



About Ann Finley

Combining her love of folk art with fine art and individual expression, artist Ann Finley celebrates a career of artistic exploration, evolving from 3D metal artist to jewelry artist.

Transplanted from New Jersey to Atlanta more than 20 years ago, Ann began her professional career as an administrator and licensed professional counselor at Emory University. During this time she enrolled in metal sculpture class at Atlanta College of Art in hopes of finding a creative hobby to balance her 9am – 5pm daily life behind a desk. Instead she found her passion and without a second thought, left her multiple degrees behind to pursue a career in art.

With a torch in hand, Ann founded IronCraft Folk Art and spent 8 years creating metal animals flowers, angels and other whimsical images from her world. Her art won the hearts of many and her IronCraft creations found homes in galleries across the country, museum gift shops and national catalogs, including the front cover of *Sundance* and the back cover of *Eddie Bauer*.

Always exploring new forms of expression, in 2005 Ann downgraded to a smaller torch and began creating smaller, pendant-sized versions of her beloved sculptures. She added precious metals, gemstones and enamels to her whimsical pieces to discover yet another love worth pursuing. In August of 2008 her talents were recognized and Ann accepted a scholarship from the Arrowmont School of Crafts to further develop her enameling and jewelry making skills.

Having undergone yet another re-invention of herself, Ann left her 3D metal work behind to focus on her newest passion, “art to wear.” Her ever growing line of sterling silver, gemstone, and enamel jewelry became a hit on the festival scene and is being introduced into boutiques across the country. In 2007 Ann began creating a line of pendant jewelry for the pet love in us all, which she lovingly named the Barking Cat Jewelry collection.

Ann continues to hand make all of her jewelry pieces in her Decatur, Georgia studio. When not pampering her dog Bruno and cats Jack and Squeaker, Ann is busy serving on the Decatur Arts Festival committee, volunteering with local arts festivals, supporting local animal rescue organizations and teaching local art classes to the next generation of artists.

For more information about Ann or to view the entire Ann Finley Jewelry collection, visit: www.annfinley.com.