



Staci Faulkner
Fashion Merchandising and Retail Studies (Alumna)

Staci Faulkner is the owner and operator of Staci Faulkner Designs in Ruston, LA, and has been involved in the interior design business for 23 years. Staci's mother taught her to sew by hand not long after she learned to walk, and began to sew on machines at the age of 5. Creating clothing and other project with fabric became a way to earn money in junior high and high school, and lead to her studies of Fashion at Louisiana Tech University in the fall of 1986. After graduating and creating custom clothing and wedding gowns, Staci turned her interest to sewing for the home, sparking a passion for interiors.

Staci went to work in a small interior design business and learned how the art of dressing people could be translated into dressing a home, and most importantly, the windows. From that experience, Staci realized that she could turn her love of fabrics into a business focused on dressing windows. After moving to Houston, Staci started her own design business from home, focusing on retail clients. As the business grew, the fabrics began to spread into every room in her home. Staci sought an outside workroom to help accommodate the production, and within a short time that workroom was purchased, along with two business partners, and became Alexandra's Custom Draperies in 2009.

Alexandra's started with 4 employees in a very small space, and today ACD has 14 employees and has expanded into a creative, open workroom that creates award-winning window treatments for wholesale clients. During that time Staci also became the National Workroom Director for WFCP and travels nationwide to

instruct drapery workroom owners and employees on fabrication techniques, as well as runs the workroom certification program.

In July of 2016 Staci and her husband, Gary, decided to relocate back home to Ruston, Louisiana. Staci sold her shares of Alexandra's to her business partners, and started smaller workroom in Ruston. In addition to the drapery workroom, Staci and her daughter-in-law, Megan Faulkner own and operate Garden Baby, LLC, which has recently opened in downtown Ruston. Garden Baby features their own line of organic cotton children's clothing that is all produced by Staci & Megan in their downtown store location.

Staci's love of fabric and textiles has always been at the center of her career, either in clothing or draperies and home décor. Textiles, which was taught by Dr. June Dyson, has been the class that has been most beneficial and relevant, and she still keeps in touch seeks the opinion of Dr. Dyson today!