



Jewelry Making

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Overview of the Program

Our program is designed to educate people interested in jewelry making about different techniques and styles of jewelry making. We hope to include monthly visits to local studios and galleries so that our program members can expand their knowledge. The program is also designed to help people improve their jewelry making skills. Each month we hope to provide our program members with a different activity that will be fun and educational. We hope to have frequent jewelry making nights where all members will practice techniques and learn new things from the other members. We also hope to visit local a local after school program as well as selling pieces made by our member to benefit a charitable organization.

Learning Objectives

Learning Objective 1

Members will be required to produce at least two pieces each week (excluding the first week of school where we will be focusing on getting to know each other). We will take into account various skill levels and time used per piece.

Action Steps

- a) We hope to have weekly group meetings. The times will be flexible based on member's schedules and availability.
- b) This said, dates and times of these meetings will be set beforehand and attendance will be mandatory unless a member discusses a conflict with one of the program directors beforehand
- c) These meetings will be a chance for members to receive constructive criticism to help them improve skills

Learning Objective 2

To show our group members realistic careers and successful artists in the jewelry making community we will schedule monthly visits to local studios and galleries. This will include the

following and can be modified based upon member's interests: glassblowing, clay, metal working, beading and more.

Action Steps

- a) Monthly visits will be planned in advance so members can work out their schedules accordingly. We want these visits to be mandatory, but we understand that classes come first. The visits will be fun and educational and we will do our best to work around everyone's schedules.
- b) We want each member to go away from the visit having learned something and we want the jewelry made in the week following the visit to reflect some aspect of the technique presented.
- c) Since we will be going on approximately six studio visits we hope that at the end of the year our pieces will reflect the variety of techniques that our program has learned throughout the year.

Learning Objective 3

Our program will interact regularly with other programs within the Living Learning Community. This will be important so that members will be offered the opportunity to network within the L/L community and learn from other programs.

Action Steps

- a) We will work with neighboring program directors to set dates and times for activities, and to plan collaborative events that will be fun for everyone.
- b) Some of the other programs that we hope to work with include: Pottery Making, Fiber Arts, Photography, Music Appreciation and any others that wish to collaborate.

Community Service

We will be having one Jewelry Sale each semester to raise money that will be donated to a variety of charities that our program members agree upon. We also will participate as a group in the Relay for Life because it is an important cause and it will encourage program bonding.

Plans for Interactions with Other L/L Programs

It is important to us as program directors that our members interact with other programs in the Living Learning community because we know that we are surrounded by so many different creative minds and inspirations. This is why interaction with other programs is a definite part of our Action Plan. We know that it will be easy to collaborate with other programs because that is the basis of the community here in Living Learning and we are excited to be a part of it all.

Our program will fit in most with the Arts Initiative Residential Learning Community. Jewelry is an art form that allows people to create with their hands and their mind. It takes a lot of knowledge and skill to create jewelry as most art forms require. We think that Jewelry Making would be a valuable asset to the Arts Initiative.