

## Patricia Burns

I started collecting jewelry at an early age. After many years of buying and collecting jewelry, I decided to take a metalsmithing class just for fun. As I started wearing my finished pieces, my co-workers admired them and asked me to custom design jewelry for them. The thought of selling jewelry had never occurred to me... after all... I was just doing this for fun! But before I knew it... I was designing and creating jewelry for friends, family and co-workers. I continued to take classes and now my work is featured in several art galleries in New Mexico and New York.

I love sterling silver, so most of my work is created in silver. I recently started to incorporate brass and copper into some of my designs. I absolutely love stones and fossils and have acquired quite a collection. I enjoy finding unique stones and fossils to add to my pieces.

I individually design and handcraft each piece with high quality materials and attention to detail. The process starts by designing the shapes and then sawing them out of metal with a jeweler's saw. I love texture and create it by hammering, hand stamping or roller printing. My father handed down to me some of his stamping tools, which I use regularly to add unique patterns and texture into my pieces.



I also have made a few of my own stamping and chasing tools. My favorite part of the design process is continually coming up with new textures and patterns by combining these tools in various combinations. I've always had a fascination with wire... so I also incorporate

wire into most of my pieces. All of the jewelry is signed on the back with my initials indicating that I have made each piece.



My designs are inspired and influenced from various sources. I love art from ancient civilizations and the natural beauty of the earth, so I strive to create pieces that reflect a natural, organic, earthy

feel, hence the name... "Silver and Earth".

If you decide to make a purchase, I hope you will enjoy your new jewelry and wear it in good health and happiness. Thank you so much for your interest in my work!

