



Michigan Silversmiths Guild

Fall 2011 Newsletter

President's Letter - September 2011

Dear Members,

August 31st marks the end of the 2010-2011 membership cycle. I wanted to start by recapping all the events we have done in the last year.

In September, we held our All Membership Meeting with a lecture presented by Guild member Masako Onodera. Over the course of the year, we held three wonderful workshops "Basic Pearl Stringing on Silk Thread" with Nikki Dechent, "Alternative Mold Making and Casting for the Jeweler and Metalsmith" with Renee Zettle-Sterling, and "Two Day Workshop" with Jack and Marilyn Da Silva. We held two exhibitions: "Metals 2011 Exhibition" with Gifts of Art and our biannual "Jewelry + Objects Exhibition," which will be at the Midland Center for the Arts until September 25th. This year's holiday party had the largest attendance to date and was preceded by a tour of the G&S Metals facility. Finally, our sixth year of participation in the Ann Arbor Art Fair was hot - but the best yet with an invitation by the South University Art Fair Association to substantially increase the number of demonstrations. Across the board, these events have been met with enthusiasm by our hosts and participants alike.

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I would like to recognize our Board of Directors for all they have achieved this year: Ercia Bartels, Jennifer Thomson, Richard Locke, Steven Tracy, Danielle Blanchard, Mary Kernahan, Allen Ardizzone, Tiffany Massey, and Dan Neville.

I would also like to thank our sponsors for all the support they have provided: Armstrong Tools and Supply, AU Enterprises, CR Hill, G&S Metals, with additional support by Anonymous and Rio Grande for J+O. Our sponsors are a vital part of our community and we really appreciate their involvement in our guild.

It is a truly exciting time for our organization, and I am pleased to share with you our confirmed plans for the
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2011-2012 membership cycle.

We will start the year off with our All Membership Meeting. It is scheduled for September 18th from 12-4pm in Briggs Hall at Eastern Michigan University. This year's lecture will be "Things and Thingness" by Renee Zettle-Sterling. Renee is Associate Professor of Art and Design, teaching classes in Three Dimensional Design, Metals/Jewelry, and Sculpture at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan. Renee self identifies as an artist, object maker, and educator whose studio practice consists of exploring a multiplicity of media and technique to create small-scale body orientated devices, jewelry, and installations. Her work explores issues surrounding our relationship with everyday objects, as catalysts for stimulating memory and informing identity. In addition to the lecture we will have many of our sponsors and business partners from the community selling tools and supplies. You are also invited to participate in our Tool Swap. Feel free to bring used tools, supplies and art work to sell in a silent auction. Tool Swap forms, the days Agenda and a Map to EMU will go out in an email in the next week or so. New this year, Danielle Blanchard, Membership Chair, will be doing on the spot renewals of membership. The other element of our Annual Meeting is the meeting itself. This year we have 3 Board Members stepping down and several others up for renewal. Please do consider nominating yourself or another member of our community. We are a friendly bunch with ambitious goals, and could use your help. Please see the article on page 10 for more information about the election.

For months now I have been mentioning that there has been a secret event being planned and that there would be information forthcoming. Members, today is the day!

MSG is so excited to announce our Fall Exhibition. It is titled, "Michigan Silversmiths Guild presents: Salon d' Autumn 2011". It will be held October 10th through November 5th at the Ann Arbor Art Center, with the opening reception October 21st from 6-8pm during Ann Arbors Art Walk. You are all invited to participate; invitations have just gone out in the mail and will be followed up mid week with an email invite. We are hoping you will all consider participating in this exhibition. It is a new event for us and would love for all of you to be part of it.

Thanks for your time and as always, if you have any ideas, comments or concerns feel free to contact me at christine@misilversmith.org.

Sincerely,
Christine Bossler

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CLASSES AT ARMSTRONG (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9)

Wednesday, November 16: **Tube Set Soldered Earrings** with Mary Kernahan

Saturday, November 26: **Freeform Casting** with Mary Kernahan

Wednesday, November 30: **Undulating Full Persian Bracelet** with Mary Kernahan

Saturday, December 3, 10am-12:30pm:
Rose Window Chainmaille Pendant with Mary Kernahan

Wednesday, Dec 14: **Decadhedron Pendant** with Mary Kernahan

METALS CLASSES OFFERED BY MSG MEMBERS:

Link for Prices & Details on how to signup: <http://www.bethmillner.com>

Silversmithing 1: 10/21 Fri Class 1 (sign up by 10/7)

Cleaning metal, annealing with torch, rolling mill textures, hammered textures, cutting with shears, punching out disks, doming with dapping set, punching holes, drilling holes with flex shaft, filing, sanding, handmade sterling earring hooks, balling up sterling wire, simple bale making, patinas and surface finishes.

