

Winterstone Workshop

Eleven people enrolled for the workshop. The creator of Winterstone, Lorne Winters, met the group and talked about the product and how it could be utilized in making medals. Winterstone is a cement-based product. The participants tried the material in the rubber molds that they had brought to the workshop. Winterstone requires many hours and days to dry so it was impossible to try all of the steps. The number of coloured patinas that are possible are limitless.

I felt that some of the steps appeared too difficult to understand so I worked with Lorne the next week and prepared a detailed and simplified approach to using Winterstone to make medals. This was sent to all of the participants.

Some people felt that they would like to continue with this material and they have agreed to share the cost as small quantities are needed for medals. Others felt that this was not the material for them. Lorne insisted that everyone be given his phone number so they could call for help if needed.

After the workshop everyone was invited to my home for tea. Enjoying a relaxed social time together was felt to be a big benefit for MASC. John made delicious sandwiches, Jane supplied date squares and Pauline brought lemon squares.

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Del Newbigging and Lorne Winters (creator of Winterstone)



L to R: Elli Konkle, Jane Juda, Lorne Winters, Pauline Dalby



Lorne demonstrating applying a backing to add strength



Examples of what is possible



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