

## **Diane Buchwalder**

### **Show Set**

Diane comes to us as a proven, well-respected talent in the industry. Her talents and expertise cover a colorful spectrum of design and technical strengths ranging from show systems, coaster design, ride tech, architecture, civil engineering with a focus on structure, and area development. Her superb ability to verbally articulate issues, and to graphically develop effective imagery and 3D exhibits while holistically assessing feasibility and offering options where needed, make her involvement vital to the success of any effort in which she is a part. Always in high spirits and up for a challenge, her process stems from an innate intellectual curiosity, an explorer's sense of discovery and dedication to her work.

In addition to her professional talents and accomplishments, she has various outside but related interests organizational talents. Diane plays an important role in industry organizations geared towards nurturing and providing a suitable environment for the next generation of design professionals in the theme park industry. Her internal 'drive' strives for sustainability as a goal whether in design or in life's journey.

Diane has previously worked with American Scenic, the Hettema Group and Rethink. She is a true theme park expert and aficionada, and has led Clients through Southern California theme parks as L.A. Design Associates' ambassador for the benefit of the Client in experiencing theme parks through an 'insider's' eye. Ever with keen discernment and a can-do attitude, Diane is a key and valued team member to L.A. Design Associates.

### ***selected projects***

- **Theme Park** Yokohama, Japan
- **Theme Park** Tokyo, Japan
- **Theme and Adventure Park** Okinawa, Japan
- **California's Great America** Santa Clara, California
- **Santa Maria High School** Santa Maria, California
- **Hope Elementary School** Carlsbad, California
- **Windward School** Los Angeles, California

### ***education***

Savannah College of Art and Design                      Savannah, Georgia  
Master of Themed Entertainment Design

University of Hawaii    Honolulu, Hawaii  
Post-graduate studies - Architecture

University of Dayton    Dayton, Ohio  
Bachelor of Civil Engineering

### ***student awards***

Thompson Award - Best Thesis                      University of Tokyo  
Student Exchange Support Award                      Japan Student Services Organization

### ***affiliations***

Themed Entertainment Association (NextGen Committee - University Chair)