

## **Beginning and Intermediate Jewelry/Metalsmithing**

***Instructor: Pilar Baker***

6 Tuesdays 6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Session 1: October 6 – November 10; \$110/\$125

Session 2: November 17 – December 22; \$110/\$125

Session 3: January 5 – February 9; \$110/\$125

Session 4: February 16 – March 23; \$110/\$125

Session 5: March 30 – May 4; \$110/\$125

Session 6: May 11 – June 16; \$110/\$125

Create your own piece of sterling silver jewelry by learning to saw, drill, file, solder and polish along with a variety of other silversmithing techniques. Beginners will learn the basics in metalsmithing and jewelry design while more advanced students will be encouraged to explore new concepts and techniques based upon individual skill level. A beginner's kit will be available at the first class for \$90, payable to instructor. Sterling silver sheet and other supplies will be additional based upon current market price.



Pilar received a B.F.A. in Jewelry and Metalsmithing at the University of Houston after earning a degree in Interior Design. For Pilar, art is the ultimate form of self expression. Working primarily with metal and stones, she conveys her innermost thoughts and feelings or, on a less emotional basis, expresses her love for pure geometric form and line. Circles and triangles appear often in her work as their ancient and symbolic references to femininity, protection, and equality help in her struggle to understand the many cycles in life, particularly those involving the emotional aspects of human relationships.

Pilar teaches jewelry and metalsmithing at BIG Arts on Sanibel, Cape Coral Arts Studio in Cape Coral, and the Alliance for the Arts. Through local workshops she also shares her knowledge of various metalsmithing techniques including fold-forming, shell-forming, and patinations. Pilar is a long-time member of Society of North American Goldsmiths and the Florida Society of Goldsmiths.