

# HAMMERED! An Exhibit of Wearable Art

By Jewelry Artist **Michele Grady**

Michele Grady has been interested in art throughout her life. She started working with acrylics, pastels and oils at a young age, moving on to three-dimensional art such as paper-mache and wheel-thrown pottery as she grew older. Eventually, her love of the arts led her to metals, which she has been working with for over 18 years. Though she has taken classes on occasion to learn specific techniques of her craft, most of her acquired skills are self-taught and were obtained and honed through trial and error. Michele teaches classes and workshops in metal smithing, PMC and beading as well as sells her work in many galleries through out the United States.



Michele creates her one-of-a-kind wearable art pieces using sterling silver, semi precious stones and sometimes incorporating gold into her designs. To maintain the highest standards, she alone personally performs all the creative aspects involved in her work. Her ideas are derived from her imagination as well as from the shapes and the colors of the stones and metals she uses. Her artwork is fabricated solely out of flat pieces of metal and wire. Each piece is cut, filed, formed, textured, soldered, stone set and polished all by hand, resulting in a simple yet unusual piece of adornment.



*"Michele Grady's jewelry designs capture a true essence of what modern women wear: the right balance of contemporary design entwined with wear ability and a dash of truly feminine spirit. Her pieces are special creations that work with any style of dress, from formal wear to jeans and a t-shirt. Every woman should own some of her work."* -Julie Basello-Holt, Creative Genius Art Gallery & Studio