



To Whom This May Concern:

John Hartranft held the position of Program Coordinator for Peerless Rockville for 4 ½ years, from September 1998 to May 2003. During that time he was responsible for enhancing existing educational programs presented by our historic preservation organization and for developing new programs that would permit Peerless Rockville to maintain its current base of support while reaching out to a wider audience.

Mr. Hartranft is intelligent, thoughtful, inquisitive, innovative, and creative. He writes and speaks well. He has a strong sense of purpose and mission, and has high moral values. He possesses numerous skills and talents, and he learns new technology well. He is a natural teacher – patient, understanding, and compassionate with students (and volunteers) of all ages. He is well organized and capable of focusing on clear objectives from concept through execution. His sense of humor added to his effectiveness and to our pleasure in working with him.

Here are two examples of John Hartranft's talents being employed at Peerless Rockville: Although we have published a bi-monthly newsletter for many years, Mr. Hartranft took an adequate publication and made it excellent. Over a period of several issues, he provided design elements, streamlined and codified traditional sections, added new features, and developed a system of transferring the finished product electronically to the printer and the web site. Another project is *Investigating Where We Live* (IWWL), which employs photography, journal writing, and exhibit-making toward a unique "sense of place" experience for middle school students. Starting with a program initiated by the National Building Museum, Mr. Hartranft tailored this summer student enrichment program for Rockville student participants, volunteers, and adult audiences and then funded, managed, and led two very successful summer sessions.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions about this reference.

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