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Tucson Trunk Show = Big Fun!

On March 28th Pouncing Rain held its first Trunk Show. What's a trunk show? Well, we (Kathleen and Nanz) went down to the Tucson Gem Show, stood in the lines, waded through the crowds, and bartered with the dealers to buy a trunk load of rare and beautiful gemstone cabochons and beads at great prices. We brought them back to Bellingham and opened up the trunk for you!



The gathering of our many Pouncing Rain members mingling with new friends, and first time visitors was truly fun. There were demonstrations of the hydraulic press and roll-printing, as well as wire working and jewelry displays. Sparkling juices, coffee, appetizers, and Don's homemade cookies kept everyone munching as they perused table after table of beautiful gemstone beads and cabochons.



We had visitors from Vancouver BC and Seattle, which highlights our great community being located between these two big cities. Like our motto says, come as strangers; leave as friends. One visitor: Laurel from Seattle, even sent us a thank-you card saying "Thanks so much for the wonderful time." Thank you, Laurel, and thank you to everyone who stopped by during the trunk show and to those who continue to come by the studio keeping our community strong.

Sunnyland Mother's Day Shop Tour

Pick up a Sunnyland Shop Tour Map at Pouncing Rain and discover the hidden treasures of "Sunnyland" in this first-ever Shop Tour event! Pouncing Rain is offering 10% off any class or workshop paid for during this event., as well as a drawing for a beautiful PMC and turquoise necklace (value \$125.) Benjamin's Salon, Butterfly LIFE, The Clothes Rack, GaPac Credit Union, The Garden Spot, Fourth Corner Quilts, Stampadoodle, Wild Bird Chalet and Vis Seafoods will also be offering special discounts and savings starting Thursday, May 7th and continuing to Saturday, May 9th. Discounts and free gifts will be offered from 10am to 5pm. Those who wish to join in the fun simply need to show their Shop Tour map to the participating merchants.



Win this PMC & Turquoise Necklace

From the Shop...Watch Parts, Tiny Treasures



In our retail shop here at Pouncing Rain we pride ourselves on bringing you, quality tools and supplies. We also like to think we in bring a level of unusual or interesting items as well for your creative pleasure. So, new this month we have brought in grab bags of old vintage and antique watch parts. Filled with brass and steel cogs, springs, steel shape plates with the original ruby bearings, original watch crystal and enameled watch faces. Often used in found object art, recycled and steampunk jewelry, locket, and even designer art jewelry pieces. They can be captured in resin epoxy, enamels, and PMC, or riveted, strung or linked together, the possibilities are endless! There is something a bit magical about looking through the inner workings, the bones if you will, of these tiny little machines, imagining them all working together to keep the perfect time. Come on in and check them out, get your creative imagination going with these tiny treasures!

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MAY CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

May Instructed Studio Continue working in a group class environment with Nanz's help and advice. You will work on projects of your design with your supplies. Enrollment in the class allows you member dis-counts and participation in member events. Instructor: **Nanz Aalund**

****3 Meetings in May morning or evening for \$93.****

5/6, 5/13 and 5/27/09 Wednesday 9:30-12:30

5/1/, 5/15 and 5/29/09 Friday 6pm-9pm

A Weekend with Precious Metal Clay



A weekend with PMC. Work with all three PMC products, PMC standard, PMC plus and PMC3. You will make 10 or more charms using a variety of skills, including setting CZ stones, incorporating enameling on PMC, molding, painting PMC on leaves and twigs, and then combine your new treasures into a charm bracelet to wear home! Includes all materials. Kiln firing and torch firing will be learned. Cost: \$250. Instructor: Kathleen Yorston
5/2 and 5/3/09, Saturday and Sunday 10:00-5:00

Bangle Bracelet Workshop

You will learn to cut, texture, file, stamp, punch, solder and form sterling silver into a beautiful bangle bracelet. You are the designer. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! **5/5/09 Tuesday 5:30pm - 9:30pm**



Jewelry Making 3

2-day intensive focused on Shop Safety and a survey of multiple techniques for jewelry making. The class demonstrations will be on texturing metal, making 3-D forms, bracelet making, chain making, and filigree. Additional tools used in class will be the hydraulic press, circle cutters, dapping block, swaging block, Two Instructed Studio session with Nanz Aalund are included when registering for all three classes (Jewelry 1, 2, & 3). Jewelry 1 and 2 (or equivalent are prerequisites). Cost: \$200

Date 5/8/09 & 5/9/09 Friday and Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm

Flexshaft Magic

In this 3-hour workshop you will learn the tips and tricks of using this inexpensive versatile power tool to make it an indispensable part of your tool bench. Cost: **\$50** **Date 5/12/09 Tuesday 6pm - 9pm**

