

New this quarter:
SPECIAL EDITON CLASSES With Teva Chaffin

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Special Edition Classes require pre-payment in full to MTGMS

February 19, 2022 (Saturday) 9am-4pm
Tree of Life Pendant with PMC Syringe
Workshop fee \$ 130

Create your very own Tree of Life pendant using PMC Syringe (Precious Metal Clay) while learning to master syringe techniques. This creative workshop will include discussion and guidance in various shapes of trees, pencil line drawing, and techniques for creating and smoothing syringe drawings. Techniques and topics to include how to use the syringe, steady control, double layers, sanding/smoothing, firing, other uses for syringe clay, finding your comfort zone and of course patina and polishing.

This is an excellent class for both beginners and experience PMC artisans.

March 19, 2022 (Saturday) 9am-5pm
PMC Rings with Cubic Zirconia
Workshop fee \$150

In this class, the student will be creating one ring using PMC. The ring will be a smooth or textured shank with up to 3 cubic zirconia stones in the setting. We will discuss ways to decorate the settings. Some of the techniques that will be covered include blending seams, textures, PMC3 syringe, setting and firing synthetic stones, correct sizing, making, and using ring inserts, and much more. The student will burnish and finish their creations.

Other skills and techniques include planning your design, calculating shrinkage, sizing, rolling, and cutting clay, smoothing seams, attaching decorations, setting cubic zirconia in PMC, drying, firing, burnishing and patina.

We will review some Metal Clay basics and move beyond in techniques and skills. Class fee includes the clay, instruction and use of all tools/supplies.

This workshop is an Intermediate to Advance Level, previous Metal Clay experience recommended.

Other New Classes this Quarter

Leather Snap Cuff Bracelet

Each student will be making 2 leather cuff bracelets. They will be using leather punches, snaps, and embellishments on their bracelets

Tube Setting

Tube Setting is a stone setting technique that allows you to use round faceted stones in your jewelry designs. It is a first step in learning more gemstone setting skills. This technique will enhance your jewelry making skills.

You will be using faceted gemstones and silver tube. Gemstones and tubes will be available for purchase, but if you already have some you may bring them to class. You will learn to use burrs and a foredom to set these stones.

Continuing classes

Fire Painted & Embossed Metal Jewelry Kit Fee: \$30

10am-3pm (1hr for lunch) Students will be fire painting & embossing on metal. Metal, jump rings, & accessories will be provided.

Faceting Supplies \$2 and up

Faceting is the art of cutting gem stones to look like diamonds, so that it gathers light and then sends it back to the viewer. You will learn to use a faceting machine. The beginning student will learn the basics and use simple material and design to cut their first stone. During this process you will learn the proper use of the faceting machine, how to read a facet diagram, and various tricks of the trade. These techniques can then be used by the student to cut semi-precious and precious gem stones.

Lapidary Supplies \$5 and up

Lapidary is the art of cutting and polishing stones. The student will learn how to cut gemstones, using specialty saw and grinders to shape the gemstone into cabochons (cabs) that can be set into commercial jewelry, or can be used in wire wrapping or silversmithing projects. Students will be provided with their first slab (a slice of agate or jasper). Student may bring their own gemstone and instructors will have other slabs and gemstones available for the student to purchase. Day and night classes are 2- 3 hours long, offered each week for the 3 month quarter. You should cut a number of gemstones during the quarter. Your instructor will help you learn what to look for in gemstones and how best to orient them into a beautiful design

Silver Jewelry or Silver Fabrication Supplies \$50 and up (Depending on the price of silver)

In this class you will learn the art of silversmithing or fabricating silver into beautiful jewelry. Using an acetylene gas torch you will learn the fine art of soldering, and basic jewelry design. For new silversmiths you will learn the basics which include the proper way to handle a torch, how to use various hand tools and basic jewelry design. For the more advanced or retuning students you will learn new techniques and have the ability to complete your own designs and projects. Instructors will have silver and other materials available for students to purchase. Each instructor will teach his or her methods and designs. As you advance you will be given the option to advance to more challenging projects. You may purchase gemstones and/or silver from the instructor or bring your own, except where the instructor teaches different projects in class.

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