

A collection of archaeological artifacts is displayed on a light-colored surface. In the center is a hammer with a wooden handle and a metal head. To its left is a red knife. Below the hammer is a bone tool with a circular head featuring three palm tree-like shapes. To the right of the hammer is a shell with a yellow and black pattern. In the foreground, there is a green carved object with intricate designs. A blue circular object is partially visible on the left side of the frame.

# MASSC

**Newsletter**  
**May/June 2021**



## Letter from the Editor: Erin Proctor

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### It's a combo newsletter!

Things got a little crazy for me over here in cat-land and the May newsletter just didn't happen. Sorry about that, folks. Instead, I'm doing a May/June combo issue that I hope you enjoy.

This gave us some time to re-set and plan a few more things for everybody to look forward to over the summer! Read-on for all the latest on what MASSC has in store for you!

### Share something with the community!

Are you planning an event, a sale, or an upcoming workshop?

Did you make something cool you'd like to show off?

Would you like feedback or advise on a project, tool or shop set-up issue?

Did you travel someplace and see an interesting metal-arts related person, place, or thing?

MASSC members can email the address below any time with something to share! Don't be shy. I'm nice.

### We want to hear all about it!

[EMAIL MASSC](#)



# Upcoming MASSC Sponsored Events

**Sunday, June 27th 12pm-2pm**

**Summer Show & Tell**



Fix yourself a Mai Tai or a cool iced tea and join us for a summer afternoon online show and tell! See what your MASSC friends are up to, and show off your latest project, skill or tool/supply find!

**SIGN UP**

**More to look forward to:**

**MASSC Board Meeting**

**June 12th @ 10am**

**ATTEND THE MEETING**



**Summer Swap & Shop**

**July 11th @ 10am**



**Monthly Makers Challenge**

**Zoom Show**

**July 25th @ 10am**



**Metals Challenge Zoom "Luncheon"**

**Coming in August!**

**Day TBD**

**\*\*All events are virtual, via Zoom\*\***

# MASSC Sponsored Events...Continued

## This month's Makers Challenge: Sock Puppet Fashion Show!

Hold on to your socks, we're having a fashion show featuring your latest collection and modeled by your favorite sock super model!



Whether you've got new work to share or whether you'd like to dust off some old show pieces, we want to see your silly side in how to create your sock puppet model for this one of a kind zoom jewelry show!

The jewelry you choose should complement your sock puppet's personality. You might already have some pieces in mind, or you might be inspired to create a special wearable collection customized especially for your Sock VIP.

When you're ready, submit a series of photos to me, or feel free to create a short video to screen share on the day of the event! As always, I am here to help you with your short 2-3 minute presentations if you need it, so don't hesitate to reach out. If you prefer, you can also come to the zoom WITH your sock puppet and have them model for us **live** instead of or in addition to any photos or video you'd like to share.

Make one sock puppet model, make a whole team...whatever you choose to do, we expect to have our socks knocked off!

**Join us on Sunday, July 25th at 10am for our**

**Zoom sharing session:**

**TAKE THE  
CHALLENGE**



# Events/Classes hosted by our Members (non-MASSC Sponsored)



## **Nohline L'Ecuyer/The Loft Jewelry Studio:**

Enamel with Linda Darty, July 15-19  
Stone Cutting with Michael Boyd, October 22-26  
And more...

<https://www.theloftjewelrystudio.com>

## **Diane Weimer:**

Discover Argentium with Ronda Coryell, July 23-26  
And more...

<https://dianeweimer.com/collections/workshops>



## **Anne Wolf:**

Twisting Mokume, June 26-27  
And more...

<https://www.annevillestudio.com>



## **Kent Raible:**

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## **Erin Proctor:**

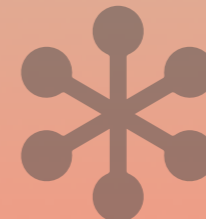
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# Ask Betsy!

