

BEGINNER BRONZE CLAY - SESSION 1

Teacher : Angela BADUEL CRISPIN - Professional jewelry designer and certified senior instructor for metal clays

3 days / 21 hours of training

From Monday 22th to Wednesday 24th May 2017

9 am to 12 pm and 1 pm to 5 pm

Limited to 10 students - Minimum 6 students

Bilingual training (french and english)

Presentation : This training module aims to introduce students to essential bronze clay techniques: preparation of the material, construction and fabrication, and its specific firing requirements. While bronze clay is similar to silver clay as far as workability is concerned, it requires its own specific firing.

Objective : To discover bronze clay, its working properties, tools and techniques.

Teacher's statement : *"I love teaching and sharing my passion and my knowledge of the very specific metal clay techniques. I love to see students, in turn, express their personal creativity with what they have learned. It's a great satisfaction to see students learn, grow and gain confidence, express and develop their own style during a workshop or throughout various workshops, coming back year after year. As one of the first teachers at the Pôle Bijou, I was able to see the structure grow and establish itself as a dynamic and very modern training center. Being part of the team of teachers of the Pôle Bijou is an honor and an immense pleasure!"* Angela

Testimony of a former student : *"This training taught me the essential techniques allowing me to express my imagination and create the jewelry pieces I desired, both in their technical complexity as well as in the ideal choice of materials and firing specifics."*

Validation : A certificate of prior learning will be delivered at the end of training

Detailed program : Students discover and learn to prepare bronze clay, a malleable material composed of an alloy of metal powder (90% copper and 10% tin) mixed with an organic binder and suspended in water. Metal clay is metal with the consistency of the clay and is formed, sculpted, and modeled to make unique objects and jewelry pieces. You will make various pieces in class (pendant, a hollow lentil, ...) using different techniques, shapes, textures and surface treatments. The jewelry pieces made by the students in class will be fired at high temperature, burning the binder and fusing the metal particles. The result: objects made of solid metal having all the properties of bronze. Students will then finish their pieces in class as time permits

Target group : general public

Prerequisite : No Prerequisites

Cost : 395 euros - which includes : learning center and instructor, necessary tools and materials (basic tools, firing, metal clay, finishing etc.), administrative and educational follow-up.

What students should bring : Apron - Dust mask - Note pad - basic materials kit (scissors, pens, pencils, colored pencils, eraser, glue ...) - Small air-tight container to keep the clay fresh - Small container with lid for sanding - small mixing bowl to mix the clay (Stainless steel, plastic or enameled ceramic dish/bowl) - Spatula or small stainless steel fork or spoon - Nail files or small files of various shapes - Flower preserving crystals (found in gardening shops - optional). All of this material will be useful to continue working with metal clay after the workshop.

Meals and lodging : Lunch break being of only one hour, we invite students to plan a picnic lunch. Many housing solutions are available in the region (camping, camping-car, hostels, B&B, hotels ...). A list is available on our website, but also upon request to our secretary.

For administrative registration : Enrollment in advance is compulsory - Seats are limited and enrollment is taken in chronological order of receipt - To be taken into account, enrollment must imperatively include the following duly completed and signed forms: contract, registration form, internal regulations form, image rights form, accompanied by a personal liability insurance certificate and payment of all training costs, paid in the form of several checks cashed according to the schedule defined in the training contract. In the case of registration by an organization or employer taking over all responsibility for enrollment, the files must be duly completed by them and accompanied by a personal liability insurance certificate.