

Vale Craft Gallery

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Chickenscratch Lisa & Scott Cylinder

Lisa & Scott Cylinder began collaborating on jewelry pieces in 1988. They are both schooled jewelers and metalsmiths with over twenty years experience. Best known for their production work under the name Chickenscratch, which is shown in galleries across the U.S. and Canada, they have also displayed their one-of-a-kind pieces throughout the U.S.

The ideas for their jewelry are derived from numerous sources: nature, modern art, folklore and pop culture, to name a few. Technically, their jewelry pieces are made using simple, sometimes primitive processes. The construction of the work resembles tin toys from the first half of the Twentieth Century. The jewelry is intended to have a bit of a folk art appearance, rather than the look of a traditional piece of jewelry.

Most importantly, the work is a collaboration on many levels; a blend of inspirations and sources; a blend of observation and imagination; a blend of two people's ideas and techniques. Scott and Lisa believe their jewelry is very accessible due to its humorous, narrative nature, and the viewer's need to interact with the piece for the story to be told.

Jewelry Care: Always keep your Chickenscratch piece separate from your other jewelry when not being worn. Keeping it wrapped in plastic, tissue paper or soft cloth will help prevent damage to the surface finishes. Silver and gold plated surfaces can be cleaned with a delicate commercial polish and a soft cloth. Never spray perfume on or near your jewelry! This will surely harm the surface of the piece.