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Collection of Deutches Goldschmeldehaus





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BIOGRAPHY

Helen Blythe-Hart, inventor of the acclaimed Heat Zone Soldering Method, has been practicing her metal artistry for over 27 years and teaching students for 15 years both at University and Community levels on the East Coast and locally. She has won numerous awards in this country and her work has been collected internationally by the Deutsches Goldschmeidehaus, a metalsmithing museum in Germany, and Orphan Pharmaceuticals in Paris, France. Other corporate collections include the Hyatt Regency, Johnson and Johnson, and AOC Corporations. She specializes in sterling silver and glass sculptures with a futuristic edge, and loves to combine natural stones with patterned gold and silver to create lushly extravagant jewels that sparkle with brilliance and articulated movement. Degrees include a BFA in metals from Indiana University, and soon, an MFA in Sculpture and Metals from Georgia State University. Certified Graduate Gemologist (GIA) and member of the Society of North American Goldsmiths. Her work is shown in art galleries across the US.

TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

Helen Blythe-Hart takes a patiently light hearted but disciplined approach to Metalsmithing. Her methodology incorporates the best of old world style technique combined with an innovative new expedited style for faster and easier professional quality results that have grown from her decades of extensive experience as a production oriented jeweler. Classes include many tips, tricks and shortcuts to reduce frustration, especially when it comes to soldering. Her Heat Zone Soldering Method is emphasized in all of her classes. Students can begin learning by doing step-by step projects and are then encouraged to develop their own sense of design while learning to master the multifaceted metal techniques that appeal to them. Helen has taught at Universities and Community Centers nationally and even teaches other instructors and professional jewelers how to hone their skills and improve their production time while developing their business acumen. Techniques she specializes in, besides soldering, include all aspects of silversmithing, from raising to forming to forging and all types of jewelry both silver and gold. Beginning through advanced stonesetting is encouraged with all types of bezels, prongs, channel and pave' style methods. Above all she believes in a better world through creating beautiful art.