

# Pouncing Rain

## Jewelry & Metal Working Center

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### NEWS FROM THE SHOP

We here in the Pouncing Rain retail shop are working hard to keep up with your tool and supply needs. This month we have brought in new "German style" chasing hammers. These hammers have a slight angle to the pein allowing for a more ergonomic strike. We are also pleased to announce we will now be carrying the Lortone tumbler as well as the three shape combination steel shot for bur-nishing your metal pieces. Lastly, after several requests we are now carrying hardened steel chrome ring mandrels, we heard you! Have supply requests? Email us at [ryan@pouncingrain.com](mailto:ryan@pouncingrain.com)

### NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED ARTIST AND INSTRUCTOR COMES TO POUNCING RAIN

Pouncing Rain is excited to announce a new instructor! Nanz Aalund has joined us and will be teaching five new classes this fall. Nanz has taught jewelry and metals classes at the University of Washington and Art Institute in Seattle. She served as a fine jewelry designer and consultant for Nordstrom, Rudolf Erdel, Neiman Marcus, and Tif-

fany & Co. and as the associate editor for *Art Jewelry Magazine*. Some



JUDGMENT RING, by Nanz Aalund

of Aalund's many professional jewelry design awards include: finalist in the 2007 Saul Bell awards, an AGTA Spectrum award, two Platinum Guild International Awards, and two De-Beers Diamond's Today Awards. Yep, we are pretty lucky she has decided to live and work in Bellingham and will be teaching at Pouncing Rain.

### QUICK TIP

When waiting for your patina to dry, warm your firebrick and your patina will dry faster!

### NEWS FROM KATHLEEN

Now that summer is in full swing and we are finally getting some sunshine, we are looking forward to our Fall Classes and Workshops. We are fortunate to have two new instructors here at Pouncing Rain. We are so thrilled to have Nanz Aalund teaching at our studio. She will be teaching classes and workshops that will further develop our jewelry making skills and techniques. I am sure many of you have seen her "Gum Drop Bracelet" that was featured on the cover of *Art Jewelry Magazine* in May 2007. Nanz will be teaching a six week course that will teach the techniques we need to take our work into a whole new level, a five week design course we call *A Date with Design* on Fridays eve, a three day intensive course in the hydraulic press and the rolling mill, a three day intensive in cold connections and stone setting, and a two day course in forging small findings for jewelry making. I must

warn you these classes will fill up fast as space is very limited. Our other new instructor is our own Mieko Takahashi. In addition to being Pouncing Rain's accountant and CPA, Mieko is a level 3 certified PMC instructor and the owner of her own very successful jewelry line. Mieko will be teaching Kumihimo braiding, Chinese knotting and three new PMC (Precious Metal Clay) workshops. Mieko has developed a PMC Basic Skills workshop that she teaches in 2 hours and the cost is only \$60.00! She is also teaching a double fired ring workshop as well as a PMC chain workshop. Also new, and in August, Ryan is teaching a pearl knotting, bead stringing workshop that will teach the basics as well as tips and tricks Ryan has developed. We have worked hard to bring you a variety of new classes and workshops and hope we see you soon. Enjoy.

### MEMBER'S CORNER

#### FREE AUGUST OPEN STUDIO

August is a busy month in all of your lives. Balancing, work, vacations, outdoor activities, family gatherings and Pouncing Rain can leave you short of time. We really want to see you in the studio so for the entire month of August we are offering all current members and former members open studio for free! That means no punch cards. No watching the clock. Just come in and work. This offer goes for former members who have not been around for a while. Come back and work for free during August. We miss you and want to see what you have been doing.

#### MEMBER'S YARD SALE

Keep August 9th open for the Pouncing Rain Member's Yard Sale. We are asking members, employee and students to donate their treasures for sale. We sure have a pile of stuff we are selling and all the proceeds will go to the Member's Social Fund! We can use volunteers as well! The yard sale will be held Saturday August 9th from 10-4. We will take this opportunity to also have our member's social. Lunch will be served from 12:00 to 1:00. The studio will be open, so bring your yard sale donations and come in have lunch and work.!

