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Patrik Kusek chosen as featured Jewelry Artist

Patrik Kusek is the latest artist to receive the coveted position of Featured Artist for Yahoo Groups' Metal Clay Gallery. Adding to a decades-long list of accolades and critical successes in various areas of design and artistry, this latest honor places Mr. Kusek on the map of metal clay jewelry artists. In his own words, "I am honored to be the featured artist. This group provides a valuable resource for the metal clay community, and I'm proud to be a member of this very special family."

The Metal Clay Gallery (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MetalClay/>) is a destination site for all those interested in the world of fine silver jewelry and everything metal clay. The group boasts 2600 members worldwide, and describes itself as "a friendly and helpful group for anyone interested in Precious Metal Clay, Art Clay or related topics". Past featured artists have included such talents as Sherri Haab, Louis Kappel, Barbara Becker-Simon, Maggie Bergman, Robert Dancik, Louise Duhamel, and Gordon K. Uyehara.

An award winning designer and creative director, and a finalist for the 2007 Saul Bell Design Award, PMC category, Patrik's designs juxtapose a sculptural, modern aesthetic with an appreciation for the organic inspirations of nature. His experience in the worlds of design and fashion combine to form his unique brand and creative vision. After a long career as the owner and Creative Director at Wallop Design Group, a graphic design firm he launched in 2000, he now focuses his full attention designing jewelry and teaching PMC techniques from his studio in San Francisco's North Beach district and at The Nova Studio in Point Richmond. He lives near historic Alamo Square in San Francisco.

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