Metal Etching Without Acid

Using salt water and a flashlight battery discover a family and pet safe way to etch copper and brass in your home. No prior experience required. Cost: \$ 115

5/16/09 Saturday 10am - 6pm



Chinese Knotting For Jewelry

Learn how to use Chinese Knotting techniques as a part of your jewelry design. In this class, you will learn how to make sliding knots to make a cotton cord necklace or bracelet without findings. You will also be introduced several other decorative Chinese Knotting techniques to compliment your jewelry designs. No prior experience required. Cost: \$50 **5/20/09 Wednesday 6pm - 8pm**

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WOVEN WIRE BRACELET

This class introduces the student to a Wire Weaving Technique for creating beautiful bracelets, necklaces. Students will work with 22-gauge copper to weave a lovely copper bracelet. This project will give the students enough practice necessary to weave silver wire to design their own necklaces and bracelets. No Experience Needed, great for all levels! Cost: \$55.00 all materials included. Instructor: Nancy LaHatt

5/21/09 , Thursday 10:00-2:00



MARKETING YOUR CRAFTS ON THE INTERNET:

In this 2 hour workshop learn about the website phenomena sweeping the handmade jewelry and craft business, ETSY! You will receive information about how to setup your own storefront on ETSY as well as marketing and strategic tips in getting plenty of traffic viewing your store. Cost: \$40.00 **Friday May 22 6:30-8:30**



BASIC BEADING:

In this short 1.5-hour class, learn how to make a beaded bracelet and a matching set of earrings. Perfect for holiday gifts for someone special or for yourself! No previous beading experience required. Cost \$40.00 includes all supplies and use of tools.

5/27/09 Wednesday 6pm - 7:30pm

PRECIOUS METAL CLAY: 101-1

This workshop teaches you the very basic PMC skills and how to make medallions or charms. You will learn how to roll out, texture, carve designs, cut, dry, file, torch-fire, remove fine silver oxidation & finish a PMC medallion. Your finished class pieces will be two charms that you can use as component for earrings, necklaces &/or bracelets. Cording, earring findings & chains are not included in the basic kit, but are available in the shop. No prior PMC experience required. Cost \$60.00

5/29/09 Friday 9am - 11am



PRECIOUS METAL CLAY: 101-2 In this workshop, you will learn useful Precious Metal Clay skills to add onto the basic skills learned in PMC101 Lesson 1. You'll be introduced to skills such as how to set a cubic zirconium stone and how to effectively use PMC sheet and paste. You will go home with two charms for necklace or earrings. Earring findings & necklace chains or cords are not included in the class kit, but are available in the shop. PMC101 Lesson1 or skills mentioned in the basic skill class above are required. COST: \$65

5/29/09 Friday 12pm - 2pm



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PRECIOUS METAL CLAY: 101-4 Have you always wanted to make a ring with PMC but hesitated because you thought sizing a PMC ring (considering a shrinkage rate) is such a pain? Then, this is class is for you. In this class, you will be provided a pre-fired flat ring band and learn how to form a ring shank on a ring mandrel. You will then learn how to add a decorative top to be attached to the ring shank. You will go home with a PMC ring. Basic PMC skills required. Cost \$90.00.

5/29/09 Friday 3pm - 6pm



JEWELRY MAKING 1: 2-day intensive focused on basic jewelry skills of Sawing, Drilling, Filing, Riveting, Finishing, and Polishing. The tools used in class will be the jewelers saw, hand & needle files, the flex shaft with assorted bits & burs, brass slide gauge, dividers, assorted pliers, mandrels, hammers & mallets and polishing buffs. Students will practice sawing and making multiple samples of rivet connections. A brooch or pendant project will be completed. Cost: \$200

5/30/09 & 5/31/09 Saturday and Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm

JUNE CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

June Instructed Studio Continue working in a group class environment with Nanz's help and advice. You will work on projects of your design with your supplies. Enrollment in the class allows you member discounts and participation in member events. Instructor: **Nanz Aalund**

****3 Meetings in June morning for \$93.** or \$48. a single session**

6/3, 6/10, 6/24 Wednesdays, 9:30am-12:30pm

****2 Meetings in June eve for \$62.****

6/5 and 6/12/09 Fridays, 6pm-9pm

Basic Wire Wrap Bracelet and Earrings In this 2-hour class, learn how to make a wire-wrapped bracelet and earrings. You will learn how to effectively use basic jewelry making tools such as the wire cutter, round nose pliers and flat nose pliers. You will learn how to make wire links for a bracelet, how to connect them, and how to attach a lobster clasp and jump rings to finish the bracelet. You will go home with a matching set of earrings and a bracelet. Perfect for holiday gifts for someone special or for yourself! No previous wire working experience required. Cost \$50.00 includes All Supplies and use of tools. Instructor: Mieko Takahashi **6/3/09 Wednesday 6pm - 8pm**



