

September 2009 E-NEWSLETTER

Store and Studio Now Open Monday and Tuesday: Starting the day after Labor Day, the store and studio will be open on Mondays and Tuesdays! This means more *Open Studio* time and more time to drop by the retail store. Our hours are Monday-Friday 10:00 to 5:30 and Saturday 10:00-3:00. Check the calendar for *Open Studio* times.

Nanz Wins First Prize: We are excited to congratulate Nanz Aalund for her First Place in the Jewelry Arts Awards. The winning earrings are published in this month's *Jewelry Artist Magazine*. The earrings are 18k gold and epoxy resin. Nanz is teaching a couple of new epoxy resin classes for Pouncing Rain, the first starting September 25th and 26th. Check out the newsletter for full class descriptions.

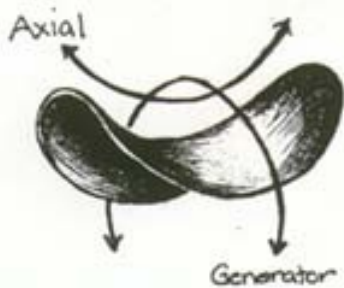


ETSY Workshop: Ryan will be giving her "Selling on Etsy" workshop this month, September 16th from 6:30 to 9:00. This is a great workshop for learning the ropes about selling your handmade items on Etsy or any internet website. You will go live online and see how to set-up your own storefront Etsy, as well as marketing and strategic tips in getting plenty of traffic viewing your store. This is a fun and very informative class, and a bargain at only \$40.

What do you Want to Learn? Take our Poll: We are so excited to have Bill Dawson coming up to Bellingham to teach either a weekend class or two one day classes the weekend of November 21st and 22nd. Bill is a talented and well known



forging



Anticlastic



Fold Formed Earrings

artist and instructor here in the Northwest. We have narrowed down the possible classes to just four. **1) Tool Making** - Chasing Tools and Pattern Stamps **2) Fold Forming** **3) Anticlastic**

Forming 4) Forging We have a poll on both our website www.pouncingrain.com or our blog, www.pouncingrain.blogspot.com. Let your voice be heard and vote for the class you want to take next.

Just Want To Learn To Solder? Take our 1 day how to solder workshop. You can be a total beginner with no experience or have soldered in the past but want to brush up on your torch skills. This workshop will be Saturday October 10h.

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September Classes and Workshops

Beginning Jewelry

will focus on the basic skills for the beginning student. Sawing, filing, cold connections and basic soldering will be covered. Additional training on the many uses of the flex shaft with all its bits and burs, really provide the students with skills they can use for many different projects. Making fun, modern jewelry projects with a focus on safety will help you to become comfortable in the metals studio. The class includes effective practice exercises so you can master each skill set. Creative design ideas make this introduction to jewelry a thoroughly enjoyable class. 4 week course: 3 hours, once a week with two *Instructed Studio Classes* during your instruction month. No experience needed Cost: **\$240** Instructor: **Nanz Aalund**



9/8, 9/15, 9/22 and 9/29 four Tuesdays, 9:30am—12:30pm or 6pm—9pm (choose 2 instructed studio meetings in September to continue supervised work on your projects)

Intermediate Jewelry



Expand on the skills learned in Beginning Jewelry while adding more tools to your repertoire. Intermediate Jewelry is for those metalsmithing students who have had an introduction to jewelry making class in high school, college, or here at Pouncing Rain and want to continue their training. Learn many different ways to make a ring, a bale, a pin back, bezel set a stone and other options to make your jewelry more creative. Instruction on the safe use of the rolling mill, circle cutter, and hydraulic press as it applies to class projects promise to keep the class lively and creative. 4 week course – 3 hours a week with two

Instructed Studio Classes during your instruction month. Basic metalsmithing experience required. Cost: **\$240** Instructor: **Nanz Aalund**

9/10, 9/17, 9/24 and 10/1/09 Four—Thursdays, 9:30am—12:30pm or 6pm—9pm (choose 2 instructed studio meetings in September to continue supervised work on your projects)

September 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. Choose Wednesday Morning or Wednesday Evenings**

9/2, 9/9, 9/16, 9/23 and 9/30/09, Wednesday morning 9:30-12:30 (5 for 4 Special) or evening 6:00-9:00

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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. Leave with your new creation on your finger! If you like, bring a sack lunch. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! Cost \$135.00 Sunday, Sept. 13th, 10-5pm**



Home Studio Set-Up

In this one day class you will learn torch set-up safety while practicing with several different styles of torches that are safe for in-home studio use. Where to find building plans to make your own bench. Bench set-up, work space planning, and ventilation will be covered in an informative slide show that will reveal how many well know metalsmiths have configured their own studios.

\$115 9/12/09 , 10 AM - 5 PM Saturday

Selling On Etsy

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 9/16/09 Wednesday 6:30-9:00**

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 is included when registering for both Jewelry 1 & 2. Cost:\$200.

9/19/09 and 9/20/09 Saturday and Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm

Intro to Epoxy Resin: 2-day Workshop

No previous experience needed for this introduction to two-part epoxy resin. You will learn to capture photographs, drawings, or layer found objects in clear epoxy on the first day. You will learn to color the resin on the second day. Finishing options and clean-up of projects will be demonstrated. Boxes to transport your projects home will be provided. Bezel cups, frames, and epoxy resin are included with tuition.

\$185 Friday & Saturday, Sept. 25th and 26th, 10 AM - 5 PM

OR **Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 7th & 8th, 10 AM - 5 PM**

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OCTOBER WORKSHOPS

Beginning and Intermediate classes offered, check the website for dates and times. Beginning Class is on Mondays, morning and evenings.

