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SCHOOL OF ARTS AND CRAFTS

Medium: Metals

Instructor: Paulette Werger

Dates: October 25-30, 2026

COURSE DESCRIPTION

In this workshop, students will take the next steps in design and fabrication by learning to add high-karat gold to silver work without breaking the bank. The workshop will focus on building upon basic foundational techniques such as soldering gold to silver, fusing gold to silver, and creating patterned sheet. Demonstrations will cover the use of recycled 24kt and 18kt gold, including scrap, filings, and wire bits, to create ring shanks, earrings, and gold bezel settings. Students will learn to mill foils, combine gold with fine silver, sterling, and Argentium, and practice torch fusing, texturing, and finishing. This is an excellent opportunity to recycle old jewelry or failed projects into new designs while sharpening skills in mixed-metal construction. Students will receive a syllabus, handouts, and design prompts to welcome a variety of experience levels.

WHAT TO BRING

- Basic jewelry hand tools such as:
- Needle nose pliers – Arrowmont has some in studio
- ½ round/flat jawed pliers
- Round nose pliers
- Fine scissors (for cutting foil) like Friskars
- Favorite planishing or texturing hammer
- Bench block – Arrowmont has some in studio
- Clean steel tweezers – Arrowmont has some in studio
- **If participants have their own materials and want to bring appropriate supplies for class:**
- **Paulette will be demonstrating using the following materials below. She will also provide a kit with a selection of gold, solder, argentium and fine silver for sale directly to students.**
- **Contenti:**
- Keumboo 24KT gold foil/1 sheet:
<https://contenti.com/catalogsearch/result/?q=keumboo+foil>
- **Materials and Rio Number:**
- **Sheet metal gauges 18, 20, 22-minimum 2x2"**
- **Wire gauges 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20- minimum 6"**
- Argentium sheet:
- <https://www.riogrande.com/product/argentium-silver-6-sheet-14-ga.-dead-soft/108214GP?code=108220&objectID=108230&queryID=9697d43e233813772544f85e8bab36ae>
- Argentium wire:

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<https://www.riogrande.com/product/argentium-silver-round-wire-8-ga.-dead-soft/108308GP?code=108310&objectID=108926&queryID=afd3ab632492b806ceedaf5ed9829621>

- Fine silver sheet:
<https://www.riogrande.com/product/.999-fine-silver-6-sheet-14-hard-brushed-finish/101916GP?code=101922&objectID=804013&queryID=fa609a7f07871941999db994ead67728>
- Gold solder, wire, 2", 14KT M or EZ:
- <https://www.riogrande.com/product/14k-plumb-yellow-gold-wire-solders-22-ga/600851GP?code=600851&objectID=600857&queryID=7651a456d1979a37f19ebe02817f5a2d?code=600851>
- Argentium wire solder, M, 1 foot:
- <https://www.riogrande.com/product/argentium-silver-wire-solder-20-ga.-easy/108640GP?code=108641&objectID=108641&queryID=36217781d9202ff27af03aa6f06e6216>

MATERIALS FEES | **\$200.00-\$225.00 Instructor will be collecting fee**

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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