

Sawing Circle Recap for May 20, 2025

Miranda just finished her first session of teaching online at Pocosin—congratulations! She also mentioned that instructors at the Crucible, where she teaches, are unionizing. You can support their efforts by signing the form [here](#).

Our topic for the meeting was upcycle/recycle, and Renee presented examples of her upcycled work. Here are some highlights:

Upcycled pieces and parts from my dad with added enamel nail



Upcycled cookie tins



Plastic fluorescent light diffuser with alcohol ink and red sharpie marker highlights



Bamboo Knives (eating utensils) with Prismacolor pencils



(Reversible)

Aluminum scrap:



2-liter soda bottles and alcohol ink—Fabiana Gadano class



Renee also talked about DTG (Direct to Garment) printing, using “printer poop” (the excess plastic filament ejected by a 3D printer when changing colors or during print purging), and sublimation printing. This is an example using the last of those:



Thanks, Renee, for your fun and fascinating presentation!

Marianne shared pictures of pieces she made using, from left to right, plastic wine corks, a spoon, and an old earring:

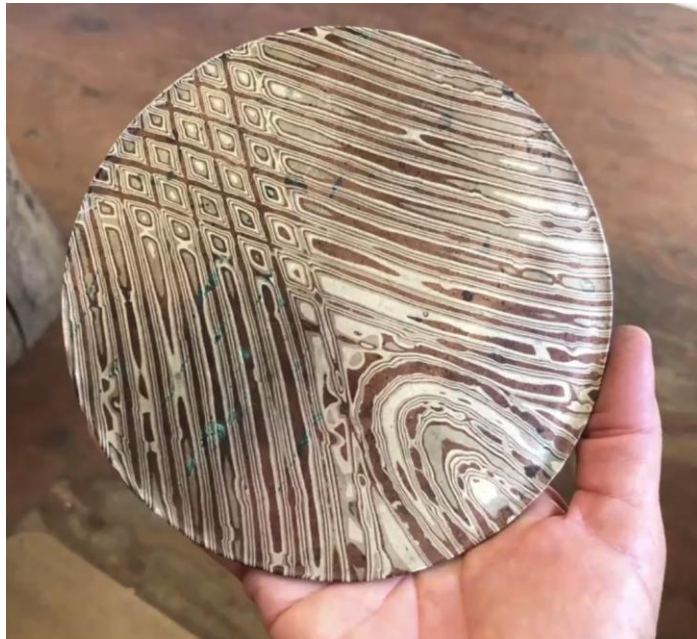


Annie talked about creating wrapped pieces using brick and rock:



Jan mentioned that she has a lot of old charms she'd like to use. Marianne suggested using them as zipper pulls, and Ame thought the charms could become part of little scenes. Kathe told us she has used old game tokens and ferry tokens when creating her faces.

After that discussion, Anne showed us a piece she is making using a mokume sheet made by the late Phillip Baldwin. (Read a lovely tribute to him [here](#).)





She also shared rings made for her friend and former intern Francesca's upcoming wedding. Anne made Francesca's ring, and Francesca made her fiancé's:



Kathe is making this entry, "Handyman," for the San Deigo County Fair. We can't wait to see photos of her other submissions, too!



Jean showed us one potential layout for the piece she is making from metal she formed using her hydraulic press:



Annie shared that artist Flavio Franco has adapted his jeweler's saw so that he can use two blades at once. You can see him in action [here](#).

Finally, Ame revealed a new design for Ocean Month. Go giant shrimp!



See you on June 3rd, friends.

Best,

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