

2025 Spring Classes

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SPECIAL EDITION CLASSES With Teva Chaffin

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

April 5th (Saturday) 9am-4pm

Introduction to Metal Clay (Fine Silver) With Teva Chaffin

Workshop fee \$ 155

Come explore your creativity while learning the skills and techniques of creating your own personal design of jewelry using Fine Silver Metal Clay. We will begin with the very basics of Metal Clay and move beyond in techniques and skills. Techniques will include but not limited to planning your design, rolling, and cutting clay, attaching a bail to your pendant, drying, firing, burnishing and patina.

No experience necessary. Great for beginners and those experienced as well. Class fee includes the clay, instruction, and use of all tools/supplies. You will create your very own pendant/charms of fine silver. In addition, you will be free to make other pieces as your time and clay allows. This class is an excellent way to learn about Metal Clay and its abilities to transform your greatest creative ideas into Fine Silver Art Jewelry.



May 24th, 2025 (Saturday) 9am-4pm

Leather Cord and Fresh Water Pearls with Teva Chaffin and Lori Fly

Workshop fee \$125

Looking for designs new and exciting? Join us for this first time offered workshop with Teva Chaffin and Lori Fly. Explore the possibilities with the beautiful combination of leather cord and freshwater

pearls. All supplies will be provided along with tools. Each student will leave the workshop with at least one necklace, a bracelet and a pair of earrings along with the skills to continue working in these combinations.

The sky is the limit!



Beginners Stained Glass Jewelry Kit Fee required

In this class you will learn to make Stained Glass Jewelry using lead free solder. You will not have to cut any glass. Your kit will include precut glass shapes to create one pair of earrings, one pendant and one bracelet. You will learn how to foil and solder the glass pieces and how to use wire and add embellishments to make a uniquely you set of jewelry.



Copper Lab Class (Intermediate - Advanced Students Only)

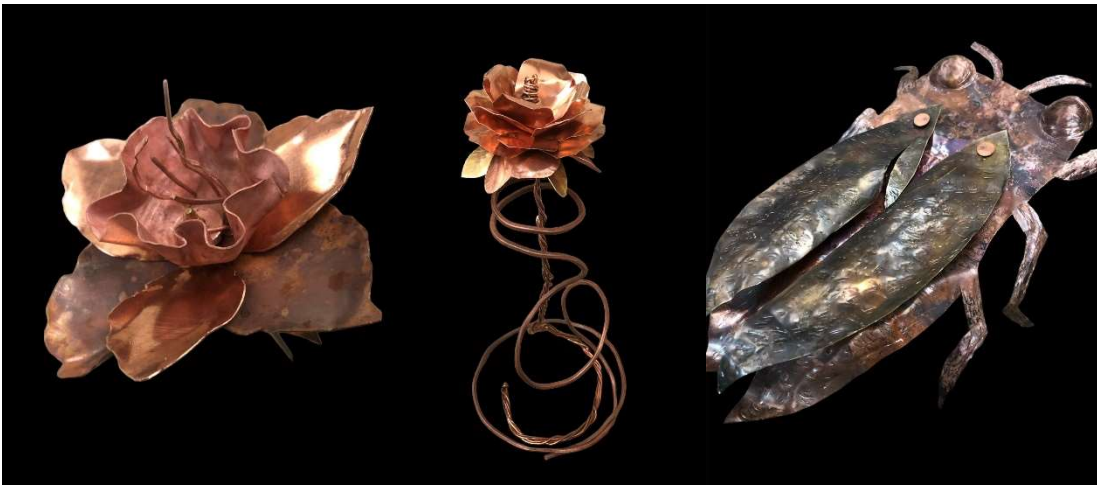
Perfect opportunity to practice the technique of Copper Fold Forming or Raising a Vessel Etc.

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 various projects. If you wish to use sterling or other wire you will need to bring it with you

Copper Garden Art

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.



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.



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.



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

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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