

The Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association presents our

St. Helena Silver Clay Jewelry Workshop

Sunday July 15 through Wednesday July 18, 2018

The Great Lakes Lighthouse Keepers Association is excited to again offer the Silver Clay Jewelry Workshop. Our instructor for this workshop is Hallie Wilson, a GLLKA member.

The material we will be using is Precious Metal Clay or PMC, which is a pliable, putty-like compound containing pure silver powder which can be molded, textured and layered, using a variety of molds, stamps or stencils. Once the design is complete, it is dried and fired using a small butane torch, which burns off the binder leaving a piece of pure silver jewelry.

Participants for this workshop will board the vessel Ugly Ann, moored in Mackinaw City, at 9 AM on Sunday, July 15, 2018. The boat ride to St. Helena Island, located seven miles west of the Mackinac Bridge, takes about forty-five minutes. Upon arrival to the restored, 1873 light station, the participants will settle into their rooms in the Lighthouse and then enjoy a



A few examples of the many types of silver clay jewelry you will learn to make in the workshop

grand tour of the station grounds and a large luncheon. The Lighthouse has four bedrooms. The two small bedrooms each have a double bed. The two large bedrooms have one double

bed and two twin beds each. The GLLKA will provide pillows and blankets, and the participants will bring their own pillowcase and sheets or a sleeping bag. A packing list will be provid-



The majestic St. Helena Island Light Station which will serve as both your home and your classroom for this acclaimed workshop



The restored lobster boat UGLY ANNE will provide transportation to and from the island

ed for each participant so they will know what to bring for a pleasurable stay.

During the time on St. Helena, participants will be transported back in time to 1912 when everyone helped with the daily light keeping chores—pumping fresh water from the certified well, sweeping the floors, food preparation, and dish washing to name a few. Two clean outdoor latrines can be found in a lovely grove of cedar trees a short walk from the lighthouse dwelling and an emergency toilet can be found in the basement of the main dwelling. On demand propane heaters provide warm showers. Solar panels provide electricity to charge cell phones and camera batteries, but not enough power for a hair dryer! Flashlights are used at night to provide light when needed.

When not working on jewelry designs, participants can enjoy activities like kayaking, walking the cobblestone beach, identifying wildflowers, napping, relaxing in a lawn chair, waving at passing freighters, swimming in cool, clean Lake Michigan, or reading a good book. Spectacular

sunsets and sunrises can be seen over the Lake. After dark, a roaring campfire on the beach will be perfect for telling ghost stories, roasting marshmallows, or just relaxing before bed-

time. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs are allowed on the property.

The cost of the workshop for each participant is \$325.00. All workshop participants must be members of the GLLKA. A one year membership costs \$40.00 and can be purchased at www.gllka.com. The fee includes sleeping accommodations in the lighthouse, three meals a day plus snacks and jewelry making supplies and instructions. The workshop is limited to 6 participants who must be physically able to transfer from the Ugly Ann to an inflatable boat that will transport participants to the dock. Participants should also plan medications and other essentials to include an extra day in case windy or stormy weather makes it impossible for the Ugly Ann to service the Island.

For more information and a registration form, please contact the GLLKA office at 231-436-5580 or e-mail GLLKA at info@gllka.com.



Your time on the island will include al fresco meals and plenty of time to explore