

Classes and Activities – Information Sheet

Make Silver Jewellery - Workshops - SPR2020

Category: Adult (18+ years)

Day: Saturdays

Dates: 18 Jan, 14 Mar, 25 Apr

Time: 10am – 4pm

Location: Norden Farm Centre for the Arts

Tutor: Janet Richardson

Class Size: Up to 10

Cost of class: £50 per session

Information about the class:

Beginners can create up to three pieces and there are projects to follow to help you learn techniques and make beautiful pieces of jewellery. Suitable for all levels of experience. If there are specific requirements for the day, do contact Janet.

Materials or clothing required and any additional costs:

Materials are provided by Janet and paid to her by weight of what you make, i.e. a bracelet will be more than a ring. As a guide a ring would be between £3 - £6 depending on the thickness of metal. Consider an average materials cost for the day of £15 - £25. Please bring the money for the materials with you on the day or you can do a bank transfer.

Aims and objectives:

These one-day workshops are for beginners and those already with knowledge of making silver jewellery. We start with a discussion (after talking about health and safety) as to what you might like to make, taking into consideration your skill level and preferences. It is important you like and want to wear what you are going to make and I have projects that can help you decide. Usually a beginner might make two silver rings in the morning and in the afternoon maybe make

a bracelet to match or learn a new technique to make more rings. If there is enough time a stone might be set on one of the rings made in the morning.

The skills covered on the day depend on what you decide to make after the initial discussion, but all the pieces you decide to make will introduce you to the basic skill of traditional jewellery making.

Basic skills:

- Cutting
- Filing
- Soldering
- Finishing and polishing
- Where to purchase silver and tools
- How to progress your practice

Other skills you might see or do:

- Texturing
- Forging
- Twisting
- Rub over setting a cabochon stone
- Tube setting
- Reticulation
- Domina
- Patination

Clothing:

- A couple of aprons will be available, but it is advisable to wear old clothes
- Closed-toe shoes
- Glasses if required for close work

Tutor biography:

Janet has been making and teaching jewellery for over 30 years. After graduating from Sheffield City Polytechnic she has added to her qualifications with Advanced City and Guilds in Jewellery with Precious Metals and a PGCE in post 16 education and a diploma in Precious Metal Clay.

She has exhibited at Goldsmith Fair and Chelsea Craft Fair. Janet has also exhibited in galleries in Britain and abroad and her work has been featured in Vogue. She takes part in many local arts trails, usually along with her students.

She still makes her own designs and her current exhibitions can be seen on her website www.janetricharsdon.co.uk

Many of Janet's students now sell and exhibit themselves and two have been resident jewellers at South Hill Park. Even though some students run their own businesses, they still continue to

learn with Janet. Whether you're a beginner or experienced, you will be amazed at what you can achieve!

To book please contact: Box Office 01628 788997 / www.nordenfarm.org

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