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## annual christmas sale

For those of you who are new to Mimmic at the end of each year, in appreciation of your loyalty and support, Mimmic invites all clients and students to a Festive Christmas sale with snacks and drinks at the studio. Please pop in at your leisure during this time to stock up on tools and products at a 10% discount and share a glass of champagne or wine, coffee or tea with us. We look forward to seeing you all during the course of the day.

10% Sale applies to CASH payments only.

5% Discount will apply to card transactions.

10th December 2010

9am - 2pm

*Please note this sale price is only valid on purchases made between 9am and 2pm in the studio on the 10th December. NO telephone, email or postage orders.*



## angel pewter pendant kit



As mentioned in the last newsletter, the Bead Book magazine approached Mimmic a while back and requested that we provide them with articles with step by step instructions to create pewter pendants. The first pendant, in kit form (Tree of Life) was launched and has been an incredible hit.

The second pewter pendant kit in the range is now on our shelves. The Angel of Creativity is beautiful and the first batch we packaged was sold the same day. These kits include the templates, pewter, tools, felt and instructions to make each pendant and are available for **R130**, the kits make stunning gifts for Christmas or birthdays!



## the winner of 'story attached' is...



“My Mother-in-law asked me to make a trinket/jewellery box for her best friend's birthday - preferably with the butterfly image her friend liked a lot. This was still in the beginning stages of me learning how to do pewter repoussé, but I felt confident enough to try and make something for her. Everything went very well until I started the bottom two wings... disaster after disaster happened!! First I tore a huge hole into the left wing as I was pressing too hard, then I completely lost focus on the right wing and high relieved where I

should've low relieved and vice versa - it looked horrible and I was so disappointed! To try and rescue the situation I then decided to cut out the inside of the two wings, with the idea of redoing the original pattern on lose pieces of pewter and to try and glue it into the cut out pieces. As I was planning on the next step, I put the butterfly to the side onto a yellow folder that was lying on my desk - I immediately noticed how nice the colour showing through the wings looked. I then tried all kinds of different backgrounds until I remembered that I still have a sheet of copper foil somewhere in a cupboard. Putting the two together made a really interesting design, but it felt unfinished to me. After scratching around a bit more I found some orange rhinestones that complimented the copper foil and proceeded to add it to the design. The end result... a master from disaster!! That box still remains one of my favourites as it taught me to slow down when I work and not to be scared to add different colours, backgrounds or textures.  
Cecile

We loved Cecile's trinket box. It has been beautifully done, the lines are crisp and the overall appearance is clean, neat and beautifully polished. Cecile, you have used mixed media and colour beautifully. Well done! Please contact Michelle in order to receive your R200 gift voucher.

Send us a photo of an original piece of pewter work created by you with a story attached, that if chosen as a winner we can share in our future newsletters.

Winners receive a Mimmic Gallery and Studio R200 gift voucher.

## end of year closing times

**T**he studio will close on Friday 10th December 2010 and will reopen on Wednesday 12th January.

Normal studio hours are as follows:

Monday - Thursday: 8:00 - 16:00

Friday: 8:00 - 15:00

**Please note, we are not open on Saturday's, unless there is a Beginner Workshop, which is once a month. Please check our workshop dates to find out which Saturday we will be open.**

# mimmic news



**M**immic is in the midst of wedding fever. John and Simone Lingenfelder were married in October in a beautiful ceremony followed by a glorious



reception held at a game lodge in Bela Bela. Many clients and students saw the wine bottles and gift boxes in the making for the wedding.

- (1) John & Simone
- (2) Michelle & Simone
- (3) Mary Ann & Simone
- (4) The bridal



couple John and Simone and Michelle and Tyrone.



Michelle made this beautiful wedding plaque for John & Sim.

Thank you to clients and students for wishes sent to both John & Simone and Michelle & Tyrone.

## more mimmic news

**M**ichelle and Tyrone are happily finalising their last minute plans for their wedding on the 15<sup>th</sup> December and the excitement is building at a rapid rate. Wedding invitation and laser cut hearts filled the studio for days on end and now we are falling over wedding décor of all kinds and fighting for space as D-Day creeps up quickly. The final bit of creativity will be the making of the bridal bouquet which Mary Ann will make on the morning of Michelle's wedding. We are all hoping that Mimmic Gallery and Studio will revert to normality (or as close as possible) in the new year.



## a note from mary ann

**A**nother year has come and gone in a flash. 2010 has been a year with no breathers for Mimmic and everyone linked to the studio. We have seen the craft of pewter repoussé expand at a rapid rate and we can happily say that pewter repoussé has become the new topic of conversation in the crafts and arts industry.

Mimmic Gallery and Studio set out at the beginning of 2010 to promote all aspects of the craft and expand the awareness of the extraordinary beauty of pewter. We would like to believe that we have achieved this in many ways. So many of our students are now teaching all over the country and a load of our clients are supplying the corporate and retail industries with completed pewter works.