Silversmithing 2: 10/22 Sat Class 2 (sign up by 10/8)

Soldering, sawing hoops and links, forming links into other shapes, twisting wire, making a toggle clasp, flat oval links and texturing links.

Silversmithing 3 10/28 Fri Class 3 (sign up by 10/14)

Soldering ring bands, calculating ring size, making stacking silver bands, piercing and sawing silhouettes from sheet metal, making a ring from silver sheet and polishing with flex shaft.

Silversmithing 4 10/29 Sat Class 4 (sign up by 10/15)

Bezel making for oval cabochons, soldering fine silver, bezel forming and troubleshooting, making a bale, and decorative filing.



Classes at Brighton Beads and More, 9850 E. Grand River, Brighton, MI

Workshops with guest artist Holly Gage:

Nov. 9&10, 10am - 5pm: Prong Settings for Titanium

Nov 11&12, 10am-5pm: Negative Space Caning, metal clay

Nov. 13, 10am-5pm: Resin for the Negative Space, metal clay

Wednesdays, Oct. 5, 12 and 19, 6-8pm OR Sat. Oct. 22, 10am-5pm: **Spooning** with Nancy - Making jewelry from silver plate flatware

Chain workshops:

October 4, 2pm: Columbus Chain

Sat., October 15, 2pm: Unforgettable Chain

Sat., Nov. 5, 2pm: Soldered/Fused Chain

Tuesdays, Sept. 13 & 20, Oct. 4, 6:30-8:30pm or Sat. November 19, 10am-4pm: **Working with Argentium** - To Fuse or Not to Fuse

Monday, Oct. 10, 10am-4pm: **Working with Pewter**

Tuesdays, Oct. 11, 27 & Nov. 1, 6:30-8:30 OR Sat., Nov. 22, 10am-4pm: **Simple Soldering**

Wednesdays, 10am - noon, Fridays, 6:30-8:30pm (on going) : **Glass Fusing**

Sundays, 1-3pm, Tuesdays, 2-4pm (on going): **Metal Clay** (continued on page 4)



Julie Sanford's Studio in
Grand Haven, MI
FALL CLASS SCHEDULE

FABRICATION 1 and FABRICATION 2
(5 weeks)
TUESDAYS 12:30-3:30 or 6-9 pm

Fall I- September 20-October 18
Fall II- October 25-November 22

OPEN STUDIO and FABRICATION 3
(5 weeks)
THURSDAYS 12:30-3:30 or 6-9 pm

Fall I- September 22- October 20
Fall II- October 27-December 1 (Off the
week of Thanksgiving)

For additional class information visit
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**MSG at 2011 South University
Ann Arbor Art Fair**

In July the Guild had another successful year of participating in the South University Ann Arbor Art Fair. We had a record number of participating artists, with 12 regular exhibitors, many of them recent members. As seems to be tradition, the heat was brutal, but we did manage to dodge rain, at least until about 40 minutes before the end of the show.

The educational mission of the Guild was definitely advanced with nearly continuous demonstrations, anchored by Paul Mergen's tireless forging presentations. Additional demos in wire work, chainmaille, chasing, raising, anticlastic forming, bologna sandwich casting, and stone setting were provided by Becky Corrin, Nedra DeGraffenreid, Stephanie Stein, Dan Neville, Lesley DiPiazza, Ginger Chase and Kathy Ruffin.

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**IDELLE HAMMOND-SASS METALS CLASSES
FOR BEGINNING AND CONTINUING
STUDENTS**

Tuesdays, Sept. 27-Nov. 15, 6:30 - 9:00 PM

Thursdays, Sept. 29 - Nov. 17, 6:30 - 9:00 PM

To register, go online at
www.AARECED.com





MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND SUMMER WRAP UP BY DANIELLE BLANCHARD, MSG MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

Dearest members, I hope you had a wonderful summer and found time to create and learn. I know I learned quite a bit, and can't wait to learn even more. I have an important favor to ask of you at the end, so keep reading, but I thought I'd share a little, as we members are encouraged to do in our newsletter...

