

**New this quarter:**

**SPECIAL EDITION CLASSES With Teva Chaffin**

To sign up for the Special Edition Classes send an email to: [classes@mtgms.org](mailto:classes@mtgms.org)  
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**Special Edition Classes require pre-payment in full to MTGMS**

TO BE ANNOUNCED

**Other New Classes this Quarter**

**Copper Garden Art** Kit fee required

Learn how to cut and form copper sheet metal into decorative designs for your outdoor garden. We will be using soldering irons with lead solder. Some designs may require using a torch for forming the copper. This class requires you having some good strength in your hands.

**Bead & Leather Bracelet class** Kit fee required

This is a NEW STYLE not previously taught

You will learning the techniques to make 4 to 5 different leather cuff bracelets.

The kit includes all materials needed to make these bracelets using, leather, beads, chain, and snap kit. You will also learn the use of leather cutters, punches, stamps, needles etc.

**Continuing classes**

**Faceting** Supplies \$2 and up

Faceting is the art of cutting gemstones 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 gemstones.

**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

### **Jewelry Lab with Bill C**

Do you need some bench time for something you're working on? Do you need to use a torch, but don't have one at home? Then this is the perfect place for you. You will need to bring all your own supplies and you can use our benches, tools, and equipment to finish up your projects.

### **Flame Painting/Embossing**

The art of using the flame from a torch on a piece of copper sheet to bring out vivid colors on the copper. The copper is then sealed to preserve the colors.

### **Basic Torch Enameling** Kit fee required

Students will be introduced to the art of enameling metal. They will learn the basic techniques involved with enameling including metal prep, general set up, torch usage, enamel powders and various applications onto copper pieces. Students will have a completed project using enameling techniques learned that day at the end of each class. Additional copper, brass and silver will be available for purchase.

### **Beginners Tiffany Style-Stained Glass Class** Supply fee required

This class will teach a copper foil technique that involves wrapping each piece of glass in a copper foil tape, and then soldering them together.

You will learn how to Cut and Shape Glass, Copper Foiling, Soldering, Proper Cleaning, Using a Patina and Waxing.

### **Chain Maille Jewelry (Solderless Chain Making)** Kit fee required, see schedule for cost

This class is designed for the beginner to learn the basics of making chains with unsoldered jump rings. Students will be shown how to take raw wire to finished jewelry. You will be shown how to select the wire gauge and jump ring size, coil and cut jump rings, weave the chain patterns, polish and complete the jewelry item. Byzantine, Box Chain, Helm Chain and other chain weaves will be taught. It is recommended that you bring your Optivisor or other magnifier to use in class, as these are not provided. The school will provide all other loaner tools. Copper wire will be used for the various projects. If you wish to use sterling or other wire you will need to bring it with you

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MTGMS Class Descriptions

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