

## March 2010 E-NEWSLETTER

### News From the Shop

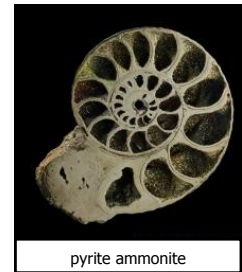
This month I'm pleased to announce that new treats and treasures from the annual Tucson Gem Show have arrived! Kathleen and Noelle spent days hand picking many new semi-precious stone beads and cabochons, chain, findings and fossil pieces for your viewing and purchasing pleasure.

Having to turn down the opportunity to go this year myself, I anxiously awaited their return with the boxes and bags of new stones and product we look forward to every year. The fun of this buying trip is getting out of the world of catalogs, meeting the vendors, and being able to pick up and hold stones in your hands before purchasing them.



Vintage Glass Reflector

Standing out this year is, the beautiful Red Creek Jasper cabs and large beads, full of red, greens and gorgeous veins of cream and dark brown this jasper just calls out "create with me". This gem show is so massive and you never know what you'll find around the next corner or on the next table of gems, like the red, gold and clear vintage glass reflectors, the pyrite ammonites and of course turquoise, turquoise, turquoise. So come on, check out our new goodies and add to your own treasure box! Remember, many of these treasures can not be reordered so when they are gone, they are gone. -Ryan



pyrite ammonite

### Second Annual Trunk Show Date Set

Save the date of April 17, 2010 for our annual trunk show and sale. We will have prizes, demos, refreshments and special pricing throughout the store.

### Earring Class

Learn all about making earrings! No previous experience required to make four pairs of beautiful earrings. These are not just your typical beads on an ear wire, they are all Ryan's own designs. This is a fun all day class.



### Mothers Day Weekend Beginning Class

We have decided to have a special weekend for Mothers! We will give you 20% off the tuition for your mother for the May 7th, 8th and 9th Beginning Intensive Class. You will pay full price but your mom (second person) will get 20% off. We will also have special treats for the class on Sunday the 9th. See our website for further details!

### Staff Changes

We are so sad that Nancy Heille will not be working for Pouncing Rain past March. Nancy, who works full time as a baker, is very active in her church, is a stained glass artist, and a talented jewelry artist, just needed to have more time to create and work on her own projects. We are very excited that Nancy will be creating more and will be around the shop more as a member, but will sure miss her hard work and organizational skills! She will be hard to replace! We will be looking for a replacement for her this month.

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### Enameling Workshop

In this one-day workshop you will discover the uses of opaque enamels over copper. Learn different application methods such as sifting and wet pack and how to torch and kiln fire your pieces. Working with opaque enamels you can use stencils or just play with color! You will also be taught basic metalworking technique of drilling a hole in copper and doming your metal to use your finished enamel works as ear-ring components or pendants if you wish. All materials will be provided to complete several pieces. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.**

**Cost: \$110.00 Instructor: Judi Gauthier 3/6/10, Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm**



### Silversmith Camp (5 Day Intensive)

Learn basic silversmithing in a week! This is a beginning course that will teach you the basics of silversmithing. Skills include; sawing metal, soldering, riveting, bezel setting, roll printing and finishing three or more pieces of jewelry! All tools, equipment and metals are included. Join us for a week of fun with metal. Even includes a Friday Pizza Party! **No experience needed. Cost: \$560/week Instructor: Judith Gauthier 3/8-3/12/2010, Monday—Friday 10:00-5:00**



### 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**

**3/10/10, Wednesday 6:00-9:00**



### Bronze Clay Introduction 2-Day

Explore BRONZclay in this 2 day-class. Find out what all the fuss is about by learning about this new edition to the metal clay family 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 BRONZclay is 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. No experience necessary! **COST: \$210.00 Instructors: Noelle and Kathleen 3/13 and 3/14/10, Saturday and Sunday, 10:00am-5:00pm**

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### Intermediate Jewelry Making 6 Week

will expand on the skills learned in Beginning Jewelry Making 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.

You will further strengthen & develop your skills in soldering and jewelry techniques. Learn ways of forming and texturing involving the rolling mill, chasing and repousse. Fold forming and patinas will be introduced. Learn various ways of bezeing and setting stones and other materials into your work. 6 week course – 3 hours a week. **Basic metalsmithing experience required.**

**Cost \$240.00** All materials are included. The use of all tools is included. Choose mornings or evenings.

**3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, 4/13 and 4/20/10, Tuesdays 9:30-12:30 or 3/16, 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, 4/13 and 4/20/10, Tuesdays 6:00-9:00**



### Beginning Six Week Class

This is the class that started it all. The class that most everyone at Pouncing Rain has taken to get started. 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. Choose mornings or evenings. Instructor: Judith Gauthier

**3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15 and 4/22/10, Thursdays 9:30-12:30 or 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8, 4/15 and 4/22/10, Thursdays 6:00-9:00pm**