By Betsy Manheimer

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**Q: I've been taking Zoom classes, watching YouTube and other online videos but I don't know how to determine if my skills are improving or if I'm just making "stuff". How do I know if I'm making progress?**



A: It's been a difficult year for everyone, and, while things are calming down, it will most likely still be a little while before we're back to some semblance of normal (whatever that is). For most of us, our work is made to be shown, whether it's for sale, exhibition, or just simply wearing it. It's hard to get feedback when you're not out there with other people face to face. But there are ways to gauge your progress, even virtually.

Whether we're beginners or more accomplished artists, we can be hard on ourselves. Ask yourself if some processes have become easier. Do you have to think less about how to set up a soldering procedure? Are your stampings/rivets/bails/whatever more consistent? Sometimes things become second nature to us without us even noticing. Take some time to look at your workmanship which is, to be honest, the important part. Look at your seams, look at your edges, look at your surfaces. Are there less file marks to clean up than

before? Are your stampings and textures more uniform? Sometimes we take things for granted which we should actually consider signs of progress.

MASSC has some events that can help you assess and improve your skills too. There are monthly design challenges and periodic Show & Tell events. These are not competitive events, so you don't have to worry about being judged. If you're not comfortable enough to enter them, then at least attend them. Entrants talk about their work and you can learn a lot from hearing how they realized their finished pieces. You will see that even more advanced artists come up against challenges, but, even better, you may find that you really do have many of the skills they used in their creations and it might give you some confidence to take part and open yourself up to some positive feedback that can give you a real boost. So keep watching the newsletter and website for announcements of these events.

**Send your questions to [askmassc@gmail.com](mailto:askmassc@gmail.com)**



# WINNER: Monthly Giveaway!

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**Congrats to Annie Harfield!**

**Winner of the Fordite Cab**

**Thanks for being  
a MASSC member!**



# NEW: Monthly Giveaway!

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**John and Corliss Rose of [2Roses.com](http://2Roses.com)** have partnered with MASSC to offer members a chance to win one of their beautiful pieces!

Here are the details on this month's one of a kind giveaway prize:

## **Rutilated Quartz**

Large AAA grade rutilated quartz,  
Custom cut trillion cab.

1.5in (40mm) H x 1.5in (34mm) W x .375in (10mm) D

**Valued at \$150**

**Contest Rules:** One entry per member. Multiple entries and those from individuals whose membership is not current for 2021 will be disqualified

**(Join/Renew membership on the next page!)** A winner will be drawn at random before the next newsletter goes out, where it will be announced therein as well as on our Facebook page! MASSC will also contact the winner directly, so fill out your entry form carefully!



ENTER TO  
WIN!



# ~Membership

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If you're joining us for the first time, then hooray! We can't wait to share all of our exciting events with you this year!

[Learn all about your member benefits and register here!](#)

Membership is good from the date you register until December 31st, 2021.

## **Here are some reasons to think about joining:**

- If you bought a Metals Challenge Box you **MUST** be a current member to enter a piece into the competition!
- Receive Members Only access to video library!
- Special pricing on MASSC sponsored workshops & access to members only classes and events like the Jewelry District Vendor Tour (all events online this year)

## **Membership Dues for 2021**

**Individual    \$50**

**Dual            \$75**

**Student        \$30**



**Consider Sponsoring A Student:** A big part of MASSC's mission is to preserve metal art heritage, and to share our knowledge and resources within the metal arts community. To stay true to our vision, we will be reaching out to local metalsmithing programs in order to offer up-and-coming student metalsmiths a sponsored MASSC membership for 2021.

Students who are awarded a sponsored membership will be required to complete their public artist profile on our website, contribute content to our monthly newsletter, and must attend at least 2 board meetings per year.

We believe that boosting student involvement is an investment in the future of our organization, and MASSC would like to invite you to help by considering sponsoring a student membership. Your donation is tax deductible and will help to infuse our organization with fresh talent, perspectives and skills that will benefit the membership as a whole.

Please join us in this effort to cultivate and sustain the future of our craft.



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