## CLASSES

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR PICTURES AND MORE DETAILED  
INFORMATION [www.pouncingrain.com](http://www.pouncingrain.com)

### BEGINNING METALSMITHING CLASS:

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. Classes will give you time to finish a few pieces.

**6 week course: 3 hours, once a week. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**

**Cost:** \$240.00 - basic supplies included! **Instructor:** Judith Gauthier

**Tuesdays: September 16<sup>th</sup> to October 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am – 12:30pm.**

**Tuesdays: September 16<sup>th</sup> to October 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm – 9:00pm.**

### BEGINNING "INTENSIVE CLASS"

Have you always wanted to take

**AUGUST SPECIAL \$210. 8/2/08 Class!!**

our beginning jewelry making class, but just did not have 6 weeks?

We have designed to perfect class for you. In 3 consecutive days, you will learn the same skills our 6-week beginning class offers, see above description.  
**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**

**Cost:** \$240.00 - basic supplies included! **Instructor:** Judith Gauthier  
**August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> . . . . . 10:00am – 5:00pm, Daily.**

**September 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> . . . 10:00am – 5:00pm, Daily.**

(Includes a 1-hour lunch break daily.)

### INTERMEDIATE METALSMITHING CLASS:

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 uses of bezel ling and setting stones and other materials into your work. 6 week course – 3 hours a week.

**EXPERIENCE: BEGINNING JEWELRY OR EQUIVALENT.**

**Cost:** \$240.00 - basic supplies included! **Instructor:** Judith Gauthier

**Thursdays: September 18<sup>th</sup> to October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30am - 12:30pm.**

**Thursdays: September 18<sup>th</sup> to October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00pm - 9:00pm.**

### INTERMEDIATE METALSMITHING "INTENSIVE" CLASS:

This three-day intensive class covers the same learning skills in our Intermediate 6 week class (see above

for class description).

**AUGUST SPECIAL \$210. 8/22/08 Class!!**

**EXPERIENCE: BEGINNING JEWELRY  
OR EQUIVALENT.**

**Cost:** \$240.00 - basic supplies included! **Instructor:** Judith Gauthier  
**August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> . . . 10:00am – 5:00pm, Daily.**

(Includes a 1-hour lunch break daily.)

### INSTRUCTED METALSMITHING STUDIO:

Continue working in a group class environment with the help and advice of the instructor. You will work on projects of your design with your supplies. Enrollment in the class allows you member discounts and participation in member events.

**EXPERIENCE: APPROVAL OF INSTRUCTOR.**

**Cost:** \$180.00. **Instructor:** Judith Gauthier

**Mondays: September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 20<sup>th</sup>, 9:30am - 12:30pm.**

**Mondays: September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm - 9:00pm.**

### SILVERSMITH SUMMERCAMP:

This is a beginning course, teaching 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 and we will even have a camp lunch every day. One hour break for lunch! **NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**

**Cost:** \$560.00 - class supplies included. **Instructor:** Judith Gauthier  
**Daily 10:00am - 5:00pm - 1 hour for lunch.**

**August 11<sup>th</sup> through August 15th, Monday – Friday.**

## FIRST TIME OFFERED

## SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Workshops include use of tools & equipment.

### MAKE A KUMIHIMO BRACELET – Special "TEEN CLASS"

"Kumihimo" is an ancient Japanese braiding technique. Using a special "kumihimo disc", you will learn to make a bracelet with colorful cotton cords. Very simple, easy and a lot of fun!

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.**

**Cost:** \$35.00 - class supplies included! **Instructor:** Mieko Takahashi  
**August 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, 1:00pm – 3:00 pm.**

### DISK PENDANT IN 2 HOURS:

This sterling silver pendant will be made by stamping your own circle disc and then learning to personalize it with texture. Once textured with letters or other metal stamps you will learn to dome it and make a fun funky necklace to wear it on.

