

# **Penny Akester - Jewellery Artist and Tutor - [www.pennyakester.co.uk](http://www.pennyakester.co.uk)**

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I have been making jewellery since roughly 1995 and making continuously on a part time basis since graduating in 1999, turning to full time creating and teaching in 2009. I currently teach full time at a variety of adult education centres, but also continue my own practice creating tactile handheld jewellery that can be used as a therapeutic tool.

I developed the Pass It Along (jewellery) Collaboration Project and have run this annually since 2016.

**2017 - 2020                      Sessional Jewellery Tutor                      Mary Ward Centre**

Teaching regular daytime & evening classes in jewellery making

**2014 - **Current**                      Sessional Jewellery Tutor                      Hammersmith & Fulham Adult Learning**

Teaching regular daytime & evening classes in mixed ability silver jewellery making

**2011 - **Current**                      Freelance Jewellery Tutor                      London Jewellery School**

Teaching across a wide selection of their short jewellery making classes - beading, resin, polymer clay, silver/metalwork, silver clay, wax carving, fused glass and more.

**2010 - **Current**                      Freelance Jewellery Tutor                      Penny Akester Jewellery**

Teaching private jewellery making classes to individuals or groups, plus community teaching

**2012 - 2016                      Sessional Jewellery Tutor                      SCOLA - Sutton College**

**Exhibition Volunteer** - Kinetica Art Fair 2010 and Crafts Council - Collect 2009, 2010, Origin 2009

One of the **Artists in Residence** in the Jewellery & Silversmithing Dept at the Cass 2015 -17

**Craft & Design Selected Maker** - and - Arts & Crafts Design Awards Nominee 2015, 2016

## **Selected Exhibitions**

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- **Angel Christmas Fair - December 16**
- **Desire - Winchester - November 2016, & Chelsea Old Town Hall - London - February 2016**
- **The Found Gallery - Dunbar - Winter 2015/16**
- **Craft Central Open Studios - London - November 2015 to Spring 17**
- **Sir John Cass College of Art - Summer Show 2014, 2015, MA Show 2015**
- **The Beadworkers Guild, and The Braid Society - Travelling Exhibitions 2010 - 2015**
- **The Magic of Mackintosh in Beads - 78 Derngate, Northampton, October - December 2012**

## **Publications**

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- **The Bead & Wire Jewellery Designer's Bible by Renata Graham 2011**

## **Education & Training**

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### **MA Jewellery**

- **Sir John Cass College of Art (London Metropolitan University) 2015**

### **PTLLS diploma in teaching for adult education**

- **Westminster Kingsway College, London - 2009**

### **BA (Hons) Jewellery and Silversmithing**

- **Loughborough University School of Art and Design - 1999**

### **BTEC Foundation Course in Art and Design**

- **North Herts. College - 1996**

### **City & Guilds Certificate Level 2 - Bead Needle Weaving - 2014**

### **Art Clay Certification Level 2 - 2011**

### **Many & Various Short Jewellery & Design Courses**

- **Central St Martins, London**
- **Holts Academy, London**
- **Gem A, London**
- **City Lit, London**
- **VS Jewellery School, London**
- **In the Studio Jewellery School**
- **Working Men's College, London**
- **Kyoto Institute of Technology**