

# ARROWMONT

SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS

Medium: Enamels

Instructor: Sandra McEwen

Dates: June 15-20, 2025

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

Create a colorful champleve pendant from start to finish in this class. During the course of the week, you will first learn how to saw and fuse fine silver bases. After fabricating the foundation, students will create their own cloisonne wires and inlay them into the fine silver base and add the layers of colored enamels to complete a design. This workshop will focus on getting great transparency and clarity of color. Students are encouraged to bring their own designs to incorporate into their pieces!

## WHAT TO BRING

- 20 Gauge Fine Silver Sheet (3" x 6") (More or less depending on the projects you are making)
- 12 feet 26 Gauge Fine Silver Round Wire to make Cloisonne wires (6-10 feet)  
(or) Ready-made Cloisonné wires of your choosing.
- If you aren't sure, bring the round wire and we'll make the cloisonne wires together.
- The class kit includes 6 feet of wire, but you may want more...
- Essential Hand Tools: (These tools are important to getting good wire bending results. I have 3 sets of tools available to borrow for students who can't bring these tools, or who are flying in and don't want to check luggage. You'll need to reserve ahead of time- email me at [sandra@sandramcewen.com](mailto:sandra@sandramcewen.com). First come, first served...)
- Small Flush Cutters:  
<https://www.riogrande.com/search-page/?q=flush+cutters&tab=products>
- Round Nose Pliers (1 pair needed. Recommended options below) :  
<https://www.riogrande.com/search-page/?q=round+nose+pliers&tab=products>
- Chain Nose Pliers:  
<https://www.riogrande.com/search-page/?q=chain+nose+pliers&tab=products>
- Tweezers:  
<https://www.riogrande.com/product/blue-heron-stainless-precision-pattern-tweezers/115013>
- Misc Art Supplies: (Just bring what you already have)
- Sharpie, Sketchbook, pencil, ruler, scissors, x-acto knife, colored pencils...
- Size 3 or 4 brush (natural or synthetic)
- Particulate Mask
- Glasses/Optivisor if needed
- **Optional things to bring:**
- Assorted Round Mandrels.... I like to shape wires by wrapping them around different sized mandrels. They can be anything- various sized drill bits work well, as do dapping sets and wooden dowels. DON'T buy something, just bring whatever you have. I'm sure there will be plenty to go around, so don't sweat this one.

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- Misc. Trivets. There can never be enough trivets, so if you are working a particular size or shape, bring trivets that you know will fit what you are working on.
- ENAMELS. You'll get a small assortment of colors in the kit, and I'll probably have extra colors, but if you have particular colors you like to work with please do bring them. I'll be supplying mostly Japanese and Old Thompson Leaded enamels.
- Fine Silver Foil. There will be some in the kit. If you want more, you can get it here:  
<https://www.enamelartsupply.com/foils/fine-silver-eas-enamel-art-supply-foil-super-thick>
- Any Handtools you prefer to use and already have. (hand saws, files, Awls, scribes...)
- Flash drive (to protect and save data to and from Library computers)

**Planning to purchase materials from the Supply Store for your workshop?** Keep in mind that the Supply Store carries a limited selection and cannot guarantee that all materials listed by your instructor will be in stock. Please call **865-436-5860 Ext. 25** or email Celeste Rudd at **[crudd@arrowmont.org](mailto:crudd@arrowmont.org)** to reserve your selection prior to arrival.

## MATERIALS FEES | **\$60.00-\$120.00**

Fees are assessed on an individual class basis and may vary from class to class depending on the amount of materials used and the number of students in the class, this keeps your out-of-pocket costs lower than a typical flat fee. Fees include all provided studio materials as assigned by the Instructor. Material fees are to be paid in the Supply Store no later than midday on the last day of workshop instruction.

**Please be advised that the above course description and materials list has been written and approved by the instructor.**

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