

For Immediate Release

Judi Forman returns to the Working Artist Program

Canal Street Art Gallery, in Bellows Falls, Vermont, is pleased to present: Judi Forman, the next artist to participate in the Working Artist Program, open on 3rd Friday Gallery Night April 19th through August 10th. This program is an artist's studio and exhibition space within the Gallery, and is open during the Gallery's regular hours, Tuesday to Saturday, from 10am-5pm. All gallery events are free and open to the public, for wheelchair accessibility call 802-289-0104.

“My jewelry work is all about color and texture. More about surface design than metalsmithing, though metalsmithing is, of course, a big part of it, I'm always on the lookout for new ways to add color and texture to the metal. Me and the metal: we work together, we communicate. I work in several different metals and combinations of metals using metalsmithing techniques, patinas, dyes, colored pencils, and anodizing. This creates an abundance of possibilities.” -Judi Forman

Judi Forman, based in Westminster, Vermont, is a metal artist creating one-of-a-kind artist jewelry. Forman works with silver, copper, niobium, titanium, and steel, using metal-working techniques such as anodizing, imprinting texture, and drawing with colored pencil. The artist uses layered sheets of metal, shaped into works such as “Three Moons Brooch” and riveted together. Using patina and colored pencil, the artist creates abstract compositions often inspired by nature on the multiple surfaces she has shaped. Forman's most recent work using colored pencil on copper, adds both bright color and texture to the artist's jewelry.

The goal of the Working Artist Program is to provide artists with an affordable space to complete a project, explore a new body of work, gain exposure and sales, or prepare for a solo show. Visitors to the Gallery now also have a unique chance to engage with an artist as they create their art. The public is welcome to come in to learn about and experience the process of art making. By offering a working and exhibiting space which is open to the public, with new artists every one to three months, the program contributes opportunities for dialogue, events, and classes to the community.

The Working Artist Program is open to all artists with priority for local artists. Working Artists are expected to interact with gallery visitors, discuss their artwork, process and practice, and answer questions. Artists process their own sales and curate their own space. Upon completion of the program, artists present a self-curated solo show within their space to coordinate with a Bellows Falls 3rd Friday Gallery Night event.

Canal Street Art Gallery is located at 23 Canal Street, in Historic Downtown Bellows Falls, Vermont, and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00am to 5:00pm. For more information about *Judi Forman*, the Working Artist Program, or Canal Street Art Gallery, go to canalstreetartgallery.com online, call Mike by phone at 802-289-0104, or send emails to artinfo@canalstreetartgallery.com.