

# *Gioia Kuss*

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## Professional and Civic Leadership Experience:

- Design, Media, and Resource Consultant**, Still Water LLC, Weybridge VT 2011 to present
- Volunteer Member**, Weybridge Energy Committee, Weybridge VT 2011 to present
- Allocations Committee Member**, Addison County United Way, Middlebury, VT 2008 to 2012
- Crisis Counselor**, FEMA Tropical Storm Irene Grant WCMHS, Berlin, VT 2011-2012
- Board Member**, Moosalamoo Association National Recreation Area Goshen VT 2007-2011
- Executive Director**, Middlebury Area Land Trust (MALT) Middlebury VT 2000-2007
- Adjunct Art Professor**, Green Mountain College Poultney VT 2000-2003
- Planning Commission and Zoning Board Member**, Orwell VT 1993-2003
- Planning Consultant**, Martha's Vineyard Commission Aquinnah MA 1999
- Founder**, Tuft of Flowers Field Grown Flowers and Design, Orwell VT 1990-2003
- Principal Owner**, Good Bulls Bovine Genetics Company, Orwell VT 1987-1998
- Vacation Guide and Leader**, Vermont Country Cyclers Waterbury VT 1986
- Marketing Associate**, Euroski Magazine Courmayeur Italy and London England 1985
- Mathematics Teacher**, Ecole d'Humanite Hasliberg Switzerland 1983-85

## Education:

### **Master of Arts, Landscape Design, Conway School of Landscape Design 1999**

Land use planning and landscape design degree. Project-oriented graduate program emphasizing team collaboration, ecological site analysis, public presentations, report writing, and graphic representation for contracted clients.

### **Bachelor of Arts, Northern Studies major, Studio Art minor, Middlebury College 1983**

Interdisciplinary major based on an environmental studies curriculum. Studio Art minor with concentration in printmaking.

## Other assets

- Technical competence with Microsoft OS (including Publisher), Adobe CS, and ArcView, and experience with Web Development tools CSS and XHTML.
- Experienced writer and photographer with multiple credits for representing people and programs to the public in print and other media.

Professional Memberships: American Society of Media Professionals (ASMP)  
National Press Photographers Association (NPPA)

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Photographs Published in the following print/web publications:

*Addison Independent*

*Edie and Glo Fashions* Etsy on-line catalogue and social media

*Portrait photography* for Non-profit leaders and authors

*North Country School/Camp Treetops* Alumni Magazine

*Green Mountain Valley School* Alumni Magazine and Theater Books

*Middlebury Area Land Trust* newsletters and website

*Vermont Country Cyclers* Catalogue

*Euroski Magazine*

Honors, Awards and Shows:

**Marble House Project Residency** September 2016

**Land Views—Alchemy of Soil, Water and Community**, Solo Photography Show: At 51 Main  
Middlebury VT December 2015-March 2016

**David Bird Fellowship** Awarded June 2015: Costa Rica 2016

**Vermont Arts Council** Business Development Grant May 2015

Accepted in Online Gallery Annex Show at **Photo Place Gallery** Middlebury VT *The Golden Hours:  
Dawn and Dusk* June 2015

Awarded Honorable Mention at **Darkroom Gallery** Essex Junction VT *Con(text)* Photography Show  
January 2015

Invited to Solo Photography Shows for Middlebury Arts Walks Events in 2011 and 12

**Silver Feather Award** Conservation of Natural Communities award presented by Otter Creek Audubon  
Society November

Exhibited in Group member shows at the **Southern Vermont Art Center**

Represented in Multiple group shows organized by the **Middlebury Artists Group**

Exhibited in shows and published photos in **Middlebury College** Yearbook and *Campus* Newspaper

Additional Courses:

**Spanish 101-103, 201& 220** Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 2010-2011, & 2015

**Digital Filmmaking** Burlington City Arts, Burlington, VT 2013

**Website Development Certificate courses** Community College of VT, Burlington, VT 2009-10

**Chittenden County Planning Conference, CCRPC** South Burlington VT 2008

**Community Matters 07 Conference, Orton Family Foundation** Burlington VT 2007

**Community Development, Center for Research and Social Action** Achiote, Panama 2007

**Certificate for Fundraising Executives Review Course, AFP** Portsmouth NH 2006

**Historic Preservation Retreat, Preservation Trust of Vermont** Grand Isle VT 2005

**Geographic Information Systems (GIS)** Middlebury College 2004

**Stewardship of the Urban Landscape, University of Vermont Ext.,** Rutland VT 1999

**Process and Collaboration: Contemporary Printmaking, 1960 to the Present,**

*New York University, New York NY.* 1998

**Vermont Visual Artists Week, Vermont Studio Center,** Johnson VT 1989 and 1998

**Wood Block Printmaking and Water Color Painting, Guangzhou Academy of Art,**

Guangzhou China organized through the University of Massachusetts 1993

**Printmaking, Atelier 63** studied with master printer Joelle Serve, Paris France 1986

**Oil Painting, Academie Grand Chaumiere** with Yves Brayeur, Paris France 1986

**Photography, Colorado Mountain College,** Minturn CO 1980