

# SUZANNE SPISANI

## Curriculum Vitae

### EDUCATION

- 2025 BFA, Jewellery Design and Metalsmithing, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, (NSCAD) Halifax, Nova Scotia
- 2023 Comprehensive Stone Setting Certificate, New Approach School for Jewellers, Arrington, Tennessee
- 2018 Diamond Essentials Certificate, Gemological Institute of America (GIA), Online via New York, New York
- 2010 Honours Diploma, Jewellery and Small Object Design, Kootenay School of the Arts (KSA), Nelson, British Columbia

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2010-2023 Spisani Designs, Sole Proprietor creating custom jewellery, repairs and production work for private clients and the trade.
- Current Canadian Jewellery Cooperative, Founder, Online jewellery classifies including external sponsorships
- 2009-2012 Co-Founder and Board member Art First! Co-operative Gallery, Revelstoke, British Columbia
- 2008-2011 Revelstoke Visual Arts Centre (RVAC) Volunteer
- 2007-2008 Resident Artist, Revelstoke Visual Arts Centre (RVAC), Revelstoke, British Columbia

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2015-2020 Private Instructor, Spisani Designs Sole Proprietor, one-on-one fabrication and stone setting instructor for trade jewellers
- 2011 Apprentice Mentor, BC Government Return to Work Program; responsible for the training and one-on-one mentoring of jewellery-making techniques and administrative duties
- 2007-2008 Okanagan School of the Arts, Jewellery Instructor, Penticton, BC
- 2001 Assistant Ceramics Instructor/Technician, Peterborough School of the Arts, Peterborough, Ontario

### EXHIBITIONS

- 2023 "The Earring Show", Juried Group, Craft Council of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia
- 2011 "Seasons", Juried Solo, Revelstoke Visual Arts Centre (RVAC), Revelstoke, British Columbia

- 2010 "The End of the Beginning", Juried Solo, Revelstoke Visual Arts Center, Revelstoke, BC
- 2010 Year End?, Group, Touchstones Gallery (Now Nelson Museum and Art Gallery), Nelson, British Columbia
- 2009 METAL Inclinations International Exhibition, Juried Group, The Society for Midwest Metalsmiths
- 2009 Emerging Students, Group, One of a Kind Show, Toronto, Ontario
- 2009 Christmas Show, Juried Group, Kootenay School of the Arts, Nelson, British Columbia
- 2008 "Belonging", Juried, Revelstoke Visual Arts Center, Juried, Revelstoke, British Columbia
- 2008 "Metamorphosis", Juried Group, Revelstoke Visual Arts Center, Revelstoke, British Columbia

## COURSES + SEMINARS

- 2022 *Jewellery Photography* with Chocianaite, Seminar, Online via Bristol, United Kingdom
- 2022 Jewelry Business Academy, *Jewellery Marketing*, Online via Toronto, Ontario
- 2021 GIA, *Tangled up in Neon Blue: A Review of Paraiba Tourmaline*, February 2021
- 2016 Flourish & Thrive Academy, *Laying the Foundation*, Online
- 2008 Foldforming, Jewellery Essentials Certificate Course, Instructor: Charles Lewton-Brain, Alberta College of Art and Design (ACAD), Calgary, Alberta
- 2008 Repairs, Jewellery Essentials Certificate Course, Instructor: Linda Chow, Alberta College of Art and Design (ACAD) Now AUARTS, Calgary, Alberta
- 2001 Ceramics Handbuilding course, Peterborough School of the Arts, Peterborough, Ontario
- 2001 Ceramics Wheel Throwing course, Peterborough School of the Arts, Peterborough, Ontario

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society of North American Goldsmiths (SNAG)  
 Co-Adorn Art Jewellery Society  
 Gemological Association of America (GIA) Alumni Association

## SCHOLARSHIPS + GRANTS + AWARDS

- 2023 3rd Place Award, Hall's Harbour Photo Competition, Nova Scotia
- 2011 Green Business Award, Revelstoke, British Columbia
- 2011 Mentorship Grant, BC Government
- 2010 Project Grant, BC Government
- 2009 Project Grant, BC Government

## CURRENT GALLERIES

The Studio, Dresden, Ontario

## MEDIA + INTERVIEWS

2023 Jewelry Business Academy Popcast, Artist Interview, March 2023  
2014 The Sarnia Journal, Sarnia, Ontario  
2013 The Sarnia Observer, December, 2013, Sarnia, Ontario  
2012 Revelstoke Times Review, online, 2012, Revelstoke, British Columbia  
2012 Revelstoke Times Review, Feature Article, Revelstoke, British Columbia  
2011 Arts Guild of Canada (MAG), School article, Toronto, Ontario  
2011 The Carrot Box Jewellery Blog, November 2011  
2011 Revelstoke Review, November 2011, Revelstoke, British Columbia  
2011 The Revelstoke Current, Biographical Article, 2011, Revelstoke, BC  
2010 Metal Arts Guild of Canada (MAG), School Issue, 2010,  
2010 "*Grand Opening*", The Revelstoke Current, Revelstoke, BC  
2010 The Revelstoke Current, Member of Artists' Cooperative, February 2010, Revelstoke, BC  
2010 Kootenay Business, Kootenays, British Columbia  
2010 The Revelstoke Times Review, *New Store Opens*, November 2010, Revelstoke, BC  
2010 The Revelstoke Current, *Silver Touch*, November 2010, Revelstoke, BC  
2010 The Revelstoke Current, The End of the Beginning, August 2010, Revelstoke, BC  
2010 Reved Publications, *Artist in Profile*, Summer 2010, Revelstoke, British Columbia  
2008 Revelstoke Times Review, "Artist Profile" Article, July 2008, Revelstoke, BC