



Silver Mementos
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Welcome to Silver Mementos!

This class will teach basic and advanced silversmithing skills and their application in the making of mementos to honor significant people and life events. Participants will experience hands-on work in jewelry fabrication (sawing, soldering, cold-connections), stone setting, and lapidary in the construction of wearable and/or decorative pieces of art that have personal significance. Materials will include sterling silver (available to purchase during class), semi-precious stones, fused glass, and personal objects brought by class participants. Class participants will leave with finished pieces of jewelry art to wear or give to loved ones to help remember and celebrate important life events.

For as long as humans have been honoring their loved ones and significant life events, they have been making and wearing jewelry to help honor and remember. Jewelry can take the form of a simple ring, bracelet or pendant with a person's name and date of birth or death, or it can be more elaborate with precious or semi-precious stones, perhaps incorporating personal elements, items from other jewelry, or repurposed objects of significance.

For this special class, students are encouraged to bring personal items that they may wish to incorporate or repurpose into new jewelry pieces. The studio is equipped with all the needed tools, supplies and equipment. Students may bring their own hand-tools, stones and silver supplies if wished. Silver used in class projects may be purchased from the Ghost Ranch silversmith studio at market prices. **Please note that the cost of silver used in class projects is NOT included in the class fee and will likely cost between \$75 - \$300 for the week.** All other supplies and materials are included as part of class fees.

General Workshop Hours: The daily class schedule is 9-noon and 1-3:30. For those who are interested, the studio will also be open in the late afternoon and evening, though participation in other Ranch activities is also encouraged. Ghost Ranch is a wonderful place for reflection and memory, with many things to do and many places to explore!

Recommended Resources: There are many books available in the library or on-line that illustrate southwest-style jewelry and jewelry construction techniques. Two excellent books to look for are: **The Complete Metalsmith** by Tim McCreight, and **Indian Jewelry Making** by Oscar T. Branson

Instructor Contact Information:

Jamie Halpern is a silversmith and lapidary artist and jewelry instructor and lead for the Ghost Ranch silversmithing program. This will be his 10th year teaching at Ghost Ranch. If you have any questions you are welcome to e-mail Jamie at jehalpern@comcast.net . Interested persons are encouraged to contact Ghost Ranch and the class instructor for more information.

Katrina Jameson: Looking for a new creative outlet, Katrina attended the Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, New Mexico class "Fused Glass is Hot!" with Olive Smith and fell in love with glass as an art medium. She rushed home and set up her ceramic kiln to fuse glass. For more than 10 years, Katrina has created one of a kind jewelry and wall art with fusible art glass, recycled window glass and dichroic glass with unique inclusions. Her hobby became a second career with Mariposa Treasures, LLC in September 2011. She continues to grow her jewelry making skills with new fused glass, silversmithing and lapidary techniques.

Katrina taught fused glass in Swaziland as part of the Freedom Fire Glass mission team to create an industry and economic security for at-risk youth. Katrina's designs can be found at Create Art in Durango, CO and Marigold Arts on Canyon Road in Santa Fe, NM.