

AUGUST 2010 NEWSLETTER

News from the Shop:

As we enter the final stretch of the summer we are pleased to offer our customers our fabulous bead selection. Many of you know us for our exciting classes, great tool options and hard-to-find informative books. But, how many of you know what a wide variety of quality beads, pearls and cabochons we carry? On our wall of beads you will find quality Turquoise from the Southwest and China, gorgeous Labradorite, Lapis, and Amethyst. You will also find more unusual strands of semi-precious stones like Brownsite, Brecciated Jasper, Rainbow Obsidian, Kyanite, Turmilitated Quartz, and Stick Coral. Our cabochon collection offers a wide variety of different stones in all sizes, shapes and prices.

Fast Fire Bronze Clay

The faster way to fire! FASTfire BRONZclay™ drastically cuts your firing time—making it ideal for production work, the classroom, or for those times when you just want to bring your creations to life a bit quicker. With FASTfire BRONZclay, you can fire your pieces in 2 hours or less (depending on the thickness of your piece, the size of your firing pan, and the type of kiln). Just like original BRONZclay, FASTfire™ BRONZclay provides an incredible artistic range. And, because it is bronze, it is also so economical that you can use it for large pieces—even sculptures—very affordably! It can be pinched, rolled, sculpted, cut or manipulated any way you like. Then fire it, and the binder burns away, leaving a solid, pure bronze object.



Shop Closed for a Week:

As we do every summer, the shop and store will be closed for a week from August 30th to September 4th. This gives a chance to do inventory, get things cleaned, repaired and this year we are having a brand new heating system installed in the building. This is very excited for all of us since it will be warm and toasty in all the rooms when the weather turns cold. We will all be around, so if you have a Pouncing Rain emergency and need something, just call the shop and we can arrange someone to meet you!

Become a Social Network Follower and Win:



Starting September 1st, we will have a monthly drawing for a free prize for our followers on Facebook, Twitter and our Blogspot. We will have three contests. One for our Facebook Group, One on our Twitter followers and one on our blog. We will give away something from the shop, like a



strand of pearls or beads or a tool and the eligible contestants are those that are following us. We will post the prize in our monthly newsletter and we will post the winner on site so you can come pickup your prize. You can automatically be entered to win one or even all three of these prizes just by following us:

TWITTER: <http://twitter.com/PouncingRain>

BLOGSPOT: <http://pouncingrain.blogspot.com>,

FACEBOOK: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Bellingham-WA/Pouncing-Rain-Jewelry-and-Metal-Center/115032457461>

First drawing will be 9/1/10 so hurry and start following us.



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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!**



Instructor: Judi Gauthier **Cost \$135.00**

8/14/10, Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm

OR

8/15/10, Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm JUST ADDED

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. Instructor: Judith Gauthier

Cost: \$560/week

8/16/10 to 8/20/10, Monday-Friday 10:00-5:00

Beginning 3 Day Intensive (weekday):

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!** All materials are included. The use of all tools is included.

Instructor: Judith Gauthier **Cost \$240.**

8/23, 8/24 and 8/25/10, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:00-5:00



Intermediate 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 bezeling and setting stones and other materials into your work. **Basic metalsmithing experience required.**

Instructor: Judith Gauthier **Cost \$240.**

**8/27, 8/28 and 8/29/10, Friday, Saturday and Sunday
10:00am-5:00pm**



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NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! Cost: \$25.00

(Take series of 3 in September for \$70.00)

9/7/10, Monday, 6:00-8:00

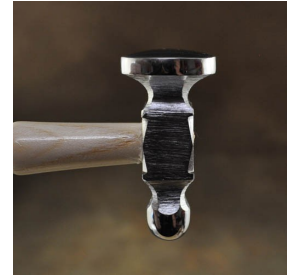


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Texturing Metal the inexpensive way, is what this workshop is all about. Learn to use your hammers to texture metal with all sorts of materials, including stamps, wire and even lace! This is a skills based workshop so you may not go home with a finished jewelry project. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!** Cost: \$25.00 (Take series of 3 in September for \$70.00)
9/8/10, Wednesday 6:00-8:00pm



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9/9/10, Thursday 6:00-9:00pm

Learn To Make Earwires *Mini Workshop*

In this mini instructive workshop we will practice with copper wire and then use sterling silver to create our own ear wires in two different styles. All materials are included. Open up your world to creating your own custom ear wires. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**, Instructor Ryan Albachten Cost: 18.00
9/10/10, Friday 7:00-8:00pm



Woven Copper 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!** Cost: \$55.00 Instructor: Nancy LaHatt
9/11/10, Saturday 12:00-4:00



Silver 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. Make a perfect fit bangle. Don't worry about that "one size that doesn't fit all". This bangle will be "made-to-measure" for you or for a special gift. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!** Instructor, Judith Gauthier.

