

FACETS OF JEWELS BY DESIGN

Celebrating our 20th year of fine jewellery design

a periodic newsletter for clients of Llyn L. Strelau JEWELS BY DESIGN Ltd.



Warren Smith

We invite you to meet Warren Smith, hand engraver and founder of The Coast Handworks Co., our October guest.

Born on the west coast of British Columbia, Warren was influenced by Native Art at an early age. He began carving and painting original works as early as age 12. After high school he became a journeyman machinist, attracted to the intense precision required of the profession. He found it complementary to his own artistic standards.



Family shield crest engraved on gold signet ring



Family crest and motto with lion rampant on signet ring



Base of engraved knife blade

Smith left the machinist trade to advance his studies in goldsmithing and hand engraving, a career path he has followed ever since, fulfilling his constant desire to create. The Coast Handworks Co. specializes in hand crafted jewellery, pendants, family crests and Coats of Arms, plaques, firearms and knives.

"The passion for what I do is continually growing," Smith declares. "I love what I do; I meet each day with enthusiasm."

Utilizing age-old techniques at a workbench with chisels, small hammers and other elegant tools, The Coast Handworks Co. represents a trade that was nearly lost to

the modern world with the advent of mechanical automation and more recently, computer-assisted design.

The savings created by mass-produced pieces has meant lower cost to the consumer, continued overleaf...



Steel sample plate showing script and block lettering, intertwined monogram, foliar scroll and heraldic lion for family crest

EVENT CALENDAR

OCTOBER: our Special Guest

Warren Smith – Hand Engraver

Demonstration and Exhibition

Thursday, October 14 10:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Friday, October 15 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Come alone or bring your friends

NOVEMBER 1 & 2

We are thrilled to welcome back Paul-Otto Caesar from the German firm of Gustav Caesar. Paul-Otto, the fifth generation of this family company founded in 1840 will have a wonderful new collection of the finest coloured gemstones and whimsical carved flowers, bugs and animals. We will also feature one of the firm's talented lapidaries, Mr. Jankhe, who will be demonstrating the art and science of gem-cutting.

DECEMBER

Come for a glimpse into Santa's workshop and join Llyn and staff for some holiday cheer.

SAPPHIRE LORE: Sapphire, September's special stone, can be colourless, or almost any colour: yellow, orange, green, violet, brown and especially the most popular - blues of any hue. If red it is the related gemstone, Ruby. The Sapphire has been used since ancient times. In Medieval times it was held to protect one from harm and envy. As it would darken if worn by the unfaithful, Sapphire necklaces were presented to the wives of young warriors. The French of the 13th Century believed it transformed stupidity to wisdom and irritability to good temper. Whatever its power, it continues to be a popular gem.



Fabulous suite of rainbow-hued triangular cut Sapphires. 53 stones with total weight of over 10 carats.



THE ART OF THE HAND ENGRAVER

often with less artistry in the work. Public appreciation of things crafted by hand is increasing. With artists like Warren Smith we no longer have to say, "they just don't make things the way they used to."

Now firmly established as a world-class engraver and goldsmith, Smith's Coast Handworks Co. has designed and created pieces for celebrities such as Sylvester Stallone, David Bowie, Kevin Costner, Diana Krall, Trevor Linden and former Governor General Romeo le Blanc.

Smith has also produced countless showpieces commissioned for private collectors as well as the film industry including the display and dedication plates for JFK's Cartier watch and James Dean's sunglasses and pocket watch.

Warren Smith can be found engraving and working on his property in rural B.C. with his wife and four children.



Sterling Silver 25th Wedding anniversary pendants: Book and cover are engraved with Celtic Tree of Life motif and set with family birth stones inside is engraved with family member's names.

Some examples of collaboration between Warren Smith and the designers at Jewels By Design



Bracelet set with heavily chased and engraved gold plaque.



Diamond ring with hand-engraved ornamentation



Engraved celtic knot ring with diamonds. Can you spot the windsurfer?

PENUMBRA...

*Half-shade/half-light...
neither black nor white...
caught in the shadows...
eclipsed...
chiaroscuro...*

This neckpiece designed by Llyn Strelau won an award in the South Sea Pearl division of

The Canadian Jeweller Magazine's *Excellence in Design Awards*

competition this summer. The neckpiece is made of 18 Karat yellow gold and platinum and is set with 28 Black to Grey free-form South Sea Keshi Pearls and 28 triangular faceted yellowish to bluish green sapphires. It is available to view and try on at Jewels By Design.



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OCTOBER The Engraver's Art

Jewels By Design is very pleased to have Warren Smith visit our shop to demonstrate his skill. The art of hand-engraving appeared to be on the wane when Warren introduced himself to us two years ago. Machine-engraving is adequate for trophies and inscriptions but nothing can match the detail, depth and personality of a hand-engraved piece. Having Warren as a collaborator has opened up a world of new possibilities for our jewellery design. In addition to traditional engraving like inscriptions and dates on jewellery and your family crest on a signet ring, Warren can also take the tradition of engraving and apply it to fresh designs for the 21st century. Intricately carved Celtic knot patterns as well as more abstract designs are all possible. We are very excited about the possibilities as we blend the ancient art of hand-engraving with contemporary design.

We welcome you to visit Jewels By Design to meet Warren and view examples of his fine engraving. He will give working demonstrations of the art of engraving in our shop on **Thursday, October 14 between 10:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.** and **Friday the 15th between 10:30 and 5:30.**