

Michigan Silversmiths Guild Workshop

Clasps and Catches: Enhancing Work with Creative Mechanisms With Tom Muir

Biography:

Tom Muir is a Distinguished Research Professor in the School of Art at Bowling Green State University, where he is head of the Jewelry and Metalsmithing department. He received his MFA from Indiana University, Bloomington, and his BFA degree from Georgia State University in Atlanta. Mr. Muir has lectured and taught widely, holding positions at universities and craft schools around the country. His award-winning work has been published and exhibited extensively, including The Art of Gold traveling exhibit, The White House Collection of American Crafts, National Museum of American Art, Smithsonian Institution. He is the recipient of an Arts Midwest/National Endowment for the Arts Regional Artist Fellowship, Michigan Council for the Arts Fellowship, and numerous Ohio Arts Council Individual Artist Fellowship Awards.

Workshop Description:

Knowing and understanding a range of clasps, is essential to creating professional jewelry. In this workshop, three catches and clasps will be explored and fabricated by participants. Creative applications and the mechanical principles that apply to catches and clasps will be developed through an examination of actual samples, slides and discussions. Students will create samples of a key catch, bayonet clasp with stainless steel spring, and a box catch.

Date: October 25 and 26th 2008
Workshop Time: 9:00am – 5:00pm on both days
Place: **Wayne State University**
Fee: \$200 for MSG members
\$275 for non members
\$150 for MSG student members
Materials: A materials list will be sent with acceptance notice.
Limit: 15 People
Deadline: Oct 1th 2008
Questions: Tiffany Massey at Tmassey@emich.edu or call 313.363.0463



Registration Form for Clasps and Catches with Tom Muir

October 25-26th 2008

Name: -----

Street Address: -----

City: -----

Phone Number: ----- Email -----

Please check all that apply:

- I require a map to the location.
 If not selected, please place my name on the waiting list.
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