dealers and collectors.
- Sole Proprietor of two businesses under the trademark, Light of Day ® since 1989 with binderies in Asheville, NC and Northampton, MA.
- Developer and patent applicant for Bindery-In-A-Box®. Set of portable binding equipment available at [www.binderyinabox.com](http://www.binderyinabox.com).
- 30 years of experience as executive director and consultant to numerous human service organizations and educational institutions. Specialties include: substance abuse prevention and treatment, youth development, education/GED programs, and teaching entrepreneurship to youth.
- Lead grant writer for 60 proposals written between 1983 and 2006. (53 funded) Sources include government and state, private foundations, law enforcement, art/humanities and education.

### **Experience:**

1989 – Present - Sole Proprietor of Light of Day®

- Operate and maintain Bookbinderies in NC and MA.
- Work as faculty and staff at the John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, NC since 1991.
- Edition Binder for Limited Editions Club in New York 1995-6.

1988 - Present - Consultant to Organizations

- Review grants for the New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services. (1999 – Present)
- Grant Writer for Gandara Center, Springfield, MA, on numerous state and federal proposals related to substance abuse and mental health.

- Work with multi-cultural organizations in crisis to assist in reorganizing and restructuring internal operations. Develop procedures and practices that improve staff morale, communication and increase productivity.

**2000 - 2003 - Program Director for Tapestry Health, Springfield, MA**

- Directed the Healthy Families and Young Parents Programs: GED preparation, employment training, child care services and strength based home visiting programs for pregnant and parenting teens.
- Prepared yearly program plans, supervised coordinators and facilitated staff teams, monitored contract compliance, budgets and outcomes.

**1996 – 2003 - Director of Prevention Services, Gandara Center, Springfield, MA**

- Oversaw staff and fiscal operations, including 14 youth prevention programs.
- Developed, implemented and evaluated yearly work plans and services including initiatives to address tobacco control, HIV prevention, substance abuse, and youth school linked services.

**1983 – 1988 - Executive Director of Multi-Service Health, Inc., Northampton, MA**

- Managed and directed a nonprofit agency providing a range of substance abuse prevention and treatment services including: outpatient counseling, DUI, residential, prevention and youth development.

### **Education:**

#### **Book Arts Training and Apprenticeships:**

- W.W. Streeter, Silver Maple Bindery, Northampton, MA 1988-1990
- Daniel Kelm, Garage Annex School for Hand Bookbinding, Easthampton, MA-Numerous classes in bookbinding, conservation, and restoration.
- Kim O'Donnell, Edition Binder- Training to provide edition binding for Limited Editions Club of New York.

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA – MSPH, Public Health Administration, Summa Cum Laude, 1978**

**Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio – BA, Sociology, Cum Laude, 1974**

**Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ – Certification in Alcohol Studies, 1976**

**References: Upon Request**