

Winter Classes

NEW THIS QUARTER

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Up Your Bezel Game

"Up Your Bezel Game" is a class for intermediate and advanced metalsmiths. Students will learn to craft castellated bezels, thick bezels, and custom design bezels. They will also learn to make custom setting tools. Special cut stones will be provided to facilitate learning new skills.

Nikkita Ngongi & KeVonte' Anderson

Wire Wrapping & Weaving I KIT FEE required

This class is for both beginners in wire wrapping and those who know some wire wrapping and would like to expand into wire weaving, as this class will teach both.

Students will learn to wrap raw stones to unique one-of-a-kind jewelry in copper wire.

You will learn basic to intermediate techniques that emphasize healing and electromagnetics. You will make one pendant and one ring, and potentially more depending on time and pace.



KeVonte' Anderson

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===== **Returning Classes**

Surfite Artisans Workshop

Surfite/Surfstone is a manmade product made from the build-up build up of colorful resin layers created in the surfboard glazing process. The resin or “glass” is applied to the board as the final sealing process, and any runoff drips onto a tray under the board.

In this class you will learn how to cut, shape, polish, and drill Surfite to be used in your jewelry making projects. Surfite is very light weight and strong. It can be used in any type of jewelry setting.

(Pendants, rings, belt buckles, earrings, etc.) Using the proper techniques you can achieve a mirror like finish on the final product. You will learn those techniques in this class.

Stained Glass Workshop

For experienced students to work independently to finish up or start new stained glass projects.

Metal Fold Forming

Fold forming can be used to distort and shape metal into incredible designs.

Last two classes, each student will design their own project or projects using the folds that they like the best. The first two classes will focus on learning and practicing the different folds. We will be exploring various metal fold forming techniques inspired by Charles Lewton-Brain.

We will be using copper.

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MTGMS Class Descriptions

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 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.

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.

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