

Kathy Hansel Jewelry

Drawing from her Scandinavian heritage, jewelry artist Kathy Hansel has merged her love of Nordic cultures and art history with inspirations collected from the American Western landscape and its Native culture. Having lived and worked in the Aspen valley for the last 30 years, Kathy has blended her career as professional interior designer with her natural artistic instincts for color, texture and composition. This appreciation has drawn her to the decorative art of jewelry. During the last ten years, Kathy has honed her love of nature , anthropology , art history and a heightened color perception with a deep reverence for Native art , specifically Native jewelry design into a collection of jewelry that she calls "Alpine Tribal. " This collection merges silver smithing and the combination of elegant refined materials, such as pearls and precious gems opposing the imperfect textures of turquoise, bone and various stone beads in a refreshing way that whispers appreciation to those before us.

Born in Chicago, then raised and education in Karlstad Sweden, Kathy studied fine art and art history at the University of South Alabama and was a professional photographer for 7 years. She then moved to Colorado and attended (graduating first in her studies in interior design) the Colorado Institute of Art before moving to the Roaring Ford Valley. Before forming her own company, K B Hansel Interior Design, she worked as a designer with architectural office as well noted interior design firms.



Selfie of note: Kathy, Janne and Lynne while arranging Kathy's cases at the Gallery!



A smidgen of Kathy's creative inventory.

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