

Beginners Silver Jewellery

Tutor: Katherine Richmond

Dates: Wednesday 12/01/22 – 30/03/22 excluding 14/02/22 & 23/02/22

Times: 13:00-15:00

This 10 week course is designed to introduce you to silver jewellery making and is suitable for complete beginners. Your tutor will guide you through the steps to make a range of items in silver including a textured band ring, pendant and earrings and you can expect to make at least 5 finished items throughout the course. Design skills will also be embedded throughout the course to encourage you to explore your own ideas through a variety of set projects. Projects will be taught through demonstration, group and one to one tuition and will enable you to practise and apply fundamental silversmithing skills such as piercing, filing, forming, texturing, soldering and finishing.

Course Content;

- This course aims to help you to develop confidence, improve and build on existing skills and realise your potential.
- You will be shown how to use a variety of materials and methods to make silver jewellery and apply these to create a variety of projects
- You will practice skills such as soldering, filing, forming, piercing and finishing
- You will be able to use these techniques to work on your own projects, with regular feedback and advice from the tutor
- You will refer to other artists work for inspiration

Teaching Methods;

- Tutor demonstrations will be used to explain use of materials and techniques
- A series of projects will guide you through the different techniques
- Presentation and discussion of examples
- Some techniques will be practiced in copper/base metal (where appropriate) before making the final piece in silver
- You will be able to practice techniques at your own pace and apply these to create your own designs

Equipment;

- If you have your own tools please bring these with you
 - If you don't have any tools we will be able to supply some basic tools to get you started. Further information on which tools to bring and where to source them will be given on the first lesson, so that you will be ready for subsequent lessons
- Consumables such as flux, a small amount of solder, emery paper and polish will be included in the cost of the course
- Materials such as silver and copper and saw blades will be an additional cost of approximately £30 across the duration of the course, however this is an estimated cost and could be less or more depending on the projects that you choose to make
- Materials can be purchased from your tutor and you will be given a materials and suppliers list on the first lesson to be able to purchase your own materials/tools when you are ready
- Bench pegs are supplied, however where possible it is advisable to bring your own
- A notebook/sketch book and pencil to take notes and record design development
- Remember to bring glasses with you if you need them
- A camera (or phone with a camera) is useful to capture photos of your work

If you are unsure of any details of this course or need more information, please call the office on 01234 266510 so that the tutor can contact you by e-mail or telephone

Katherine has over 17 years' experience as a practicing jewellery designer maker and has an MA (Distinction) in Jewellery, Silversmithing and related products from the School of Jewellery in Birmingham. Her current work explores the fragile relationships between memory and objects and aims to question traditional notions of longevity. Exhibitions include 'Collect' at The Saatchi Gallery, 'Shakespeare' at The Museum of London and 'LOOT' at The Museum of Arts and Design in New York. Alongside making and exhibiting, Katherine has over 10 years teaching experience as an adult learning tutor and is currently a main tutor at The British Academy of Jewellery in London.

Please adhere to the regulations concerning Personal Protective Equipment & Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) and how they apply to the course or accommodation and to any 'Safe System of Work' as advised by your tutor.

In addition to the Centre's legal responsibility, students also have the responsibility to take care of the Health and Safety of themselves and others.