



- Home
- News »
- Weather
- Sports »
- Blogs
- Business »
- Entertainment »
- Technology
- Health »
- Archives »
- La Voz »
- Hispana
- Services
- Classifieds
- Cars
- Realty Wizard
- Apartments
- Shopping
- Personals
- Community
- Visit Lancaster
- My Headlines
- Talkback
- eEditions
- Photos
- Features
- Celebrations
- Obituaries

Work with discarded jewelry teaches craftsmanship, stewardship

By MADELYN PENNINO, Staff
Intelligencer Journal

Published: Oct 17, 2007 1:56 AM EST

LANCASTER COUNTY, Pa. - Students of fine metalworking at Hempfield High School are learning something old is sometimes better than something new.

Nathan Boring, a student art teacher at Hempfield, has begun participating a project called Radical Jewelry Makeover. In it, metal students discover recycled jewelry is good for the environment.

A national organization called Ethical Metalsmiths created Radical Jewelry Makeover as an opportunity for communities to generate unique merchandise by recycling and producing makeover jewelry.

Boring said he brought the program to Hempfield because he believes artists should be resourceful.

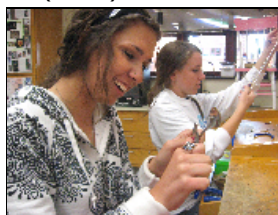
"It's important to make a contribution," Boring said. "I believe in the one-starfish theory: Change starts with one individual."

Since the project began a month ago, Boring said, donations have been pouring in from the

Photos/Media



Nathan Boring, student teacher at Hempfield H...(more)



Students Vera Wagner and Emily Laufer work wi...(more)

Article Tools

- [Printer Friendly Format](#)
- [Order a Reprint](#)
- [Email This Article](#)
- [Related Articles](#)
- [More Entertainment](#)

Linking Tools

- [Save to del.icio.us](#)
- [Digg This](#)

Member Login [Not a Member?](#)

Username

Password

Search

LancasterOnline

Member Login [Not a Member?](#)

Username

Password

Search

LancasterOnline

Member Login [Not a Member?](#)

Username

Password

Search

LancasterOnline

- Special Sections
- Columns >>
- Interests >>
- Customer Service
- Subscribe
- Care Center
- Place an Ad
- Advertising
- Contact Us
- Live Support
- Site
- Site Map
- Keyword Index
- RSS Feeds
- Need a Website?

community. "We're getting precious stones, gold and everything in between," Boring said.

Companies that mine metals and minerals produce many toxins. Eighty percent of all the gold that is mined is used to produce jewelry. On average, 20 tons of waste rock is generated for every gold ring, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Along with Hempfield's students, metal students from Millersville University and Franklin & Marshall College are participating in Radical Jewelry Makeover.

Hempfield senior fine metal students selected a few unique pieces to work with. Emily Laufer chose a bulldozer and leaf charm and a key to fashion a necklace.

Laufer said she thinks the project is a way to spark an artist's imagination and, at the same time, be conscientious.

"Gold pollutes the environment," Laufer said. "By using recycled jewelry to create new pieces, I'm helping to cut down on pollution."

Raquel Metzler is making a pendant out of several pieces of jewelry that are dull and faded. "I think this is great because it makes me think of what all I can do with these old things," Metzler said.

Amanda Hart said she also will make a pendant, but out of an old necklace, bracelet and some white beads. Hart said she prefers to work with worn items anyway.

"I usually work with found objects," Hart said. "I like to make old things into something new."

Whitney Pipkin said the project is teaching her that recycled materials are just as good as new ones.

"Sometimes I think they are even better," Pipkin said.

Boring, 32, who graduated with a bachelor's of fine arts degree from Millersville in 2002, is working on his teaching certificate.

He said the goal of Radical Jewelry Makeover is to teach students workmanship and responsibility.

"By learning how to recycle jewelry they are being contributing citizens and learning about the mining industry," Boring said.

Boring's supervisor, Hempfield art teacher Amy Edwards, said she has learned a great deal through Radical Jewelry Makeover.

"I think it's incredible," Edwards said. "Nate opened my eyes to this issue. It has raised my level of awareness to be more mindful about the materials we use."

