

Jan Stephens

Master Wire Jewelry Artisan

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Highlights of Qualifications and Achievements

- Diverse arts background that includes interior design, watercolor, textile creations, mixed media art, jewelry design, classical piano, flute, guitar and vocals,
- **Owner/Designer/Instructor** - Wrapsody Jewelry Studio, Athens, GA, 2006 to present.
- **Publications** - Southern Distinction Magazine, Step-By-Step Wire Jewelry Magazine, and Bead and Button Magazine.
- **Instructor** – Athens and North Georgia Area –
 - “Innovations in Wire Jewelry”; University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education, Athens GA,
 - “Innovations in Wire Jewelry”; Athens Technical College – Athens, GA,
 - Quinlan Art Center in Gainesville, GA,
 - Oconee County Arts Foundation-Watkinsville, GA,,
 - Athens, GA - Area arts and crafts stores,
 - Wrapsody Jewelry Studio – Owner/Designer/Instructor, Jan Stephens
- **Instructor** - Wildacres Retreat, Little Switzerland, N.C. - Southeastern Federation Mineralogical Society, April 2011, 2012 and 2013.
- **Instructor** – John C. Campbell Folk School, Brasstown, NC, July 2014
- **Instructor** – William Holland School of Lapidary Arts, Young Harris, Ga, Wire I, Wire II and Wire III, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016, 2017 and booked for Summer 2018 and 2019.
- **Instructor** – Winter Garden Arts Association, 127 South Boyd St., Winter Garden, FL – 2016 to present
- **Instructor** – Crealde’ School of Art, 600 St. Andrews Blvd., Winter Park, FL 32792 – 2016 to present
- **Instructor**, Partner and Studio Artist – Creative Journey Studios in Buford, Ga, 2010-2013
- **Professional Educator and Refined Trainer** - combining expertise as a Master Degreed teacher with intuition and distinctive design talents to provide an optimum training environment to grow beginning students into advanced creators of wire jewelry art.
- **Teacher of the Arts** - 13 years experience teaching art education to elementary and middle school age students.

- **Professional Learning Designer and Trainer** – Planned and facilitated professional learning sessions for teaching staff of over 300 participants per year; 1992-2010.
- **Non-profit Administration and Leadership** - directed a large department including 1500 students, 312 staff with an operating budget of over \$11 million annually.
- **Grant Writer** – Authored and Received awards of \$82 million in grant funds from 1992 – 2010.
- Extensive background in marketing and recruiting – promoting educational services and recruiting students to grow department from 54 students to 1200 students over of period of 18 years.
- Self-motivated, creative, professional with the ability to work independently and as a team member.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.

Education

- Bachelor of Science-Education, University of Central Florida
- Master of Arts-Special Education, Brenau University
- Educational Leadership, University of Georgia

Art Related Training and Professional Development

- *William Holland School of Lapidary Arts*
 - Advanced Wire Jewelry – Betty Baxter, Instructor, Summer 2004
 - Advanced Wire Jewelry – Mel Long, Instructor, Summer 2005
 - Advanced Chain Maille Jewelry – Betty Baxter, Instructor, Fall 2005
 - Advanced Wire Sculpted Jewelry – Dawn Thornton, Summer 2006
 - Advanced Wire Jewelry – Ann Metts, Winter 2007
 - Advanced Polymer Clay Jewelry and Face Canes and Mokume' Gane' – Barbara McGuire. Summer 2010
 - Cold Connections and Fold Forming – Kathy Morris and Kim St. Jean, Summer 2013, 2014, and 2015
 - Silversmithing – Nancy English and Doc Thompson, Summer 2013 and 2015
- Advanced Wire Jewelry – Preston Reuther, Summer 2004
- Polymer Clay – Instructor, Barbara McGuire, Summer 2007
- Precious Metal Clay - Instructor, Barbara McGuire, Summer 2007
- Advanced Wire Jewelry - Dale "Cougar" Armstrong - 2008
- Precious Metal Clay – Instructor, Barbara McGuire, Fall 2009

Professional Memberships

- Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation – Business Member
- Northeast Georgia Women in Business Forum

Bio

Jan has a diverse arts background that includes classical piano, interior design, watercolor and acrylic painting, textile creations, and ultimately jewelry design. For the past 17 years she has used freeform creativity and an artistic flair to create her one-of-a-kind, improvisational pieces. She displays her designs on her website www.wrapsodyjewelry.com. She has been featured in several magazines including *Southern Distinction*, *Step-By-Step Wire Jewelry* and *Bead and Button* magazine. She lives in Winter Garden, Florida and has been teaching wire jewelry classes for the past 15 years at many locations including her own Wrapsody Jewelry Studio located in Winter Garden Florida, the William Holland School of Lapidary Arts, Creative Journeys Art and Design Center in Buford, GA, the University of Georgia Center for Continuing Education, the Oconee Cultural Arts Foundation, Athens Technical College-Department of Continuing Education, Ann Peden Studio, Watkinsville, GA, John C. Campbell Folk School, Wildacres Retreat in Little Switzerland, NC., and other locations. Jan attained degrees in early childhood education, special education and educational administration from the University of Central Florida, Brenau University and the University of Georgia. She retired with a thirty-six year career as a professional educator and refined trainer, and now melds her teaching expertise, intuition and distinctive design talents to provide an optimum training environment to grow beginning or intermediate students into advanced creators of wire jewelry art. Her classes are an entertaining and educational experience where students take wire wrapping and design skills as well as beautiful creations with them at the end of each course.