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OBJECTIVE

- ❖ To attend and participate in more art shows around the country.
- ❖ By creating more handcrafted one-of-a-kind jewelry to present at these art shows, I hope to gain a better business and further my ability to design and craft more choice pieces.
- ❖ To exhibit and share my art with my fellow artisans.

EDUCATION

- ❖ Attended Eastern Kentucky University
- ❖ Graduated in 1995 with a Bachelors in Art
- ❖ Trained in jewelry by Tim Glotzbach at EKU
- ❖ Trained in printmaking by Don Dewey
- ❖ Studied in Florence, Italy under Tomaso Fuji

WORK EXPERIENCE

- ❖ Have operated and owned a retail and custom shop since 1991
- ❖ Provide retail and wholesale repair
- ❖ Create original jewelry either through my design or the customer's design
- ❖ Kentucky Guild of Artists and Artisan
- ❖ Gem Cutter: Lapidary Services

MEMBERSHIP

- ❖ Juried member of the Kentucky Craft Market
- ❖ Juried member of the Kentucky Guild of Artisans and Craftsmen
- ❖ Member of the Michigan Guild, The Guild of Artists and Artisans
- ❖ Member of the Ohio Designer Craftsmen

PAST SHOWS

- ❖ Kentucky Craft Market, March 2005 through 2007
 - Kentucky Craft: The Market's 25th Anniversary
 - Orsam Sylvania Designer Showcase Participant 2007
 - Designer Showcase Participant 2008
- ❖ Kentucky Guild of Artisans and Craftsmen Shows since 2000
- ❖ Annual Capital Expo Festival: June 2006
- ❖ Holiday Fair: November 2006
- ❖ Tucson Gem Fair: January 2007
- ❖ Elmhurst Museum: Art in the Park, May 5-6 2007
- ❖ Berea International Fair: May 17-20 2007
- ❖ Arts on the Green: 2007-2008
 - Award winner 2008
- ❖ Francisco's Farm: 2007-2008
- ❖ New York International Gift Fair: August 11-15, 2007
- ❖ Woodland Art Fair: August 17-18 2007
- ❖ Mayfest: Lexington, KY. May 10 2008

UPCOMING SHOWS

- ❖ Tucson February 2009
- ❖ KY Craft Market: February 2009
- ❖ Francisco's Farm

CURRENT PROJECTS

- ❖ Acid Etched Collection, crafted by using 14K, fine silver and alloy
- ❖ Kentucky Agate Line, cutting and designing jewelry from Kentucky's state mineral to create distinctive and matchless jewelry that displays the beauty of the Kentucky Agate
- ❖ Cutting and polishing stones that feature unique markings
- ❖ Creating distinctive pieces of jewelry, whether custom projects or own works

PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Kentucky Monthly: December 2007
- ❖ Lapidary Artist: May 2008
- ❖ Richmond Register: June 2008