

## Intermediate Silversmithing

Welcome to the GV Lapidary Club Intermediate Silversmithing Class! You must have completed the Beginning Silversmithing Class to participate in this class. Further, you must have made at least three pieces of jewelry prior to taking this class and you must have your own personal tools. Bring your jewelry that you made and your tools to class with you. This class will be of little benefit to you if you have not completed the three jewelry pieces and the instructor has the authority to not allow you into the class if you do not meet the entrance requirements. Attached you will find several pages of material to read before you come to class. Also, be sure to review the written information that was furnished to you during the Beginning Silversmithing Class. The instructor will answer any questions that you have on the new material prior to your commencing with your project. Please remember to bring a check or cash to pay for material costs at the first class meeting.

You may make a ring, a pendant, or a pin. These pieces will be more complex than the pendant that you made in the Beginning Silversmithing Class. They may include various types of trim—twisted wire, etc., stampings, unique cabochon mountings, a split half-round ring shank, or other features. The Club will furnish finished stones, trim and silver. You will be responsible for your stone and silver and must keep it with you between classes. If you need a chain for your pendant or a pinback for your pin, they will be furnished to you by the Club.

The class is taught by unpaid Club volunteers to take you further into the craft of silversmithing. The jewelry is a byproduct of your learning efforts. If you do not complete your piece, you may join the club and work with current members to continue your silversmithing hobby. Please do not ask the instructor to complete your piece for you. You should be able to do that on your own. Try it, you'll like it! If you really need help, ask any member for advice. We've all been there before.

Further advancement into more complex jewelry is usually accomplished by completing additional classes and working with the friends that you will make as you participate in the Club. Also, videos and instruction books for many projects are available to Club members by signing them out for home study.

We encourage your membership in the Green Valley Lapidary and Silversmithing Club. You will be offered a membership during the class. There is no obligation for you to join the club. However, if you decide at this point that you would like to continue learning and making more jewelry, you must have your own tools and materials and take a Club membership to use the facility.

Please be prompt to attend the class at the starting time listed. Since this is a group instruction class, we cannot take time to back up and start over for late arrivals. It's better to be a few minutes early rather than five minutes late. See you in class!

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