

Ann Marie Bucchino

Glass, Jewelry & Wire Artist

South Mills, NC

I pursued my love of stained glass when I moved to North Carolina in 2002. I studied the art of stained glass for three years with a master glass craftsman in Virginia Beach, learning the Tiffany copper foil and traditional lead construction methods. I enjoy using Tiffany's plated glass technique, which enables me to bring more depth to my creations, I also like to work with 3-D projects and I especially enjoy creating Pet Portraits in glass.

I am inspired by the colors and textures in nature and enjoy bringing life and movement to the static hard form of glass. I design my own patterns, taking images from everyday life and transforming them into lovely pieces of art that will last for many, many years. A natural transition has been to work with Mosaics and Fused Glass to expand the creative use of glass.

For the past three years I have been making Fine Silver jewelry, having studied the artform at d'Art Center in Virginia Beach. I take inspiration from nature, but sometimes go abstract, being locked into one style is not where I am right now. Some of my pieces are molded using leaves, pods, flowers and other things found in nature.

I have recently begun studying the art of Wire Wrap and find that it is a wonderful way to create wearable art using fused glass and fused dichroic cabochons that I have created.

I've taught classes in Mosaics, Artistic Rubber Stamping, Collage and Altered Book Art at local craft stores, the Arts of the Albemarle and through the Northeast NC Craft Workshop.

In addition to the Albemarle Craftsman's Fair, my work is available at:

- Visit my Art Fire store at <http://glasseleganceplus.artfire.com>
- Arts of the Albemarle at The Center, 516 E Main Street, Elizabeth City, NC
- Perquimans Arts League Gallery, 109 N Church Street, Hertford, NC
- Contact me directly at 252-267-4044 or email: glasselegance@mcshi.com

Additional pictures of my work are available for viewing at

www.picturetrail.com/glasselegance

