

SEATTLE METALS GUILD

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Marcia Bruno has passed the baton to me, and I am really looking forward to continuing working on the Seattle Metals Guild board with her and the rest of the crew. We have a splendid group of people on the board; their efficiency makes planning events such an absolute pleasure.

The high quality of the people in the metalsmithing community is the singularly most important reason why I am involved with the guild. I have found metalsmiths on the whole to be people with integrity, intelligence, wonderful senses of humor, and of course, creativity. We can be a little too detail orientated for our own good, but it is usually a charming quality. As new people move to town or find out about the guild, I meet more and more truly engaging people. If you are new to our membership, welcome! You have a great resource at your fingertips. If you are a continuing member, thank you for being part of that resource!

The biggest event that we have coming up this year, by far, is the Society of North American Goldsmiths conference in March. Our guild is sponsoring it, and our members have been working on it for three years. Ask anyone involved and I am sure that they will tell you it's going to be one of the best conferences SNAG has ever seen. Each area has been thoroughly attended to, from the speakers to the exhibitions to the entertainment to the vendors. And it's going to be right in your back yard... you shouldn't miss it!

A key exhibition for you, as a member, is the Biannual Seattle Metals Guild Members Show. The deadline for work is approaching fast, so make sure you leave enough time to finish that wonderful piece you've been working on. Please look for more mention of this show in other parts of this newsletter.

We had referred to this show as "Found in Seattle" in recent newsletters. That was the working title of a show that was going to be held in conjunction with the conference at Mia Gallery, before its closing. We appropriated the title because there is going to be a feature display on "founders" of Seattle jewelry and metalworking contained within the Members Show (and it's a much shorter name!). We received a thoughtful letter about the inappropriateness of such a title for our members show when we have such a widespread membership. Not only do we have members in Seattle and the Puget Sound area, but across Washington state, Oregon, Idaho, California and British Columbia. We discussed it and changed the show title to what we usually use. Your input is important to us. We can't give you what you want for your membership dollars unless you tell us what it is that you want. We are quite accessible - you can reach board members by phone, fax, e-mail, letter, or in person at events. And this show is non-juried and open to all paid Seattle Metals Guild members, living in Seattle or otherwise. Please enter a piece - all of the benefits from doing so are well worth the \$15 or \$30. See you at the Color Workshop or the Ornament Party and definitely at the SNAG conference!

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SMG Calendar

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LAST CALL!

What:	Color Workshop
When:	Saturday, November 15 10:00am to 5:00pm (note new hours)
Where:	Pratt Fine Arts Center, 328-2200 1902 South Main St. Seattle
Fee:	\$25 (see registration form on the last page)

There is still time to sign up for the Color Workshop! The day-long Saturday event includes four presentations by local artists: Keith Lewis, Marcia Bruno, Carolyn Baldwin and Julie Packer. Presenters will be discussing their work and demonstrating various techniques using the "Julia Child Cake Already in the Oven" method to cover a range of methods used to add color to jewelry. It should be an incredibly informative day. There will be a 'show and tell' session during the lunch break. Participants are encouraged to bring their work to show or to problem solve. To sign up, complete and return the registration form found at the end of the newsletter. Feel free to call Jenifer Thacher at 784-4998 with any questions.



ORNAMENT PARTY

Come and enjoy sipping hot apple cider, mulled wine, and munching on the eclectic smorgasbord of culinary delights while visiting with other guild members and participating in the legendary ornament exchange.

Create an ornament from metal, paper, cloth, wire, whatever inspires you. During the party you will get a chance to pull a name out of a hat to receive someone else's ornament. Please bring a dish to share, your ornament and the holiday spirit. What a great way to bring in the season! Call Leslie MacInnes for any additional information at 425-391-0995.

Date:	Sunday, December 7
Time:	5:30pm-9:30pm
Location:	Leslie & Scott MacInnes' home 373 Mt. Defiance Circle, Issaquah

1-90 to exit 17 - Front Street. Head south(right) on Front street. Turn right on Sunset, continue straight, cross Newport Way - here Sunsets name changes to MT Park Blvd. Turn left on Mt. Defiance Circle, take the low road and park. The house will be well lit. You wont miss it.

