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Artist Gail Golden found her voice and passion in the art of jewelry-making. Learn more by visiting her website.



Aquamarine Ring: Sterling Silver, 14k Gold, Diamonds and Aquamarine

I had a very active upbringing in Idaho and Montana, and now live in New Mexico. I loved exploring the outdoors, and collecting and polishing rocks and minerals.

In college, as a fine arts major, I explored so many different mediums. I tried my hand working for a while as an illustrator and photographer, but wanted to express myself in 3D. When I finally discovered jewelry-making I was thrilled to begin collecting "rocks" again in the form of precious gems.



Baroque Pearl Collection: Natural Freshwater and Tahitian Pearls, 8-13mm, Set with Sterling Silver, 14k Gold and White Diamonds

Jewelry making is so hands-on; I get to play with fire, metal, and beautiful glittery gemstones! I am constantly looking for interesting ways to combine texture and color.



Triangle Bracelets with Diamonds: 10mm Wide Triangle Wire Bracelets Set with .15ct White and Brown Rose Cut Diamonds



V Necklace: Sterling Silver, 14k Gold Bezel Set with 6x6mm Step Cut Swiss Blue Topaz

The best part about making jewelry though, is the connection I make with my customers through my work. I have found that jewelry has a deep meaning to people. Many of us convey our essence through our adornments. I especially enjoy working with my client's heirloom gemstones to create something completely personal and contemporary.



Mini Silver Flower Earrings: Sterling Silver with Blue Zircon, Amethyst and Rhodolite Garnet



Golden Drop Earrings: Sterling Silver with 14k Gold Beads

Like many artists, I learned how to support myself with my work after I began making jewelry. I was working full time outside the art realm and making jewelry in my spare time.

In the beginning I developed a style that was consistent throughout my pieces. Then I began consulting with a nonprofit business development group that gave me the tools I needed to support myself through my art.



Turquoise Signet Ring: Sterling Silver Band, Flush Set White Diamonds, 10mm Turquoise Cabochon Set in 18k Gold



Silver, Steel and Gold Cuff: Sterling Silver Cuff with Plate of Steel and Fused 20k Gold

I have not had to sacrifice creativity to meet my goals; I feel good business management and making art are two sides of the same coin.



Steel and Turquoise Cuff: Steel, 20k Fused Gold, 14x14mm Nevada Royston Turquoise Cabochon Set in Fine Silver



Artist Gail Golden in her studio

Living in the art town of Taos for the past thirty-two years has been an important source of inspiration.

I share my studio with my husband who is also a jeweler. Our styles are so different but we toss ideas around and act as each other's adviser.

Artist Gail Golden invites you to follow her on Facebook, Instagram and Pinterest.