Nov. 2, recycled jewelry will go on exhibit at The Candy Factory Gallery in the Keppel Building, 323 N. Queen St. The exhibit will run from 5 to 9 p.m.

Print this
Share

Videos

Tags

- Franklin & Marshall ...
- artist
- Millersville University
- art
- Hempfield High School
- recycling
- EPA
- jewelry
- gold
- Amy Edwards

Member Login

Username

Password

Boscov's NOW THROUGH APRIL 1ST, 2008

VIP Days
Our Biggest Home Sale of the Season

Extra \$10 off
One Apparel Purchase of \$25 or more
Almost No Exclusions* * See coupon for details.

August 14 - November 3
Paradise, PA
(800) 292-4301

DINNER THEATRE
Rainbow
B&B

August 14 - November 3
Paradise, PA
(800) 292-4301

DINNER THEATRE
Rainbow
B&B

August 14 - November 3
Paradise, PA
(800) 292-4301

DINNER THEATRE
Rainbow
B&B

Newspaper Advertisements

Cactus Willie's Kid's Night. \$.99 Kid's Meal Tuesdays After 3 PM. [Click For Details.](#)

Vera Bradley's - 2007 Girlfriends Collection at Optique.

[\\$2 Off Any Purchase Of \\$10 Or More At](#)

Nov. 2 and from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 3.

The Millersville University Jewelry and Metal Arts Guild is sponsoring the event and will donate 70 percent of all proceeds to Ethical Metalsmiths to continue its programs.

Donations of unwanted jewelry can be made until Monday at Millersville's Club Deville at the Student Memorial Center, Franklin & Marshall College's International House and McCaskey High School.

E-mail: mpennino@lnpnews.com

Related Headlines

- Hempfield teachers take up felting
- Earth Day '07
- Thinking outside the gallery
- Words, pictures go together in art show
- Plenty of choices

Lancaster

Great deals on everything Lancaster themed. Yahoo.com

Lancaster Apartments

Search by Price, Area, & Features. Photos, Floor Plans, Virtual Tours.

www.Move.com/Lancaster

Lancaster Singles

Check Out Lancaster Singles & New Results on lancaster singles

www.fastandfreesearch.com

Lancaster Ringtones

Send Complimentary Ringtones to your cell.

BestTones4U.info

[It's A Celebration Party Store.](#)

[25% To 50% Off Perennials And Trees At Frey's Nursery & Garden Center.](#)

[Auditions Being Held For Singers, Dancers & Actors Ages 8-18. Click Here For Details.](#)

[The Perfect Plan Showroom Grand Opening.](#)

[Medical Cosmetics: Experience. Price. Comfort. Results.](#)

[Hot Tubs Under \\$5,999.](#)

[Free Trading Card Pack With Every Webkinz Plush Purchase At Fifth Avenue Card Shop.](#)

Newspaper Advertisements

[Cactus Willie's Kid's Night. \\$.99 Kid's Meal Tuesdays After 3 PM. Click For Details.](#)

[Vera Bradley's - 2007 Girlfriends Collection at Optique.](#)

[\\$2 Off Any Purchase Of \\$10 Or More At It's A Celebration Party Store.](#)

[25% To 50% Off Perennials And Trees At Frey's Nursery & Garden Center.](#)

[Auditions Being Held For Singers, Dancers & Actors Ages 8-18. Click Here For Details.](#)

[The Perfect Plan Showroom Grand Opening.](#)

[Medical Cosmetics: Experience. Price. Comfort. Results.](#)

[Hot Tubs Under \\$5,999.](#)

[Free Trading Card Pack With Every Webkinz Plush Purchase At Fifth Avenue Card Shop.](#)

Newspaper Advertisements

[Cactus Willie's Kid's Night. \\$.99 Kid's Meal Tuesdays After 3 PM. Click For Details.](#)

[Vera Bradley's - 2007 Girlfriends Collection at Optique.](#)

[\\$2 Off Any Purchase Of \\$10 Or More At It's A Celebration Party Store.](#)

[25% To 50% Off Perennials And Trees At Frey's Nursery & Garden Center.](#)

[Auditions Being Held For Singers, Dancers & Actors Ages 8-18. Click Here For Details.](#)

[The Perfect Plan Showroom Grand Opening.](#)

[Medical Cosmetics: Experience. Price. Comfort. Results.](#)