



INTRODUCTION TO STONE SET JEWELLERY 2011

Tutor: Ness Bird

Saturday & Sunday July 9th & 10th

10 am - 4 pm

£165.00

Ness has been working as a jewellery designer/maker for 15 years; she runs her own growing business making fair-trade ethical wedding rings and contemporary silver and gold jewellery. She has sold work across England and Europe and her most established product is the fingerprint wedding ring where the bride and groom have each other's prints etched in to their rings. Ness lives and works in Glastonbury, Somerset.

Course out line:

This course is designed to give you an introduction to one of the most useful and decorative techniques of silver smithing - stone setting. Gems have been used for thousands of years to attract and allure and for their talismanic and healing properties. Making a setting for a stone provides strength and a form of display. Over the 2 days you will be creating a pendant and a ring with a rub over setting set with a semi precious stone of your choice. See the attached list for a choice of stones. We will also be looking at the processes of forming, soldering, annealing, finishing and polishing.

Materials and equipment to bring:

Please bring a small sketch book and pencil for notes/ideas,

Any cabochon stones (stones for setting with a flat under side) that you would like to use.

All tools and materials are supplied for use during the course but if you have any of the following it would be useful to bring them along:

Small canister blow torch, jewellery needle files and jewellery pliers.

Please wear old comfortable clothes.

Details continued overleaf . . .

Cabochon stones list

| <u>Stone</u> | <u>colour</u> | <u>healing properties</u> |
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| Amethyst | purple | spiritual wakefulness stimulates dreams, helps with pain. |
| Lapis | bright blue | bestows wisdom and honesty, heals neck and throat. |
| Rose quartz | pale pink | imparts empathy and love, stimulates blood circulation. |
| Garnet | deep red | self confidence, stimulates metabolism and power of regeneration |
| Jade | deep green | self realisation, helps kidneys and nervous system |
| Moonstone | misty white | enhances intuition and mediumistic abilities |
| Onyx | black | stimulates analytical thought, sharpens sense of hearing |
| Poppy jasper | rusty red and bits of cream | will power, stimulates circulation and energy flow |
| Green agate | mossy green | retreat and calm, balances auras and energy bodies. |
| Carnelian | orange | steadfastness and courage. Improves the quality of the blood |

When you enrol please indicate which 2 stones you would like to use.

Refreshments are provided, please bring a picnic lunch.



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