Jewelry 2 Intensive 2-day intensive focused on Soldering. Jewelry 1 or equivalent is a prerequisite, and the skills from it will be built upon to complete a bezel set ring. The class will work with copper, brass, and silver and focus on gaining competency in soldering, torch handling safety, and bezel setting a cabochon cut gemstone. Additional tools used in class will be ring mandrels, torches, burnishers, and the rolling-mill. One Instructed Studio session with Nanz Aalund is included when registering for both Jewelry 1 & 2. Cost:\$200. Instructor: Nanz Aalund

6/6/09-6/7/09 Saturday & Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm

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All About Earrings

Learn all about earrings in this 4 hour workshop. You will learn how to make ear wires, solder posts with a butane torch, cut with a jewelers saw, corrugate metal, all to combine into beautiful sterling silver and copper earrings. Includes all supplies and use of equipment Cost: \$80. Instructor: Nanz Aalund

6/8/09 Monday 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Make A Ring In A Day Design and fabricate a sterling silver band ring. Learn basic sawing, soldering, texturing and forming. No previous jewelry making skills are required and all materials will be provided. (You may use our pre-made bezels with size appropriate stone cabochon if you chose to purchase these in addition) Leave with your new creation on your finger! If you like, bring a sack lunch. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!** Cost \$135.00 Instructor: Nanz Aalund
6/11/09 Thursday 10am - 5pm



Caged and Wrapped Bead Bracelet Learn to "Cage" and "Wrap" beads with copper wire. This bracelet project shows you how to make fancy wire wrapped spirals and caged beads. The skills you will learn are: Making Jump Rings. Making a simple eye pin. Making a caged bead. Making a single coiled bead wrap. Making a Double coiled bead wrap. We will be using several gauges of copper wire. No Experience Required. **Cost:55.00** Instructor: Nanci Lahatt
6/13/09, Saturday 10:00-2:00

Silversmith Camp Learn basic silversmithing in a week! This is a beginning course that will teach you the basics of silversmithing. Skills include; sawing metal, forging, soldering, riveting, bezel setting, and finishing two or more pieces of jewelry! All tools, equipment and metals are included. Join us for a week of fun with metal. No experience needed. Cost: **\$560/week** Instructor: **Nanz Aalund**

6/15/09—6/19/09 Monday— Friday, 10am—5pm

7/6/09—7/10/09 Monday—Friday, 10am—5pm

8/3/09-8/7/09 Monday-Friday, 10am-5pm



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ROLL PRINTING & HYDRAULIC PRESS Explore imprinting metal and then forming the textured metal into 3 dimensional shapes. Stencil making with wire, fabric and paper punches will be taught. Working with matrix dies will be demonstrated. Beginning level classes are a prerequisite. Cost: **\$185.**

Instructor: Nanz Aalund

6/22 and 23/2009 Monday & Tuesday 10:00-5:00pm

Chain making With Julia Part 2- Spool Knit, Jens Pind,

Square Maille

Learn to make the lovely narrow rope of the Jens Pind chain (perfect for showing off pendants) and the densely textured Square Maille chain, both in sterling silver rings. Also learn to Spool Knit fine silver wire into a tube using a wooden "spool" and a crochet hook. You will make your own simple fastening mechanisms to finish 2 bracelets and 1 pair of earrings. No soldering and no experience necessary. It is not necessary to have taken any other chain making class. Cost: \$199. **INCLUDES THE SILVER!** Instructor: Julia Lowther

6/27/09 - 6/28/09 Saturday & Sunday 10:00am -5:00pm



FLEXSHAFT MAGIC In this 3-hour workshop you will learn the tips and tricks of using this inexpensive versatile power tool to make it an indispensable part of your tool bench. Cost: \$50 **Date 6/30/09, Tuesday , 6pm-9pm**

JULY 2009 CLASSES AND WORKSHOPS

July Instructed Studio Continue working in a group class environment with Nanz's help and advice. You will work on projects of your design with your supplies. Enrollment in the class allows you member discounts and participation in member events. Instructor: **Nanz Aalund**
Cost **\$125 for 4 weeks** or **\$48 a session**

7/1, 7/15, 7/22 and 7/29 , Wednesday morning 9:30-12:30

Silversmith Camp (picture page 5) Learn basic silversmithing in a week! This is a beginning course that will teach you the basics of silversmithing. Skills include; sawing metal, forging, soldering, riveting, bezel setting, and finishing two or more pieces of jewelry! All tools, equipment and metals are included. Join us for a week of fun with metal. No experience needed. Cost: \$560/week Instructor: **Nanz Aalund**

