First Quarter Second Quarter

Jewelry Overview

- Functional, wearable sculpture
- Metals understanding the physical properties of copper, brass, and silver; work harden vs. annealing
- Safety, rules, work space expectations

Wire Basics & Cold Connection Techniques

- Introduction to tools & equipment: 3-piece plier set, various gauge wire, chasing hammer, steel block, bench-pin set-up
- Cold connection prototypes. Create one of each: wire link, beaded wire link, head pin, rivet, jump rings, clasp, hammered link, wig-jig, beading techniques

Wire Link Bracelet or Necklace

- 18 g. wire links, beaded wire links, handmade clasp
- Cold connection techniques
- Line, pattern, repetition, movement

Sheet Metal Basics – Bracelet

- Introduction to: Jeweler's saw frame, bench-pin, Dremel
- Cutting, finishing metal, hammering
- Design sheet metal shapes, jump rings, handmade clasp using basic cold connection techniques
- Metal finishing (filing, sanding, polishing, texture, patina)

Earrings

- Ear-wire styles and various cold connection techniques
- Concept: create two sets of earrings with opposing qualities
- Shape, movement, line, pattern, form, contrast

Illustrations – created for each project, drawn to scale on graph paper with detailed captions (dimensions, materials, metal type, etc.)

Critique – group discuss and modeling jewelry for functionality after the completion of each project.

Enameling

- Epoxy resin, pigment, cloisonne, micro-mosaic additions
- Applied to a finished piece of sheet metal (pendant or charm, component)
- Color theory, color blending techniques, shape, imagery, pattern

Rings

- Introduction to ring mandrel, raw hide mallet, hammering, finger sizing, stone wrapping
- Wire wrapping techniques, sheet metal shank, beading, cabochon stone setting
- Focal point, symmetry, color

Pendant Focal Piece

- Concept: creating emphasis
- Scale, placement, proportion
- Exploring polymer clay techniques, beading, re-purposed/found materials, sheet metal, various cold connection techniques
- Suspended on chain, chord, natural fiber

Jewelry Set – Final Project

- Two matching pieces formed with cold connection techniques, wire, sheet metal, found objects, enameling
- Idea development based on a specific concept, cultural reference, art movement or trend (planned out illustration with proper research)
- Matching forms, colors, surface textures, design motifs

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Student Skills and Abilities

After the completion of Jewelry, students will be able to:

- 1. Design and create a piece of jewelry that is both functional and aesthetic.
- 2. Create original designs of bracelets, earrings and necklaces using cold connection metal techniques.
- 3. Turn a raw piece of metal into a fully finished metal component.
- 4. Develop ideas using historical research and color illustrations prior to fabrication.
- 5. Create a custom piece of jewelry with specific dimensions using proper measuring.