Course Title: Making Rings, Toggle Clasps, Beads and Stone Settings with Metal Clay

Course Description:
This course is for students experienced in metal clay. Learn how to make a bezel setting for cabochons, set stones, form innovative bales, make and attach embellishments to add more elements to a design. Make a box bead using dry construction; add detail with paper type clay. Make a two part ring with a pearl. Learn how to fabricate toggle clasps and attach fine silver wire while the clay is wet. The instructor will work with students individually on more complex projects focusing on design and finding your artistic voice.

Class supplies will be approximately $200.00. The instructor will contact students prior to class to inform them of supplies needed.

Pre-Requisite: Metal Clay Beginner I

Course Prerequisite(s): Making Jewelry with Metal Clay I

Outcomes:
1. Learn about proper sizing of rings to account for shrinkage
2. Set stone professionally
3. See the importance of adding and balancing embellishments
4. Make unique bales to set off style of work
5. Research and fabricate clasps that better suites the style of the necklace or bracelet
6. Learn how to use finishing papers to give pieces a high quality professional look

Lesson Plan

Session 1: Box Bead
Students will roll out, and cut out all 6 sides of the box. The sides will be dried without warping

Session 2: Finish box bead by attaching sides and adding decorative elements with paper clay

Session 3: Toggle Clasps
Rollout toggle and clasp, add fine silver wire, dry and finish

Session 4: Fire toggle pieces
Bezel setting: start base piece on which a bezel will be added, make bale and embellishments

Session 5: Finish bezel set piece, sand smooth and add embellishments and bale.

Session 6: Fire bezel set piece

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Pearl Ring: Form ring shank and molded piece, file and sand finish.

**Session 7:** Set cabochon

Attach ring shank to shell, drill hole for fine silver wire, add nail head to fine silver wire. All pieces that need to be fired in instructors kiln must be brought to class by day 7.

**Session 8:** Finish all pieces, add pearl