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**

**Cost:** \$40.00 - class supplies included! **Instructor:** Judith Gauthier

**August 7<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 6:00pm – 8:00pm.**

### PEARL KNOTTING, STRINGING & FINDINGS GALORE!

This workshop's learning focus refines skills for knotting & straight stringing beads including working with different findings. We will cover several finishing techniques that work with different findings (bead tips, crimps, crimp covers & clasps) & problem solve some finishing issues. You will have time to finish a straight strung bracelet to refine your knotting techniques. Please bring any unfinished project or problem piece to finish as well.

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**

**Cost:** \$60.00 - class supplies included! **Instructor:** Ryan Albachten  
**August 14<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 6:00pm – 9:00pm.**

### RIVETED PENDANT IN 3 HOURS:

Work in Copper and Brass to make a layered pendant you can put on your own chain (or buy one in our shop). You will learn to use a jewelers saw and cut a design out of copper which you will then rivet onto a piece of brass you have textured.

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**

**Cost:** \$50.00 - class supplies included! **Instructor:** Judith Gauthier

**August 6<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 6:00pm – 8:00pm.**

## NEW WORKSHOPS FOR FALL

Workshops include use of tools & equipment.

### DEFINE DESIGN – INTRODUCTION (A FRIDAY EVE DATE WITH DESIGN)

Explore the possibilities of jewelry design in this 5-week class. Students come prepared to learn creative tools, rules of thumb, and mental exercises as they apply to jewelry making and design. Helping each student to identify their own personal voice or design style is the optimal outcome for this class.

**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

**Cost:** \$175.00, Bring your own supplies. **Instructor:** Nanz Aalund

**September 19/26, October 10/17/24, Fridays, 6:00pm - 8:00pm.**

### COLD CONNECTIONS FOR STONE SETTING:

3-Day workshop will focus on the potential of cold connections as design choices for stone setting. Students will learn to make and integrate tabs, rivets, and staples into gemstone setting for jewelry objects. Bring your Fretz hammers for special riveting tricks. We will break for lunch; you may want to bring your own lunch.

**EXPERIENCE: BEGINNING METALSMITHING.**

**Cost:** \$250.00, basic supplies included! **Instructor:** Nanz Aalund

**September 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> – Fri./Sat./Sun. 10:00am – 5:00pm**

**NEW WORKSHOPS-Continued**

**FORGING TECHNIQUES FOR JEWELRY APPLICATIONS:**

This 2-Day workshop is focused on forging with the Fretz hammers, modification of existing hammers, and forging techniques. Annealing, tapering, and twisting square wire for forging a jewelry scale are some of the techniques covered in this workshop. We will break for lunch; you may want to bring your own lunch.

**EXPERIENCE: BEGINNING METALSMITHING.**

**Cost:** \$190.00, basic supplies included! **Instructor:** Nanz Aalund

**October 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, Sat./Sun., 10:00am – 5:00pm.**

**ROLL-PRINTING & HYDRAULIC PRESS:**

Information covered in this 3-Day workshop includes: Creating roll-printed metal for jewelry applications. The special considerations of soldering, forming and finishing objects made from printed metal. Introduction to using the hydraulic press with matrix dies, disk cutters, and dapping blocks. And lastly, jewelry making applications such as hollow form beads, small boxes, and lockets will be explored.

**EXPERIENCE: BEGINNING METALSMITHING.** Bring your own lunch.

**Cost:** \$240.00, basic supplies included! **Instructor:** Nanz Aalund

**September 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, – Fri./Sat./Sun., 10:00am – 5:00pm.**

**SKILL REFINEMENT FOR SILVERSMITHS:**

Join in this 6-week exploration of pushing your jewelry skills to the next level. Students are encouraged to bring projects they have had problems with for the class to use as learning tools. Sequencing of multi-layered projects for greater refinement of craftsmanship and planning jewelry designs for linear work progression is explained. Manufacturing techniques for cleaner final results, pre-polishing, and finishing tips will be presented.

**EXPERIENCE: BEGINNING METALSMITHING.**

**Cost:** \$240.00, basic supplies included! **Instructor:** Nanz Aalund

**September 17 & 24, Oct. 8/15/22/29, Wednesdays, 6:00pm - 9:00pm**

**PMC101-1/BASIC PMC:** (Precious Metal Clay)

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" 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 NEEDED!**

**COST: \$60.00** **Instructor:** Mieko Takahashi  
**September 27<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 10:00am – 12 Noon.**

**October 11<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 10:00am – 12 Noon.**

**PMC101-3/DOUBLE FIRED PMC RING:** (Precious Metal Clay)

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 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.

