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## Workshop Information and Student Supply List

Workshop: **Keep Your Pants On: The Metal Belt Buckle** with **April Franklin**

Date: June 7-9, 2019

Studio Location: Welding Barn

### Class Description:

Focusing on ferrous materials, learn different fabrication techniques to make custom belt buckles. April will cover soldering, brazing, and MIG welding, in addition to exploring cold connections as functional design elements. Explore different methods of developing textures and depth while designing a buckle to your personal aesthetic.

### Supply Information:

Your supply fee covers the use of basic supplies - welding wire, sheet and basic rod, angle, and tube, and other consumables associated with the welding studio. In addition, your instructor requests that you bring the following materials:

- Denim or cotton apron (Snow Farm cotton aprons are for sale) (optional)
- Gloves, your own safety glasses
- A sketchbook or notebook and drawing or writing utensil, sharpie

### Important Safety Guidelines for the Welding Barn:

Proper attire:

- Wear a long sleeved shirt. Wear only natural fibers – cotton is best.
- NO Polyester fabrics: they will melt and combust against your skin around a flame.
- No open-toe shoes. Leather shoes or work boots are best.

Please also bring the following safety gear:

- Pair of clear safety glasses and ear protection (Snow Farm has basic safety gear but you may be more comfortable if you bring your own)
- Water bottle to stay hydrated
- Pair of comfortable work gloves
- If you wear contact lenses, it's a good idea to have a supply of saline eye drops handy--contacts can dry quickly with the exposure to heat.
- Hair tie to tie back long hair

### Open Studio Guidelines for the Welding Studio:

Instructors in welding will outline safety guidelines for students who are staying to work during open studio.

The **use of power tools, equipment, and welders will be limited** and is at the discretion of your instructor.

Please read the following guidelines as you plan to make use of your open studio time:

- Between 4:30pm and 9pm students may work alone in the studio. We suggest *bringing a cell phone in case an emergency arises and you need to contact the on-site coordinator.*
- After 9pm, when the coordinator makes final rounds, we require that two individuals are present in the studio in order to continue working with any power tools or equipment allowed by your instructor.
- There is to be no consumption of drugs or alcohol in the studios, nor shall students work in the studio when under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- The last person in any studio at night is responsible for studio shutdown procedures, turning off all lights, and closing the shop doors.

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Bio:

April Franklin has over 25 years of experience with metal. From working on maintaining large scale outdoor pieces to producing one of a kind architectural pieces and following her own passion for pattern welded steel, April has a wealth of experience with a wide range of materials. She has taught at the Penland School of Crafts in N.C., the Steel Yard, in R.I., and the SMFA@Tufts, in Boston, MA.