### Spinner Ring

Make 2 rings in one. This is a sterling silver ring that has a copper free moving spinning ring on the top. You can texture and stamp either or both the copper or silver. You will start with a piece of flat sterling silver and copper. You learn to solder, texture and polish these two metals into a great ring. This is a fun unique ring to make to wear as a gift. **No Experienced Required.**

**Cost: \$115.00** All materials are included. The use of all tools is included. Instructor: Judith Gauthier

**3/20/10, Saturday 10:00-5:00**



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### Earrings, Earrings, Earrings



Learn all about making earrings! No previous experience required to make four pairs of beautiful earrings, using sterling silver, copper and beads. Each earring will be created using different material and different techniques, with a focus on being able to reproduce at home. You will learn to ball wire with a hand-held torch, make your own headpins, forge with hammers, cut and form metal, create your own hoops, and wire wrap your own ear wires. Give this class as a gift, or take this class to make gifts. All materials included. **Cost: \$95.00** Instructor: Ryan Albachten  
**3/21/10, Sunday 10:00am-3:30pm**

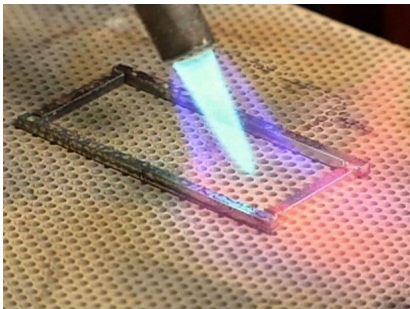
### Woven Copper Bracelet

This class introduces the student to a Wire Weaving Technique for creating beautiful bracelets, neck-laces. 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! All materials included. **Cost: \$55.00** . Instructor: Nancy LaHatt **3/27/10, Saturday 10:00pm—2:00pm**



### How-To Solder Workshop

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. **Cost \$115.00** Instructor: Judi Gauthier  
**4/3/10, Saturday, 10:00-5:00**



### Lost Wax Casting Class

This is a 2-day workshop. You will learn the basics of vacuum casting and be introduced to very simple wax carving. You will be casting a sterling silver ring from a pre-made wax pattern. BEGINNING METAL WORKING OR EQUIVALENT NEEDED. **Instructor: Jim Jenkins Cost \$180.00 - plus the cost of silver (average about \$20.00)**

**\*\*Note\*\***You can bring your own scrap sterling silver for 50% of your ring! (you do need 50% casting grain which is available for purchase or bring your own).

**April 10th and 11th, Saturday 10:00-4:00 and Sunday 10:00-1:00**

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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. (You may use our pre-made bezels with size appropriate stone cabochon if you chose to purchase these) Leave with your new creation on your finger! **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! Cost \$135.00**



Instructor: Judith Gauthier

**4/24/10, Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm**

**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 EXPERIENCE NEEDED.**

**Cost: \$95.00 5/1/10, Saturday, 10:00-3:00pm**



### A Day With PMC

Learn the basics of Precious Metal Clay Silver in this "get your hands dirty" workshop. You will learn to mold, sculpt, texture, and finish the metal clay into a pendant or earrings that once fired become 99.9% fine silver! Kiln and Torch firing will be covered.

**No experience required.** Instructors: **Kathleen Yorston** Cost: **\$140.**

**4/18/10, Sunday 10:00-4:00**

### Beginning Intensive 3 Day **\*\*Mothers Day Weekend\*\***

**Mothers Day  
Class 20% Off  
Your Mothers  
Tuition**

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.

**5/7, 5/8 and 5/9/10 , Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
10:00 - 5:00**

**Buy one tuition for full price, get the second for 20% off!**

### Etching Without Acid

Using salt water and electricity discover a family and pet safe way to etch copper and brass in your home. You will learn different resist techniques. If you have personalized drawings or art you would like to try to etch, please email them to [ryan@pouncingrain.com](mailto:ryan@pouncingrain.com) at least 24 hours before the class. Designs should be no larger than 2"X2" to etch in class. You can use this new skill in many different applications. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED. Cost: \$ 95.** Instructor: Ryan Albachten **5/15/10 , Saturday 10:00am - 5:00**



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**5/28, 5/29, 5/30/10 Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10:00-5:00**

## Members Corner

### Members Social

Welcome to our new members! We have not had a members social since the Christmas Party at Barbara's House in December, so it has been a long time since many of us had had a chance to visit. We have set the next Members Social Show and Tell set for April 9th (Friday from 6:00-8:00) There will be treats and the shop will be open for all members to work and socialize. As always, you don't need to use any hours to work during our social time. Come, share, problem solve and have fun.

### Trunk Show Volunteers Needed



We are looking for Demonstration volunteers for the Trunk Show and Sale Saturday April 17th. We will be showing demos in the studio area for people to see what it is we do at Pouncing Rain and would love for you to "Show your Stuff". You can email [kathleen@pouncingrain.com](mailto:kathleen@pouncingrain.com) or [ryan@pouncingrain.com](mailto:ryan@pouncingrain.com) for a time slots.

### Members March Sale

Starting March 1st and running the entire month of March, we are offering current members 10% off any cab we have in the shop. We have brought in some wonderful stuff from Tucson, so come in and take a look.