**EXPERIENCE NEEDED: BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF PMC REQUIRED.**

**COST: \$90.00** **Instructor:** Mieko Takahashi  
**September 27<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 1:00pm – 4:00pm.**

**PMC201-1/PMC CHAIN MAKING:** (Precious Metal Clay)

In this class, you will learn how to make a chain with PMC. You will learn how to make flat rings and how to connect them into a chain. You will also learn how to make a toggle clasp to make the chain into a bracelet. You will go home with a bracelet.

**EXPERIENCE NEEDED: Basic PMC EXPERIENCE.**

**COST: \$135.00** **Instructor:** Mieko Takahashi  
**October 11<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 1:00pm – 4:00pm.**

**WORKSHOPS** *Back by Popular Request.....*

**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.**

**Cost: \$100.00 – class supplies included! Instructor:** Judith Gauthier  
**August 1<sup>st</sup>, Thursday, 5:30pm – 9:30pm.**

**BYZANTINE CHAIN BRACELET:**

In this class, you will learn the basic techniques required to make Byzantine chained jewelry. Techniques include winding, cutting, jump rings and assembling each ring into a Sterling Silver Byzantine Bracelet with an attached toggle clasp. **Feel free to bring a sack lunch.**

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.**

**Cost: \$85.00 – class supplies included! Instructor:** Nanci LaHatt  
**August 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, 11:00am – 3:00pm.**

**3 EARRINGS IN 3 HOURS:**

Learn to make ear wires, hoops and hammered dangles from sterling silver and gemstone beads. You leave with three pairs of finished earrings you have created.

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**

**Cost: \$50.00 - class supplies included!Instructor:** Judith Gauthier

**August 8<sup>th</sup>, Friday, 6:00pm - 9:00pm.**

**ETCHING:**

In this workshop, you will learn to setup and maintain a nontoxic "Edinburgh Etch" bath using ferric chloride and citric acid. You will be shown how to etch copper and brass by applying different resist methods such as PnP Blue, acrylic, paints, inks and wax. If you have personal designs you would like to etch, make sure the studio receives a copy 24 hours before class starts. You may want to bring a sack lunch.

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.**

**Cost: \$110.00 - class supplies included! Instructor:** Judith Gauthier  
**August 17<sup>th</sup>, Sunday, 10:00am – 5:00pm.**

**LOST WAX CASTING IN STERLING:**

This is a 2-day workshop. You will learn the basics of vacuum casting and be introduced to very simple wax carving. Call us or check our website for more detailed class description. You will be casting a sterling silver ring from a pre-made wax pattern.

**BEGINNING METAL WORKING OR EQUIVELENT NEEDED.**

**Cost \$180.00 - class supplies included! Instructor:** Jim Jenkins

**Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, 10:00am - 4:00pm and Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 - noon.**

**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. Leave wearing your new creation on your finger!

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**

**Cost: \$125.00 - class supplies included! Instructor:** Judith Gauthier  
**August 20<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 10:00am – 5:00pm.**

**PEARLS...EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW:**

In this 3-hour workshop, you will learn all about pearls, how to determine their quality, how they are made and drilled, and the difference between cultured & natural pearls and then you will learn to ½ drill AA+ pearls into an earrings & pendant set you take home.

**NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED!**

**Cost: \$85.00 - class supplies included! Instructor:** Jim Jenkins

**August 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, 6:00 – 9:00 pm.**

**POUNCING RAIN YARD SALE AUGUST 9th 10:00—4:00**

*This will be a fun time for members, students and customers to meet. It's a casual venue where we can get together, ask each other questions, help each other trouble shoot, share some ideas & get inspired. Do you have something you don't want or use anymore? Maybe you would like to donate to the yard sale for someone else to buy? Be sure to come by and see what wonderful STUFF is available. Snacks will be served too!*



**AUGUST NEWSLETTER**

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**TO:**