We have been so incredibly busy throughout the year that we have neglected to fulfill certain intentions that we set out to do, the most important of which was the teaching workshop that I so desperately felt the need to do. Having said this I have not swept it under the carpet and it is still on my very important to-do list in the new year!

My favourite work for 2010 is this set of stunning little evening bags which were created by Vicki from our Wednesday class. Sadly Vicki is leaving us to join her husband, (a cameraman for a British news channel) in Washington on contract. We will miss her on Wednesday mornings. The design for these bags is in my book and Vicki has captured them so incredibly beautifully. We hope you will send us emails from New York filled with news of your work. Vicki is intending to set up a teaching studio when she has settled there.



We exhibited at Hobby-X for the first time this year! What an amazing experience. A lot of hard work and effort went into making the show such a success for us. Thank you to all that contributed, we greatly appreciate your love and support. We launched our whole new look at the show, our new packaging as well as our new website!

**W**e are very proud to announce that you can find selected products on the shelves of Herbert Evans as well as many craft shops and teaching studios country wide. Lee Vorster in Cape Town (Melkbosstrand) is still doing so incredibly well and has been asked by Craft-



Wise magazine to do a step by step feature of our dress workshop. We are so excited for Lee and wish her well in 2011. (Left: Dresses that were made by students at our last dress workshop)

Wizards in Sasolburg is also doing incredibly well. The list of teachers and stockists of our products has grown enormously and at some point in the new year we will be adding these suppliers and teachers to our website. It is almost impossible to try and name all of them in one newsletter. If you own a shop that stocks our products please can you send your details to [Michelle](#).

Over the years we have had all kinds of helpers, part time workers and temps as well as family and friends that have been forced into hard labour to help us through various overloaded work issues. Kelly and Hannah did a superb job bar coding the stencils for Hobby-X.



A huge thank you must go to Nicole! She has been helping us in the studio with all kinds of things, from packaging to wedding invitations. She has been an enormous help!

My trip to Vietnam in August took me to some wonderful craft factories where I met with very talented artists and craftsmen, these visits allowed me the opportunity to investigate the options of future new products for the studio.

When I was in the States early in October I visited various arts and crafts companies and I must say one thing, don't ever under-estimate the talents and varieties of South African craftsmen and products! We could show America a thing or two in the craft industry. I wasn't particularly impressed with the crafts I came across but I did come back with a handful of possibilities which I am planning to work on early in the new year.

Last week I was invited by the Home Channel as a guest for the filming of the new series of Show me how. I was asked to demonstrate an advanced project and run through a simple project with the presenter. The new series will be launched in February 2011 and I will most certainly let everyone know through a newsletter what date it will be screened.



Don't forget to check your stock of pewter and patina and buy what you need before we close on the 10<sup>th</sup> December and remember that the Christmas Sale is always a stunning day with gorgeous snacks from Fatima of Simply Divine.

We always look forward to seeing our old clients and students as well as new faces that haven't made it to our studio during the year.

The end of product range price slash and the normal 10%(cash) or 5%(cards) discount is of course a huge bonus not to be missed on this day.

To the Wednesday ladies and anyone else that would be keen to join this class, don't forget to start planning or at least thinking of a subject or project for January. I have given our Wednesday ladies a challenge and the plan is for each one of them (including me) to design a major work of art or family heirloom which we can work on in between the smaller projects that we all land up doing. Possibly a three dimensional or a mixed media work or even the covering of a piece of furniture. Looking forward to seeing what each of you will come up with!

Finally, I hope I have been able to provide, through the studio, something positive that has allowed each and every one of you to benefit in some form or other. My intention in 2011 is to open more doors, create more ideas and inspire more people in this wonderfully exciting world of pewter repoussé.

To old students and clients that have moved away into their own ventures we hope you are creating beautiful things and fulfilling every moment of your life's dreams. To students and clients that we see on a regular basis we know you are filled with positive energy, we see it when you enter the studio, may this creative energy expand with vigor in the new year and may we all share our positive energy with fun and laughter as we come and go from Mimmic Gallery & Studio. To those clients who live far away and don't have the opportunity to experience the fun in our studio, I wish I could invent a way of packaging the creative energy that is shared in the studio and post it to you, express mail.

Have a blessed Festive season. Look out for the new workshop dates on our website in January and don't forget to book your seat for weekly classes which will resume mid-January.

Take care and thank you for your support and your friendship.

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## gift vouchers

For those clients whose families have asked them what they would like for Christmas and can't come up with ideas, don't forget Mimmic Gallery & Studio do lovely Gift Vouchers.

Mim & Mic would like to wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and an amazing 2011. If you are going away, drive safely and have a wonderful holiday!

Take care!

*Mim and Mic*

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