The Chinese chop is one of the most interesting and beautiful of Chinese cultural traditions. Chops, or name seals, have been used in China for hundreds of years, and were, until recently, the only “official” means of signing important documents by everyone. This workshop presents the history, the different types, and the varied uses of seals in China both today and historically. Teachers will take away ideas for its use in the classroom and in what ways it relates to our Vermont Standards.

Everyone will understand the significance of the seal in the Imperial Court and as it was used by artists in the many art studios throughout history. Participants will have their names translated into Chinese and then proceed to making their own name seal which they will be able to use in many ways.

High School students transfer their translated names onto their chop and begin carving.