

IN YOUR SPARE TIME

NAVAJO SILVERSMITHING

January 5 & 6, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Brockmann Center, Room 211

Southwestern Native American jewelry has probably become the foremost American craft. It has not only become a monetary investment for millions of Americans but an investment in beauty they can enjoy every minute of the day. This two-day workshop will allow participants to step into the world of Navajo silversmithing. Navajo jewelry has been well-known for its distinctive bold design and use of silver and turquoise gems. In this introductory level, students will develop soldering techniques that allow them to join several pieces of silver together to create a Navajo turquoise ring. Participants must provide safety glasses, gloves and needle nose pliers. Instructor is Andrew Johnson, Adjunct Professor, MSU-Northern. Registration fee is \$110, which includes supplies for one ring (1 silver, bezel and gem); after December 29 the fee is \$115. Renewal units are available. **Class is limited to 10 participants.**

NORTHWIND

January 6, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Brockmann Center, Room 105

This is a simple scrap quilt block with eight variations and endless possibilities! Class begins with a fabric swap. You should bring twelve 9" squares of medium to dark print (all the same fabric or cut up unwanted fat quarters or scraps) and twelve squares of light print fabric. Please use 100% cottons, pre-washed and pressed before cutting. If trading makes you uneasy, feel free to bring enough fabric of your own to work with, but you must also bring fabric to swap...not swapping is not an option. Confident beginners will have no trouble making this block. More advanced quilters will enjoy trying out the variations and playing with design possibilities. You will need a sewing machine, rotary cutter, a small cutting mat (a 12" square is plenty big), a ruler that is at least 14" long, scissors or thread snips, pins, neutral colored thread, seam ripper and a finger-pressing tool. Instructor is Anne Wiens – please contact Anne at sweetgrassdesigns@yahoo.com or (406) 424-2240 with any questions. Please be aware that parking is a short distance from the building. This classroom is located on the first floor of Brockmann Center. Registration fee is \$50, which includes printed handouts, rotary cutting templates and lunch; after December 29 the fee is \$65. **Class is limited to 20 participants.**

THE THRIFTY QUILTER

January 7, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Brockmann Center, Room 105

If you quilt, you have scraps. Many scraps. Mountains of scraps. It's just not in our nature to throw them out, but they do tend to take over our sewing spaces. What to do? In mild desperation, the instructor has devised a system for dealing with scraps...organizing them and putting them to work making more quilts! To begin the class, we'll explain the system and show you a few of the hundreds of quilts you can make with it. Then we'll have fun making some of the blocks you can make with just three standard-size units. Beginners will learn some of the basic "building blocks" that make up many traditional quilt blocks. More advanced quilters may want to bring extra pieces and graph paper and play with different block and quilt ideas. You will need a sewing machine, rotary cutter, small cutting mat, ruler, pins, scissors, seam ripper, marking pencils, a finger-pressing tool and neutral colored thread. Instructor is Anne Wiens – please contact Anne at sweetgrassdesigns@yahoo.com or (406) 424-2240 with any questions. Contact Anne via email to receive the materials list for this class. Please be aware that parking is a short distance from the building. This classroom is located on the first floor of Brockmann Center. Registration fee is \$40, which includes printed handouts and lunch; after December 29 the fee is \$55. **Class is limited to 20 participants.**

BASIC BEADING

January 7, 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Brockmann Center, Room 216

Students will learn basic beading techniques including bead selection, stringing, crimping and attaching findings. Upon completion of the class, students will have finished a simple jewelry piece such as a bracelet, necklace or earrings. Students may bring beads of their choice or purchase beads from the instructor. Students will need to purchase additional supplies for class including beading wire, crimp beads, clasps, and embellishments as desired from a local craft store. Instructor is Janet Trethewey, Professor of Education, MSU-Northern. Please contact the instructor at treth@mtintouch.net or (406) 265-8023 for suggestions prior to purchasing supplies on your own. Registration fee is \$20; after December 29 the fee is \$25. **Class is limited to 12 participants.**

NAVAJO SILVER JEWELRY CASTING

January 7 & 8, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Brockmann Center, Room 211

This two-day workshop is designed to introduce Navajo jewelry casting. Participants will have the opportunity to learn basic concepts of silver casting fundamentals and foundry methods. At this introductory level, participants will learn brief history, styles, and designs of Navajo silver casting. The participants will be introduced to design, layout and mold carving techniques. Basic foundry tools will include a torch, crucible, files, polishing and finishing equipment. Projects will be hands-on to produce a satisfying keepsake through the unique jewelry casting process. Participants must provide safety glasses and gloves. Instructor is Andrew Johnson, Adjunct Professor, MSU-Northern. Registration fee is \$110, which includes supplies (silver findings and molding materials); after December 29 the fee is \$115. Renewal units are available. **Class is limited to 10 participants.**

QUILTED RAGGY FLANNEL JACKET

January 8 & 9, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Brockmann Center, Room 105

Come have fun during this workshop while you cut and sew flannel strips into a jacket or vest! This is an opportunity to try out all the various decorative stitches your sewing machine has! Participants will need to bring the following supplies: 1-1/2 yards each of two flannel prints or solid fabrics for sleeves and strips, plus 3/4 to 1 yard each of 4 different complementary flannel fabrics (fabric should be pre-washed in cold on gentle cycle), sewing machine, scissors, and various threads (contrast or variegated). Some cutting mats and rulers will be available for use or you may bring your own. Instructor is Cari Goebel-Frahm, Adjunct Professor, MSU-Northern. Please contact the instructor at (406) 395-5289 with any questions. Please be aware that parking is a short distance from the building. This classroom is located on the first floor of Brockmann Center. Registration fee is \$60, which includes the jacket or vest pattern and two lunches; after December 29 the fee is \$75. **Class is limited to 12 participants.**

NAVAJO SILVER PINE NEEDLE CASTING

January 9 & 10, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Brockmann Center, Room 211

This two-day workshop will allow participants to experience the creative art of free-form Navajo silver casting through the use of pine needles. Participants will make a relatively simple free-form mold that will result in a fine piece of silver jewelry. You will not only make jewelry, but will take with you the hands-on experience of old style Navajo foundry casting. This will truly be a conversation piece that will bring many compliments of its unique design and beauty. No two will look alike due to its marvelous uniqueness. Basic foundry methods will include a torch, crucible, files, polishing and finishing equipment. All participants will be required to have safety glasses, gloves and needle nose pliers. Instructor is Andrew Johnson, Adjunct Professor, MSU-Northern. Registration fee is \$110, which includes supplies (silver, pine needles and hoop ring); after December 29 the fee is \$115. Renewal units are available. **Class is limited to 15 participants.**