7/6/09—7/10/09 Monday—Friday, 10am—5pm

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Precious Metal Clay 101-2 (picture page 3) In this workshop, you will learn useful Precious Metal Clay skills to add to the basic skills learned in PMC101 Lesson 1. You'll be introduced to skills such as how to set a cubic zirconium stone and how to effectively use PMC sheet and paste. You will go home with two charms for necklaces or earrings. Earring findings & necklace chains or cords are not included in the class kit, but are available in the shop. PMC101 Lesson1 or skills mentioned in the basic skill class above are required.

COST: \$65

7/11/09 Saturday 12pm - 2pm

Precious Metal Clay 101-4 (picture page 4) Have you always wanted to make a ring with PMC but hesitated because you thought sizing a PMC ring (considering a shrinkage rate) would be such a pain? Then, this is class is for you. In this class, you will be provided a pre-fired flat ring band and learn how to form a ring shank on a ring mandrel. You will then learn how to add a decorative top to be attached the ring shank. You will go home with a PMC ring. Basic PMC skills required. Cost \$90.00. **7/11/09 Saturday 3pm - 6pm**

PMC 201 Lesson 1 PMC Chains In this workshop, you will learn how to make flat rings and how to connect them into a chain. (see detailed description on website) COST: \$125
Instructor: Mieko Takahashi
7/12/09 Sunday, 9am—12pm



PMC 201 LESSON 2: PMC Beads In this workshop, you'll learn how to build a bead around a pre-dried cork clay mold. You will take home two PMC beads. "Basic plus" PMC working experience required. (see detailed description website)
COST: **\$90** Instructor: Mieko Takahashi
7/12/09, Sunday, 1pm—4pm



BANGLE BRACELET WORKSHOP (picture page 2)

You will learn to cut, texture, file, stamp, punch, solder and form sterling silver into a beautiful bangle bracelet. You are the designer. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!

7/14/09, Tuesday 5:30pm - 9:30pm

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Professional Development This 2 evening workshop will help you develop ways to professionally market and sell your art work, be it jewelry or other mediums. Discussion will include submitting to competitions, professional associations and galleries. This is a great opportunity to learn how to make our art more marketable and to subsidize your hobby. You have admired the work of artists in books and magazines... now learn from an expert on how to help get your own work featured in these same types of publications. Discussion will include submitting unsolicited work to publications, how to make your work "pop" to judges and jurors, and what they are looking for. Nanz Aalund has won numerous awards and accolades for her jewelry work and has been published in dozens of books and magazines. She will share her experiences and tips for taking your hobby to a new professional level. Nanz has recently published her own book with "Lark Books", titled Masters Gold.

Cost \$100.00 Instructor: Nanz Aalund

7/16/09, Thursday 6:00-9:00pm and 7/17/09, Friday 6:00-9:00

Cold Connections For Cabochons

2-day Project based workshop. In which students will learn the 4 basic rivet styles and 2 styles of tabs. Students will then apply those cold connections to make two cabochon pendants. Circle cutter, hydraulic press, dividers, brass slide gauge, and two styles of hammers will be demonstrated. Hydraulic press /roll-printing a plus not necessary. Beginning metalsmithing experience required.

Cost: \$185 Instructor: Nanz Aalund

7/18/09, Saturday 10-5 and 7/19/09, Sunday 10-5



Gold Applications In this one day workshop you will learn to add karat gold to your metalworking. Learn the ancient art of Kum Boo gold on sterling silver. Learn how to take your scrap gold and recycle into sheet, wire and balls you can use in your designs. Kum boo gold will be provided but be sure to bring those broken gold chains or bits of broken old jewelry to melt into ingots and incorporate into new more valuable jewelry. Cost: \$150.00 Instructor: Nanz Aalund



7/25/09 Saturday 10am-5pm

Metal Etching Without Acid (see picture page 2)

Using salt water and a flashlight battery discover a family and pet safe way to etch copper and brass in your home. No prior experience required. Cost: \$ 115

Date 7/26/09 Sunday 10am - 6pm

Lost Wax Carving In this 3-day intensive you will learn how to plan and carve a wax pattern for a ring. Multiple wax carving tools and methods will be demonstrated. Creating sprue gates for complete casting will be covered. Investing and burn-out, will take place on Saturday with vacuum casting on Sunday. \$240 plus the cost of silver Instructor: Nanz Aalund

7/30/09 to 8/1/09 Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10:00-5:00