

BOUND EARTH

Andrea Williams • Metalsmith

Artist's Statement

Growing up in Maine, I spent my summers sailing the coast, exploring it's forests, rugged islands, and tidal pools. By age six I could recognize most native plants and animals and was forever fascinated with the limitless variety nature provides.

I live in the woods. I stack rocks for fun. I hunt for wild mushrooms. I keep bees. I spend summer days gardening. I find beauty in improbable places.

My jewelry is an expression of the wonder I sense in the overlooked intricacies in nature. When we see stones in infinite numbers underfoot at the beach, we cannot help but to miss the unique perfection in each. I use reclaimed precious metals in conjunction with seemingly ordinary organic materials to capture that sense of wonder in each piece. A wearable reminder of the beauty too easily overlooked.

Education

Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Jewelry and Metalsmithing 1993

Exhibitions

Honed 2015

Gaffa Gallery 2015 Sydney, Australia

Along the Eastern Road 2014

Hermitage Museum & HARDY/s Norfolk, VA

VIBRANT DIVERSITY, 2013

De Novo Fine Contemporary Jewelry, 250 University Avenue, Palo Alto, CA

ROCK ON, 2013

Facere Jewelry Art Gallery, 1420 5th Avenue, #108, Seattle, WA

THE DE PATTA PROJECT, 2012

Velvet DaVinci, San Francisco, CA

2012 ARTISTS AWARDS, 2012

Society of Arts and Crafts, Boston MA

JINGLE THIS, NOVEMBER 2011

Taboo Studio Contemporary Jewelry, 1615 1/2 West Lewis Street, San Diego, CA

IN LINE IN METAL, OCTOBER 2011

Aaron Faber Gallery, 666 5th Avenue, New York, NY

SOLO SHOW: STONES, 2011

Patina Gallery, 131 West Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, NM

GEOGRAPHY: BY AJF AT THE 2011 SNAG CONFERENCE, MAY/NOVEMBER 2011

Presented at the 2011 SNAG Conference by Art Jewelry Forum, Seattle, WA / SOFA Chicago

AUTUMN JEWELS, AUGUST 2010

Carlyn Gallery, Dallas, TX

NEW ARTISTS FOR THE NEW DECADE, MAY 2010

Patina Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

PUTTING THE BAND BACK TOGETHER, MARCH 2008/AUGUST 2008 Juried group exhibition at 2008 SNAG conference and Georgia Museum of Art

FROM MINIMAL TO BLING, NOVEMBER 2007

The Society of Arts and Crafts, Boston, MA

Awards, Press, and Publications

CRAFT BOSTON

Best in Show (December 2015)

SMITHSONIAN CRAFT SHOW

Excellence in Jewelry (April 2015)

CRAFT BOSTON

Excellence in Jewelry (March 2015)

ALCHEMY 925

Excellence in Jewelry (May 2015)

METALSMITH MAGAZINE

Earth Bound Beauty(vol 35, 2015)

SHOWCASE 500 ART NECKLACES

Publisher:Lark Books (July 2013) Featured Artist

ART JEWELRY MAGAZINE (COVER)

art.jewelrymakingmagazines.com (January 2013)

WINNER 2012 NICHE AWARDS Professional

Fine Art Category www.nicheawards.com

(February 2012)

SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS 2012 ARTISTS AWARDS

www.craftboston.org (November 2011)

SAUL BELL DESIGN AWARD 'BEADS' 2011 FIRST PLACE

www.saulbellaward.com (June 2011)

2011 MORT ABLESON SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Revere Academy of Jewelry Arts (November 2010)

SAUL BELL DESIGN AWARD 'GOLD/PLATINUM' 2011 FINALIST

www.saulbellaward.com (November 2010)

'500 GEMSTONE JEWELS, A SPARKLING COLLECTION OF DAZZLING DESIGNS'

Publisher:Lark Books (March 2010) Featured Artist

'THE JEWELER'S STUDIO HANDBOOK'

Author:Brandon Holschuh (February 2009) Featured Artist

INTERVIEW: THE ART OF MAKING JEWELRY

www.theartofmakingjewelry.com (July 2010)

'BEST OF SOUTH SHORE LIVING'

South Shore Living Magazine, www.ssliving.com (August 2010)

NICHE AWARDS 'SCULPTURE TO WEAR CATEGORY' 2010 FINALIST

www.nicheawards.com (January 2010)

'ARTFUL ADORNMENT' BY BONNIE JERNIGAN

South Shore Living Magazine (November 2008) Featured Artist

'INNERVIEWS' INTERVIEW BY PAINTER, JENNIFER JONES:

<http://jenniferjonesart.blogspot.com/> (February 2008)

Galleries & Retail Representation

THE SOCIETY OF ARTS AND CRAFTS

175 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02111

CHARON KRANSEN ARTS

817 West End Avenue (by appointment), New York, NY 11215

PATINA GALLERY

131 West Palace Avenue, Santa Fe, NM 8750

SHAW GALLERY

126 Maine Street, Northeast Harbor, ME 04662

FIRE OPAL

320 Harvard Street, Brookline, MA 02246

Shows

SMITHSONIAN CRAFT SHOW

29th Annual Smithsonian Craft Show, Washington, DC, April 2011, 2015

PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM OF ART CONTEMPORARY CRAFT SHOW

Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA, 2013, 2014, 2015

CRAFT BOSTON HOLIDAY SHOW

Society of Arts and Crafts, Boston, MA 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

AMERICAN CRAFT COUNCIL

ACC Baltimore Show, Baltimore, MD, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015

RISD ALUMNI HOLIDAY & FALL SALE

Providence, RI, Oct, and Dec, 2008, 2010, 2011, & 2013

SOUTH SHORE ARTS CENTER

South Shore Arts Festival, Cohasset, MA, June, 2007-2013

ART PALM BEACH

Charon Kransen Arts, West Palm Beach, FL 2013

BASEL MIAMI

Charon Kransen Arts, Miami, FL 2012

SOFA CHICAGO

Charon Kransen Arts, Chicago, IL, 2012

INDULGE

Bellevue Arts Museum, Bellevue, WA, 2011

LOOT 2011

Museum of Art and Design, New York, NY, 2011

Professional Organizations

AMERICAN CRAFT COUNCIL

SOCIETY OF NORTH AMERICAN GOLDSMITHS (SNAG)

ETHICAL METALSMITHS

SOUTH SHORE ARTS CENTER