Beginning 3 Day Intensive

This class will introduce you to the vast and wonderful world of metalworking and jewelry making. You will learn about materials, equipment and safety in the jewelry lab. Through a series of demonstrations, you will learn: sawing, piercing, soldering, filing, polishing and texturing metal. This class will give you time to finish a few pieces. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!** Cost \$240.00 All materials are included. The use of all tools is included.

October 2nd, 3rd, and 4th , Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10:00 - 5:00



Professional Development/How To Get Published

This 2 evening workshop will help you develop ways to professionally market and sell your art work. Discussion will include submitting to competitions, professional associations and galleries. This is a great opportunity to learn how to make your 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. **Cost \$100.00** Instructor: Nanz Aalund

10/8 and 10/9/09, Thursday and Friday 6:00-9:00 pm

How-To Solder

Have you always wanted to learn to solder silver and copper? OR - Does stuff always seem to melt before your solder will flow? Do you have gaps in your seams? Solve these and many other soldering problems in this 1-day workshop. You will learn to use different types of torches and which part of each flame is best for each soldering job. Tricks and tips to help you master this vital skill.

\$115 10/10/09, 10 AM - 5 PM Saturday



Stacking Rings

Learn to make multiple, elegantly twisted rings to wear, stacked on a single finger, two or three at a time. No previous experience is required and sterling silver for two rings is included in the tuition. Make them for yourself or as gifts for friends. **Cost:**

\$75. Sunday, 10/11/09 12 - 3 PM

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An Evening of Earrings

No previous experience required to make three pair of beautiful sterling silver earrings. You will learn to ball wire with a hand-held torch, forge with hammers, and make elegant twists from square wire. You will be proud to wear the beaded dangles, forged spirals, and twisted icicle earrings. Give this class as a gift, or take this class to make holiday gifts. **Cost: \$75 10/13/09 , 6-9 PM**

Byzantine Sterling Silver Chain Bracelet Learn the basic techniques required to make byzantine chained jewelry. Techniques include winding cutting jump rings and assembling each ring into Sterling Silver Byzantine Bracelet with an attached toggle clasp. You will be surprised how fun is to make and beautiful to wear. No jewelry making experience needed. **Cost: \$90.00** includes material Kit.

10/17/09, Saturday,10:00-3:00pm



Viking Knit Chain Learn how to make the Sterling Silver Viking knit chain. You will discover how fun it can be to weave this incredibly beautiful chain. Your project will be a bracelet, but you could make it into a necklace if you wish at home. Your finished chain can be appropriate for either a man or a woman. All tools are included for your use during the workshop. No jewelry making experience required. **Cost \$95.00 10/15/09 1:00-5:00, Thursday**

Silversmith Camp in Autumn!

This is a bit of a Hybrid class. You can take it as a beginner or learn more advanced skills. The following is the description for the beginning class:

Learn basic silversmithing in a week! This is a beginning course that will teach you the basics of silversmithing. These skills include, sawing metal, piercing metal, forging metal, 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. 10:00 - 5:00 day for 5 consecutive days (1 hour for lunch). **Cost: \$560**



THIS IS AN ADULT SKILLS CLASS

10/19/09 - 10/23/09, Monday through Friday, 10:00am - 5:00pm

Roll Printing and Hydraulic Press Want to learn to texture metal with a rolling mill? Want to learn how to shape metal with a Hydraulic Press? Want to combine your new creations into a hollow bead? . Explore imprinting metal and then forming the textured metal into 3 dimensional shapes. Stencil making with wire, fabric and paper punches will be taught. Beginning jewelry making (or equivalent) is a prerequisite. **Cost \$185. October 29th and 30th, Thursday and Friday 6:00 to 9:00pm**



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NOVEMBER WORKSHOPS

Beginning and Intermediate Classes offered. Check the website for dates and times!

Exploring Copper and Bronze Clay Explore BRONZclay and COPPRclay in this 2 day-class. Find out what all the fuss is about by learning about this recycled copper and how to turn it into beautiful, funky jewelry. This clay can be pinched, rolled, sculpted and manipulated. In its dried state, it's still highly flexible and easy to carve. Ideal for applying details and finishing touches prior to firing. Since both BRONZclay and COPPRclay are so much



more cost effective (\$19.98 for 100 grams) than silver clay (19.98 for 9 grams) it is a great way to be introduced to metal clays. **Cost: \$210.00**
11/14/09 and 11/15/09 10:00-5:00

New in the Shop: We now carry the Heetrix soldering station. This space-saving station features a soldering platform that rotates for ideal positioning, then swings out of the way when you aren't using it. Choose either of two mounting options: Drop the included peg into a hole you drill into your bench top or attach the included C-clamp with built-in peg to your bench. Slip the hub of the swing arm over the peg. The station includes a stainless-steel cross-locking tweezers that fit into a convenient Third Hand and a fitted 3-3/4" dia. Solderite soldering disc.



Members Corner

FREE SEPTEMBER FOR MEMBERS: We have more open studio now that we are open on Mondays and Tuesdays. To celebrate our members, we are offering "Free September". Any member can come for free in the month of September. That means you do not need to sign in. Just come in. Work, visit, enjoy this place. **Annual members can add an extra month to their annual membership**

FREE SEPTMEBER FOR FORMER MEMBERS: We want you back. Pouncing Rain is a community and you are part of it. Come back for free in September. Come in during September and work. Just come in during Open Studio and start working. We will be glad to see you.

FREE SEPTEMBER FOR NEW MEMBERS: Have you always wanted to be a member? This is the perfect time. If you have completed the beginning and intermediate classes or their equivalent and can work safely and independently with all the tools in the studio, you can join. With any paid membership you can come for free in September. Memberships are offered in 20 hour, 40 hour or annual formats. Stop by the shop to talk to us.