

Artist's Bio for Kaska Firor

Kaska Firor, a Cincinnati based artist, has been involved in various arts all her life. She graduated from the College of Design, Architecture, Art, and Planning at the University of Cincinnati with a degree in Interior Design. Later she pursued her interest in the arts by taking up clay sculpture, stained glass, creative sawing, and eventually wire art.

Kaska has been designing and creating wire-crafted jewelry since the summer of 2000, when she took her first instruction in that medium from a Colorado artist. Since then she has continued her education in jewelry arts by attending William Holland School of Lapidary Arts in Georgia, as well as taking classes provided by local and visiting artists.

Kaska is most well known for her one-of-a-kind pendant and pin designs that incorporate hard-to-find, hand-picked precious and semi-precious stones. She selects her stones based on their beautiful colors, unusual shapes, and interesting patterns and textures. Her designs are inspired by the beauty of each stone and aim to reflect its uniqueness. Kaska's handcrafted chain designs are also very popular. She uses age-old chain making techniques to create beautiful necklaces, bracelets and earrings.

In the past several years Kaska has participated in a number of shows including such prestigious events as *Winterfair*, *Hyde Park Square Art Show*, *Art by the Falls*, *Sugarloaf*, *By Hand*, and many others.

Kaska lives in Montgomery with husband, Tom and their three teenage children.

Starting in October, Kaska will be teaching classes at AllyBeads in Milford, Ohio. For information on her classes, visit www.allybeads.com or call 513/831-8300. AllyBeads is located at 16 Main Street – Milford.