I personally thank Mary Kernahan for her hard work with the **Ann Arbor Arts Fair**. Her willingness to treat my ideas with respect as a relative newbie is a model, and her vivacious nature has done a lot to recruit and spread awareness of MSG. I have continued that by mentioning the Guild in every class, workshop or art fair I participate in.

I also thank Jennifer Thomson for her quiet calm, practicality and helpful nature. She doesn't toot her horn, so it would easily go unnoticed, but I notice. Thank you!

I had the great pleasure of observing Paul Mergen this summer. He is a master in the field, but he just loves to share, and share he did in the heat of the Ann Arbor Art Fair.

I also had a blast in the casting bootcamp at **Fritz and Friends**. Lesley DiPiazza and Mary Kernahan presented a great opportunity to learn various techniques, and, while I had entry level experience in some of these methods in the past, I was able to solidify concepts, and feel free enough to experiment. They found a way to focus on the processes, but also allow for projects, so I have pieces to finish, and the desire to continue on my own. I was on cloud 9, and never wanted the week to end.

On to Membership business...Please consider helping the renewal cycle to go smoothly and almost effortlessly:

- Please go online and update anything that has changed in your profile.
- Please consider clicking the option to receive newsletters electronically to save postage and printing costs.
- Please type up your membership form in advance from the website (you can type your information right in the form before printing)
- Please indicate somewhere on the form if you have already updated your profile online (as I suggest in the above bullets)
- Mail your form and payment (Note new membership rates) **OR** bring it with you to our Annual Membership Meeting.

If you have taken the time to do these small things, I can handle your membership during the meeting and hand you your membership card in person, saving even more postage and paper. How cool is that?

For those of you who wait past September to send in your membership, please be aware that I will only be processing memberships once per month. It takes time to enter information in online, so I will document any membership activity once per month, and mail one package of checks to our Treasurer, saving further postage, and effort on their part too :-)

Last but not least, remember that, even if you just joined or renewed in the spring or summer to participate in some of our cool events, you still need to be up to date for the 2011-2012 membership year, which runs from August 31, 2011 to August 31, 2012. THANKS MUCH!



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MSG JEWELRY + OBJECTS EXHIBITION:

July 13 - Sept. 25, 2011 at the Midland Center for the Arts.

MSG ALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

September 18 at 12:30 pm at Eastern Michigan University's Metals Shop located in Briggs Hall.

LECTURE : "Things and Thingness" by Renee Zettle-Sterling at the All Membership Meeting, Sept. 18th at 2:45 pm at Eastern Michigan Univ. Metals Shop.

EXHIBITION: BRIAN CLARKE IRISH SILVERSMITH - August 23 - Sept. 29 at the Klemm Gallery, 1247 E. Siena Heights Dr., Adrian, MI.

LECTURE: "Unlocking the Secrets of the Ribbon Torc" . September 28th, 6-9 pm in Rueckert Hall of Siena Heights Univ. This is in conjunction with the above exhibition.

SOFA CHICAGO: November 4-6, Navy Pier, Chicago, IL - International Sculpture Objects and Functional Art Fair.

RUTH TAUBMAN TRUNK SHOW: Ann Arbor, December 1-3. Ruth's exclusive fall line is being offered at whole-sale prices. For more information or to receive an email invitation, visit www.ruthtaubman.com and click Contact Us.





Michigan Silversmiths Guild

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Tools and Equipment Auction

When: Sunday, September 18, 2011 12:30-4 PM

If you are selling please join us at 12:00PM

Where: Eastern Michigan University, Briggs Hall

Who: All MSG members and friends

What: Tools and related Equipment

The silent auction is open to all members and friends of the Michigan Silversmiths Guild. You may display and sell all jewelry related items. Please have your items set up and ready to be ogled by 12:30 PM and unsold items packed up by 4:00pm.

Please Photocopy as Needed

Item Description: _____

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CLASSES AT ARMSTRONG TOOL & SUPPLY

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Wednesday, Sept. 7: **Half Persian 4 in 1 Bracelet** with Mary Kernahan

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 6-8pm or Nov. 29, 6-8 pm: **Freeform Wire Wrap with Sig Lawson**

Wednesday, Sept. 14: **Building Prong Settings Using Wire Wrap Techniques** with Mary Kernahan

Saturday, Sept. 24 or Sat., Nov. 5: **Basic Soldering** with Lesley DiPiazza

Saturday, October 8: **Fold Forming** with Lesley DiPiazza

Tuesday, October 18: **Forged Wire Earrings** with Sig Lawson

Wednesday, October 19: **Tao Knot Choker** with Mary Kernahan

Saturday, October 22: **Bezel Set Bracelet with Tension Tab Closure** with Lesley DiPiazza

