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Meaning below the surface

Kim makes beautiful silver jewellery, and also works with other materials to express her ideas.

Kim says her training in graphics makes her see surfaces as something you can put your stamp on. She decided early on she didn't really want to follow a graphic design path but move more into decorative design. "I probably should have been a cake decorator", she says with a laugh.

From her training at Art School, Kim had worked with various materials from fabric to ceramics and was keen to try her hand with metal and metal surfaces. She was attracted to silver - "there's a bluish light about it that's very restful but draws you in".

Over several years Kim produced jewellery on a small scale, combining it with her paid work. All the time she was developing her skills including completing several workshops run by the Silversmith Guild.

When a health issue put Kim out of the workforce for a while, she seized the chance to follow up on a one year Jewellery Design course at Hagley Community College. This course offered the chance to learn new techniques such as acid-etching and each new technique gives her

more scope for new designs.

Kim approached the Angel Fund and a loan was granted to help with fees and silver to work with.

After the course finished, Kim had several beautiful pieces in an exhibition at Gallery O in the Arts Centre and this resulted in sales.

Kim takes her inspiration from spiritual concepts and conceptual design but says you need to be real too. "There's a lot of trial and error. A lot of money is spent on experimentation and getting the technique right to produce work of high quality", she says, "even a basic skill like soldering takes time and patience. But when it all comes together and evolves into the final piece, that's the most satisfying part".

Like so many artists, Kim works to get a balance between earning a living and expressing herself through her art. "I'm often working in a couple of different mediums. The silver is very expensive but clay isn't! My latest work has been in ceramics". Whatever the medium, I imagine Kim's creative spirit will continue to see her producing quality pieces with strong design.



Angel Funds 300th Loan

Marina was delighted when she learned her application for a loan for study fees was successful. The Committee members were too as this was the 300th loan since the fund began some thirteen years ago.

www.roseannejones.com

Roseanne has been working fulltime as a visual artist for the past 12 years. She uses the internet both to showcase her art and sell through on-line stores.

On her website, Roseanne says she takes her inspiration from fashion, nature & the female form. Her work is wide-ranging and includes black and white landscape photography, fabric collage and vibrant art prints in emo, punk, gothic & erotica styles.

Roseanne says a lot of the images start out in digital form but others begin life as hand-made artwork and are then scanned or photographed into a digital format. The digital format allows the art to be used to personalise a range of products including; home decor, clothing, accessories, home & office products and mobile wallpapers.

Checkout Roseanne's website and stores and be inspired. You can start your own store for free with www.artamatik.com

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Body, Mind, Spirit Festival

Many thanks to the organiser, Deryn, whose support makes it possible for us to use this wonderful promotional opportunity.

Let's get this party started

Are you selling or thinking of selling products by party plan? Anne, who also offers some business coaching to the Angel Fund, has written a complete guide to success in your party plan business. Angel Fund has a copy of her book that I am happy to lend or you can order a copy from her website

www.thepartyplanexpert.com

For each book sold, Anne is kindly donating 50c to the Angel Fund.

What is the Angel Fund?

We are a women's saving and loan fund. We aim to support women in their efforts to improve their financial position. The Angel Fund offers a savings scheme and small loans to women on low incomes for the purpose of small business, education, or moving into work.

Recent loans have been for

Jewellery materials, business cards, leaflets, printing t-shirts, course fees and supporting businesses from beautician to mental health educator.

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