

# Colette E. Bazirgan

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An innovative industrial designer with a strong passion for sustainability, problem-solving, and finely crafted products.  
Looking to bridge a love for design and nature by creating meaningful work that benefits ourselves and our environment.

## Education

**Rhode Island School of Design [RISD]** • Providence, RI • Bachelor of Fine Arts, Industrial Design 2011 • GPA 3.71/4.0

**University of Rhode Island** • Kingston, RI • URI Master Gardener Program, 2019

**Kokrobitey Institute** • Kokrobitey, GHANA • Sustainable Design, 2010

**Brown University** • Providence, RI • Cognitive Neuropsychology, 2008

**The Steel Yard** • Providence, RI • Ceramics, 2017

## Design Experience

Current

**Contempo Specialty Packaging**, Providence, RI • Product Development Lead • 2017 - Present

**Contempo Card Company**, Providence, RI • Design Specialist/Packaging Designer • 2013 - 2018

Led the transition into the cannabis industry through extensive research, product development, and creative design. Provide direction to team on product development, innovation, and problem solving. Manage and direct prototyping, materials, creative artwork and production files. Sourcing and production with U.S. & China vendors. Lead and design tradeshow booth for exhibitions. Marketing, web design, social media, and sales presentations. Trend and market research.

**Ravel Studio** • Founder/Owner/Designer • 2011 - Present • www.ravelstudio.com

An eco-conscious design studio, designing and manufacturing jewelry, fashions, and home furnishings locally from natural and recycled materials and objects. Design from concept to finish, graphics, web design, marketing, sales. Sell online, art fairs, and retail stores.

**Ten31 Productions**, Pawtucket, RI • Performer/Producer/Designer • 2008 - Present • www.wemakepretend.com

Perform as various "Living Art" characters at private/public events. Makeup application and character performance. Work with clients, set up props, prep performers, oversee and manage performances. Design and fabricate specific props for different characters.

Past

**Freelance Work** • Designer • 2011 - 2014

Web, graphic, and industrial design.

**Cooke Street Laboratories**, East Providence, RI • Industrial Designer • 2012 - 2013

Part-time designer working on patented medical devices to be ready for production. Sketching, rendering, CAD, and research.

**O&G Studio**, Warren, RI • Furniture Designer • 2010 - 2012

Design and fabricate wood and metal furniture/houseware from concept to finish. Graphic work and sales. Exhibit design for New York International Gift Fair 2010.

**Lumin Sensors** • Industrial Designer • 2010

Through RISD's advanced nanotechnology studio, designed a biosensor to test for arsenic levels in drinking water in Bangladesh. Lumin is an NGO currently developing a means of testing the design in Bangladesh.

**Fred & Friends**, Cumberland, RI • Industrial Design Intern • 2009

Packaging, graphics, and photography. Presentations and catalogs. NYIGF 2009. Product conceptual designs.

**RISD Industrial Design**, Providence, RI • Exhibition Design Committee, 2010 - 2011, ID Triennial 2010 & ID Senior Show 2011

**RISD Industrial Design**, Providence, RI • Wood/metalshop Monitor, 2009 - 2011

## Exhibitions · Achievements

**The Vault Box™** • Patented Child Resistant and Senior Friendly Packaging • 2018

**Witness Trees**, Oyster Bay, NY • Oyster Bay Historical Society, 2012 • Loveseat and Corset

**The Witness Tree Project**, Brattleboro, VT • Brattleboro Museum of Art, 2012 • Loveseat and Corset

**The Locals**, Providence, RI • 42 Rice Street Gallery, 2011 • Loveseat

**RISD Senior Invitational Show**, Providence, RI • Woods-Gerry Gallery, 2011 | Earrings

**RISD ID Senior Show**, Providence, RI • Woods-Gerry Gallery, 2011 • Sconces, Corset, Necklace & Bracelet, and Earrings

**Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars** 2011 • Honorable Mention for Vapor Harvest System

**RISD Industrial Design Triennial**, Providence, RI • Woods-Gerry Gallery, 2010 • Loveseat and Vases

**The Witness Tree Project**, Baltimore, MD • Hampton Plantation, 2010 • Teacups and Corset

**Ghana**, Providence, RI • RISD Furniture Gallery, 2010 • Jewelry designs and Journal

**Waste For Life** Providence, RI • RISD Industrial Design Gallery, 2010 • Coffee Table

**Mary C. Wardwell Scholarship** • 2009 - 2011

**RISD Scholarship Award** • 2007 - 2011

**RISD Book Award** • 2007