Wednesday, October 26: **Forged Wire Bracelets** with Mary Kernahan

Thursday, October 27: **Pearl Knotting** with Emily Saling

Saturday, October 29: **Flex Shaft Boot Camp** with Mary Kernahan
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RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY MSG MEMBERS:

SUE SZABO WAS SELECTED TO BE IN THE NEW BOOK **ART JEWELRY TODAY 3**, PUBLISHED BY SCHIFFLER PUBLISHING AND COMING OUT NEXT MONTH. SHE WILL ALSO BE IN THE UPCOMING **LARK BOOK "HEAT, COLOR, SET AND FIRE"** - A HOW-TO BOOK ABOUT COLOR TECHNIQUES ON METAL. SUE WAS AWARDED 1ST PLACE IN THE RECENT ART SHOW **"ART ON THE MALL"** IN TOLEDO, OHIO.



Enamel Pendant by Sue Szabo

RYAN BOGAN IS THE RECIPIENT OF THE PRESTIGIOUS **WINDGATE FELLOWSHIP**. THIS AWARD IS SPONSORED BY THE CENTER FOR CRAFT, CREATIVITY AND DESIGN AND IS TO ENCOURAGE GRADUATING SENIORS IN THE U.S. WHOSE WORK IS RELATED TO CRAFT. RYAN WILL BE USING THE AWARD TO PURCHASE EQUIPMENT AND TO TRAVEL TO IRELAND FOR 2 WORKSHOPS IN ADVANCED METALS TECHNIQUES
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MORE RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS BY MSG MEMBERS:

JULIE SANFORD IS FEATURED IN THE SEPTEMBER 2011 ISSUE OF LAPIDARY JOURNAL JEWELRY ARTIST MAGAZINE..



TOM MUIR WON BEST OF SHOW AT THE 2011 TOLEDO AREA ARTISTS' EXHIBITION FOR HIS "TWIN RISER" TEAPOT.



MASAKO ONODERA IS HAVING AN EXHIBITION "TACTILE BODIES" AT THE WILLIAM BUSTA GALLERY IN CLEVELAND, OHIO, OCT. 14 - NOV. 12. THE OPENING RECEPTION IS OCTOBER 14, 5-9PM.



Eruption Cuff by Masako Onodera

MSG BOARD ELECTIONS !!!

Elections for the Michigan Silversmith's Guild Board of Directors will take place on September 18 at the Annual All Membership meeting. There are six open positions, including president, vice-president, treasurer and historian, plus at least 2 at large positions. If you would like to consider running for an office, or if you have an individual that you would like to nominate, please contact Dan Neville at eb2609@wayne.edu. No prior experience is required, just a willingness to work, and a current membership in the MSG.



New Membership

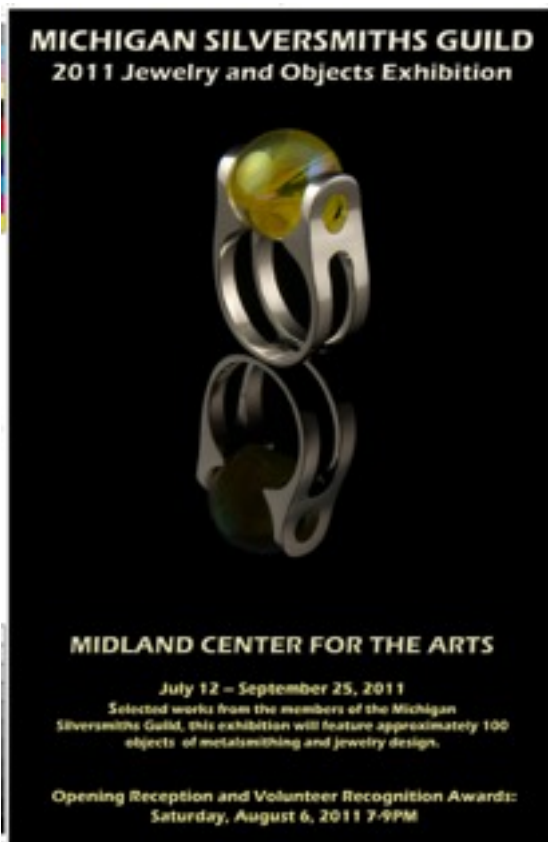
Please welcome the following new MSG members:

FOR INFORMATION ON JOINING OR RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEB SITE: WWW.MISILVERSMITH.ORG

LESLIE LYNCH
TOM BEELER

2011 Jewelry & Objects Show Wrap Up by Steve Tracy

The MSG J+O 2011 Exhibition reception at the MIDLAND CENTER FOR THE ARTS was a great success and a wonderful experience. All of the chosen artworks were eloquently displayed, the food and wine were delightful. I found that the artwork was much more impressive in person than perusing the digital submissions or the catalog.



