

Meredith Hilt - Jewelry



ABOUT THE ARTIST

Meredith Hilt is a Bluemont jewelry artist specializing in wire and metal-smithing techniques. Meredith was born in Virginia, and later graduated from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh (PA). Over the years, she has worked in the offset print industry, direct mail and lately for her own web design company. Meredith began jewelry making by taking classes under metalsmith Nick Barnes. While her life has taken her through the United States, Europe and Asia, she has since returned to Virginia. Meredith now makes her home in the Blue Ridge Mountains with her family and a

multitude of animals. Her jewelry can be found in boutiques and galleries in Virginia and Maryland and also on Etsy.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

As a lifelong jewelry fanatic, it was a great joy to discover I could make my own jewelry! Using a hammer, saw and torch I shape and merge metals together, seeing how they can play off one another. The end result is often embellished with ivory, artisan glass or semi-precious stones. I was amazed to discover that metalsmithing hasn't changed over time. My jewelry is proudly made the same way that people have made it since before the Egyptians' reign.



I truly love experimenting and expanding my skills. One day I may be sawing and soldering and the next hammering out a raised image in the metal. Using my hands and imagination I create unique, organic pieces with a contemporary flair.