



Jeanne Abriel

Fireworks Enamels

Jeanne Abriel is a Southern California enamel artist living in Spring Valley California, near San Diego. In her early years she studied several art techniques, including drawing, pottery, and silk painting. All of these studies have provided a basis for her enamel work. She has explored many enameling techniques but her focus is on cloisonné, an ancient technique used for decorating metal. In cloisonné thin wires are bent to form a decorative design (usually closed cells called cloisons). The enamel is wet-inlaid into the cells, in many thin layers, and each layer is fired in a kiln at 1450 – 1500 degrees. Most of Jeanne's work in jewelry is done in transparent Japanese or French enamels on fine silver. The silver is often textured using stamps, roller printing, or engraving to provide an interesting background that can be seen through the clear vivid layers of color.

Jeanne was educated as an enamellist by Pat Aiken in San Diego. Her training included enameling in both opaque and transparent enamels on copper and silver, and a variety of techniques: stenciling, sgraffito, enamel painting, use of silver and gold foil, and separation enamels.

Jeanne's work can be realistic or non-objective. She is influenced by things in the natural world, and the work of many artists, including Japanese enamels and prints, Art Nouveau, Paul Klee, and Wassily Kandinsky. Her current vision is to make a major improvement in her cloisonné technique, to achieve better control of line work and transparency of color.

Jeanne has participated in a number of exhibitions and art shows, including:

Brooch the Subject – Next Door Gallery, San Diego, December 2012
Small Image Show – Spanish Village (Balboa Park) San Diego, February 2013
Art in Bloom – Spanish Village (Balboa Park) San Diego, July 2013
Mission Trails Art in the Park, October 2015
Doggone Art Show, Spanish Village (Balboa Park), November 2015

Jeanne Abriel's work can be viewed and purchased at The San Diego Enamel Guild (Studio 5) in Spanish Village, Balboa Park, San Diego, and on her website, www.jeanneabriel.com.