

Spring 2010 NEWSLETTER

April 17th!! Second Annual Trunk Show Bead Sale We are so excited about our annual trunk show and sale. We will have prizes, demos, refreshments and special pricing throughout the store all day. Beads, Pearls and Cabs are 10% Off the regular price.



New Staff Introductions We are happy to introduce two new Pouncing Rain employees. Alexis B. and Jess I. Many of you have seen Alexis around, as she has taken Judi's Beginning and Intermediate classes. Alexis was also a member at Pouncing Rain. Jess is new to Bellingham, by way of Port Townsend. Jess was lucky enough to have taken metalsmithing at Port Townsend High School! Stop by and say hi to Alexis and Jess.

Casting Instructed Studio in May! On May 21st and 22nd, we are offering a special Friday evening and Saturday Morning Casting Instructed Studio. This workshop is open to any student who has taken our casting class in the past and who wants the opportunity to cast their own carvings. We will have the wax tools out on Friday evening. You will be able to finish up your carvings and then later that evening you will pour your investment. Overnight, your wax will burn out and will be waiting for you on Saturday morning to pour and cast. Jim Jenkins will be available both Friday and Saturday to help you with each step. As an added bonus, Saturday afternoon we will have Open Studio for members to stay and work. Unfortunately, the afternoon Open Studio is only available to those who have taken at least an Intermediate Metalworking Class. Price of the Workshop does not include materials. Space is very limited so sign up today



New Instructor: For those of you that have been asking for more advanced instruction, we have partnered with Willie Toth, a local bench jeweler with over 34 years of experience. Willie is the Goldsmith at Fed Meyers on Lakeway. Willie will be offering one-on-one instruction as well as an *Instructed Studio* for those of you who want to work on more advanced projects on a weekly basis. Call the shop for more details.

News From the Shop:

As if we weren't excited enough about all the new beads and cabs brought back from the Tucson this year, I have more to announce. We are happy to say we have added 7 new styles and several new sizes to our end cap options in the shop. Many of you have taken our Viking Knit Chain

Workshop and know how hard it is to find nice end caps to top it off. End caps are also used by bead-ers looking to cap off many strands of beads into one finding. Along with the wonderful new selection of end caps we have also added a new and beautiful tool to assist with the Viking Knit Chain making technique, a brand new rosewood drawplate. This little beauty comes with 12 graduated holes and an additional hole on one end to hang it from. Created from the original drawplate formatted by Don, Kathleen's husband, one of our distributors liked the design so much, he came up with this rosewood variety and we are glad he did! If you have never taken our Viking Knit Chain Workshop, don't fret we have another one coming up June 18th. See you soon!-Ryan



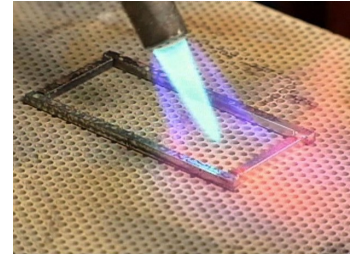
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How-To Solder Workshop

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

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. Instructor: Nancy LaHatt

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 and Victoria Henson Cost: \$140.

5/2/10, Sunday 10:00-4:00

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May Instructed Studio Wednesday Mornings!

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Beginning Intensive 3 Day **Mothers Day Weekend**

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 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



Bangle Bracelet

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. Cost: \$100 - INCLUDES ALL SUPPLIES!!!** Instructor: Judith Gauthier **Sunday, May 16th, 1:00pm - 5:00pm.**



Beginning Metalworking 6 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 intro-duce 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. You will have time to finish a few pieces. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!** Cost \$240.00 All materials are included. Instructor: Judith Gauthier. The use of all tools is included. Choose morning or evenings.

5/18, 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 6/15 and 6/29/2010, Tuesdays 9:30-12:30am Or

5/18,5/25, 6/1, 6/8, 6/15, and 6/29/2010, Tuesdays 6:00-9:00pm

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. Instructor: Judith Gauthier

5/20, 5/27, 6/3, 6/10, 6/17 and 7/1/2010, Thursdays 9:30-12:30 Or

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\$85.00 Instructor: Jim Jenkins
5/21/10, Friday 6:00-9:00 and 5/22/10, Saturday 8:00-11:30

Wire Working For Beginners

Loops for links and dangles, clasps and making better ear-wires. Come and learn the foundation techniques of wire-working. You will make a bracelet and a pair of earrings. Practice first with copper wire and finish your project with sterling silver wire. All materials provided. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED Cost: \$60.00** Instructor: Noelle Holland
5/23/10, Sunday 1:00-4:00



Intermediate Jewelry Making 3 Day Intensive

You will further strengthen & develop your skills in soldering and jewelry techniques. Learn ways of forming and texturing involving the rolling mill. Fold forming and patinas will be introduced. Learn various ways of bezeing and setting stones and other materials into your work.

Basic metalsmithing experience required. Cost: \$240 Instructor: Judith Gauthier
5/28, 5/29, 5/30/10 Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10:00-5:00

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June Instructed Studio Wednesday Mornings!

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*****4 June Sessions \$125.00 *** or choose weekly session for \$45.00 each*****
6/2, 6/9, 6/16 and 6/30/10

Knotting for Pearls and Beads

6/9/10, Friday 6:00-10:00
Check the website or call for more details



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Enameling Workshop For Beginners



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 earring components or pendants if you wish. All materials will be provided to complete several pieces. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.**

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

(SAVE \$10.00 on each class when you take this class together with the Champlevé Enameling Class)

Champlevé Enameling Workshop

Learn Beginning Champlevé Enameling. You will pierce and saw copper sheet and then sweat solder the layers together with a special high temperature solder, to give you a base for one example of champlevé. For your second piece, you will be provided with an etched copper design. ****FYI: You can learn to etch your own copper bases in our *Etching Without Acid Class* (not included in this class).** You work with transparent and opaque enamels to make 2 simple champlevé pieces. **EXPERIENCE REQUIRED: BEGINNING ENAMELING AND BEGINNING METALWORKING (or ability to solder)** **Cost: \$110.00** Instructor: Judith Gauthier

6/6/10, Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm

(SAVE \$10.00 on each class when you take this class together with the Beginning Enameling Class)

Viking Knit Bracelet Learn how to make the MAGIC 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. Your finished chain is appropriate for either a man or woman. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! Cost: \$95.00** - class supplies included! Instructor: Victoria Henson Hour break at lunch

Cost: \$95.00

6/18/10, Saturday 10:00-3:00



COPPRclay Bracelet 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 COPPRclay 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. Friday evening you will play with your clay stamping, texturing and cutting your bracelet components. Your clay will fire overnight and when you come in Saturday morning you will polish your clay and assemble your bracelet. **All Materials Included. Cost: \$85.00 , NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.**

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Cost \$240.00 All materials are included. The use of all tools is included.

6/11, 6/12 and 6/13/10, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10:00 - 5:00

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

6/21 to 6/25/2010, Monday—Friday 10:00-5:00

PMC For First Timers (Charmed I'm Sure)



This class will be an introduction to PMC Silver Clay. Learn basic techniques on shaping and, texturing to make two to 3 small charms. You will learn how to torch fire your pieces using a small handheld butane torch and then how to put the finishing touches on your pieces by polishing and pat-ina. Leave class with two to three (depending on size) charms suitable for earrings, or a start to a fun charm bracelet. These can make a fun gift for friends and family alike **Cost: \$90.00** Instructor: **Noelle Holland**
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

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.

Check the calendar for our socials in May and June!