Bruce Winslow - MCFTA Director and his entire staff were commended several times on their hard work and dedication to make this year's exhibition a memorable moment for all in attendance.

I would like to take this time to thank my MSG J+O 2011 committee for putting this exhibition together and seeing it through to fruition. Committee Members: Christine Bossler, Ercia Bartels, Bill and Kathy Fitzpatrick, Jennifer Thomson, Richard Locke and Dan Neville.

The following awards were presented at the reception:

1st place \$250: Renee Zettle Sterling
2nd place \$150: James Viste
3rd place \$100: Heather Bayless

June Hauk Award \$50: Masako Onodera
Anonymous College Award \$150: Ryan Bogan
Anonymous High School Award \$150: Rob Prior
Au Enterprises Professional Award \$150: Dunkno Yoon
Au Enterprises College Award \$150: Katie Rearick
Au Enterprises High School Award \$150: Tara Van Cleave
Armstrong Tool and Supply Award \$40: Andrea Earl
Cr Hill Award \$100: Andrew Kuebeck
G&S Metals Award \$100: Sarah Perkins
Rio Grande Professional Award \$200: Becky McDonah
Rio Grande College Award \$200: Heejin Hwang
Rio Grande High School Award \$200: Erin Long



In Addition, Awards of Appreciation were given to Midland Center for the Arts for being such an excellent partner and Jiro Masuda for his efforts to forward Metalsmithing to the High School Community.

CALL FOR ENTRY DEADLINES

(links to applications and more information are available on our web-site - <http://misilversmith.org>)

2011 Detroit Artists Market Holiday Show. Applications due Sept. 15th, 2011

2012 Saul Bell Design Award. Applications due Sept. 16, 2011

Crafts National Exhibition 2011: applications due January 6, 2012.

ArtPrize - a radically open competition which has no formal jury - and asks the public to vote to decide the winners. ArtPrize partners with institutions like the Grand Rapids Art Museum, the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts and others. Application process starts March 14th, 2012.



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MSG All Membership Meeting

Sunday, September 18th, 2011, 12:30 PM

at Eastern Michigan University's Metals Shop in Briggs Hall

For an agenda, map and tool swap form go to : <http://misilversmith.org/documents>
http://misilversmith.org/documents/agenda_and_Map_to_EMU.pdf



TOOL SWAP: The tool swap will start at 12:30 pm with a silent auction of tools, materials and finished crafts. This is a great opportunity to clean out your workshop or get some new tools at a great price! Go to the above link or use the form on page 8 of this newsletter.

ANNUAL MEETING: The meeting will start at 1 pm with an overview of last year's activities, projections of future events and an election for open Board positions. If you are interested in being part of this wonderful Board, please contact our Nomination Committee Chair, Dan Neville at 3b2609@wayne.edu.

LECTURE: At 2:45 pm, Renee Zettle- Sterling will present a lecture entitled "Things and Thingness". The lecture will discuss the trajectory of her work over the past decade and how her relationship with everyday objects has influenced her work. Renee is an Associate Professor of Art and Design at Grand Valley State University.



Art Fair article (Continued from page 4)

The demos were so well received that the Guild has been asked by the Fair's organizer to increase our demonstrations next year. If you are interested in participating, as either a demonstrator or regular exhibitor, be on the lookout in mid-January, when calls for entry will be sent to the general membership.

Many thanks to all the participants and volunteers who helped to make our 2011 Art Fair experience possible.

Regular Exhibitors: Paul Mergen, Ron Suddendorf, Courtney Bache Lori Brauer, Emily Saling, Jennifer Thomson, Danielle Blanchard, Janice Degen, Sue Szabo, Joanne Huspek, Lesley DiPiazza and Mary Kernahan.

The Michigan Silversmiths Guild newsletter is published quarterly for members of the Guild. We would love to hear from you. Let us know what YOU would like to see in the newsletter -

Articles? About what?

Bench tips?

Interviews?

Book reviews?

Product reviews?

Please contact me with questions, comments or ideas!!

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