

WIRE & BEADED JEWELLERY MAKING WORKSHOP

Generally the Group meet monthly in each others homes with the occasional visits to relevant exhibitions. Recently we attended an all day workshop in the studio of Linda Jones local jewellery maker, tutor and author of books on her subject.

All tools and materials were supplied at our places of work around the large central table in her light and airy studio.



Linda started by showing examples of the sort of pieces we would achieve by the end of the day and with great patience took us through each stage. Gradually our confidence increased as our reluctant fingers mastered using the tools and wires in a more disciplined way. For the morning project we each wire wrapped our chosen stone, culminating in a decorative loop through which our chosen thong or ribbon would be threaded. Various clasps were demonstrated and constructed onto the thongs.

We had a convivial lunch outside in the garden soaking up the sun. The afternoon session was more free flow using different sizes of beads with the wire wrapping ending up as pendants or earrings in an abstract style.

We plan another workshop for the autumn to produce simple jewellery and decorations for Christmas.

Linda will be taking part in the South East Open Studios in June and shell be based at Dibgate Farm, Sundridge.

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