Cost: \$100.00

9/12/10, Sunday 12:00-4:00



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Choose mornings or evenings.

9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, and 10/19/10 Tuesdays 9:30-12:30

or

9/14, 9/21, 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, and 10/19/10 Tuesdays 6:00-9:00



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9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14 and 10/21/10, Thursdays 9:30-12:30

or

9/16, 9/23, 9/30, 10/7, 10/14 and 10/21/10, Thursdays 6:00-9:00pm



Beginning 3 Day Intensive: This is the same class as our Beginning 6 week but in 3 consecutive days. 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! All materials are included. The use of all tools is included.

Instructor: Judith Gauthier **Cost \$240.**

9/17, 9/18, 9/19/10, Saturday and Sunday 10:00-5:00

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. All materials are included. The use of all tools is included. Instructor: Judith Gauthier **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**

Cost: \$115.00

9/25/10, Saturday 10:00-5:00



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10/1, 10/2 and 10/3/10, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10:00am-5:00pm

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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. Instructor: Ryan Albachten
10/9/10 Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm Cost: \$ 95.00

Lost Wax Casting:



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% cast-ing grain which is available for purchase or bring your own).
12/11/10 10:00-4:00pm and 12/12/10 9:00am-12:00pm

Copper Fold Formed Cuff Bracelet:

Make this copper cuff bracelet by learning the skills to cut, fold form, and hammer copper sheet into a unique work of art. **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED Cost: \$75.00**
10/17/10, Sunday 1:00 –5:00pm

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10/22, 10/23 and 10/24/10, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10-5pm



Wire Wrapped Cabochons:



Do you have a cabochon, beach rock, fossil or shell you would like to make into wearable jewelry? In this class, you learn how to create wire wrapped pendants! You will be provided with a cabochon and copper wire to make a pendant. But you may also bring along your own treasures to make additional pendants (as time allows). Instructor: Nancy LaHatt
NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! Cost: \$55.00
10/28/10, Thursday 6:00-9:00pm

Soldered Chain Bracelet:

In this class you will be creating your own handmade chain using tips and techniques for working with and soldering wire and chain. This will include "stick" soldering, solder-filled wire, soldered findings, texturing and finishing your chain. We will be practicing these techniques with copper. Materials will be provided to finish a sterling silver bracelet. **EXPERIENCE NEEDED: Basic Soldering Skills. Cost: \$85.00 Instructor: Ryan Albachten**
October 30th, Saturday, 10:00am-3:30pm



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Choose mornings or evenings. Instructor: Judith Gauthier **Cost \$240.00**

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Mornings 9:30am to 12:30pm

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11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7 and 12/14/10

Evenings 6:00pm-9:00pm



Pearls Everything You Wanted to Know:

In this 3 hour workshop you will get to know all about pearls. Learning how to determine pearl quality, how they are made and drilled, and the difference between cultured and natural pearls. Then you will learn to half drill AA+ pearls into an earring and pendant set you take home. **NO EXPERIENCE**

NEEDED! Instructor: Jim Jenkins **Cost \$95.00**

11/6/10, Saturday, 9:00am-12:00pm



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11/8/10 6:00-9:00



Caged and Wrapped 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 NEEDED!** Instructor: Nanci Lahatt

Cost:\$55.00

11/13/10, Saturday 10:00-2:00 pm

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. Instructor: Judi Gauthier **Cost \$99.00**

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11/15/10, Monday 6:00-8:00pm

Viking Knit Chain

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!** Instructor: Victoria Henson **Cost: \$95.00**

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11/22/10, Monday 6:00-8:00

Enameled Earrings

Make 3 pairs of enameled earrings. You will learn how to apply powdered glass enamels to copper shapes. Make your own handcrafted earrings with bright colors and designs. Includes all supplies.

Cost: \$75.00 NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! 11/28/10, Sunday

12:00-5:00



Ring In a Day



Design and fabricate a sterling silver band ring. Learn basic sawing, soldering, texturing and form-ing. 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!

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Thanks for reading the entire newsletter! Here is a gift for you.

**Buy One Bead Strand and
Get a Second Bead Strand at
50% OFF**

Second bead strand must be
of equal or lesser value.

Pouncing Rain Newsletter Coupon Expires 9/1/10