

# OPEN LAB

I am now offering open lab from my home studio in Stedman, NC. Anyone who is hesitating about becoming a jewelry artist because of the never-ending expense of all the equipment, tools, and workshop space should consider Open Lab.

Open Lab will give you the opportunity to discover the joy of creativity without the expense of setting up your own workshop. For a minimal investment, you will have an opportunity to try out various jewelry-making tools and equipment in a comfortable, open studio.

The studio currently has stations for soldering/enameling your metalwork and metal clay, kiln and etching stations with proper ventilation for firing your metal clay and etching your metalwork, a jump ring station (you furnish the blades), and a station for baking your polymer clay pieces. I will be adding a rolling mill station to the studio later this fall.

Currently, Open lab is a pre-scheduled time in the workshop to allow the aspiring jewelry artist time to work on projects, using my equipment and supplies (stamps/kiln/torch/tumbler/jump ringer/tools/etc) and get some general instructions and advice. You may work on any projects you like during Open Lab. It is an excellent opportunity for those of you who have not yet made the commitment to purchasing some of the more expensive items required for making jewelry.

As with all classes, pre-registration is now required for open lab sessions.

A \$20 deposit is required to be paid in advance to reserve your spot. Open Lab deposits are due one week in advance. If you find yourself taking advantage of the Open Lab on a regular basis, your one \$20 deposit will hold your Open Labs for you indefinitely, as long as you let me know which ones you are interested in one week prior. Your deposit will be refunded once you no longer wish to take advantage of these sessions.

If you find that you cannot attend the Open Lab once you have paid the deposit, you can get a refund (with 24-hour notice) or I will gladly apply the deposit to another available Open Lab for you. These labs will be first-come, first serve. There will be a limit of 4 students per Open Lab session, so I highly recommend you sign up as soon as you see the need. A current brochure is now available for the 2008 schedule, with all lab dates listed.

Open Lab, 2-hour minimum (working independently).....\$ 5.00/hr  
Open Lab, 2-hour minimum (with instructor assistance).....\$10.00/hr

If you have any questions about Open Lab, please feel free to contact me. I have provided my contact information below.

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