

## Midwest Metalsmiths Member Page

You get to be the star of your own page on the Midwest Metalsmiths website.

- You can submit six photos. One will go on the Member Gallery page and the other five will go on a separate member page. We would like to get the best photos that you can send so our website is professional and a place visitors spend some time. All photos must be in **jpeg or tiff format** (please don't send RAW). **Please label photos with your name**, as in yourname1, yourname2, yourname3, etc. for each photo.
  - Large format photos please. Longest side of photo should be at least **1200 pixels or at least 3 megapixels total**. Any professional photos you have had taken should meet this sizing.
  - You can set the size of a photo you take in your camera or on your phone. If you do it yourself, be sure to use good (best natural) lighting and avoid deep dark shadows that distract from your work. Use a neutral background that does not distract from your work.
  - **Send a description with each photo** such as what metalsmithing technique is used, what inspired you, or the materials you used. Our best guess may be wrong. Help us out with this.
    - A description helps with online search. For example if someone is looking for enameled jewelry and that is part of your description you can be found by the search engines.
- **Tell us about yourself**. We need a bio, artist statement or tale of your creative journey. I know this is hard for some of you, but it doesn't have to be fancy. Tell us what inspires you, why you work with metal, how long you have been involved with metal, what got you started. It doesn't need to be a formal Artist Statement using "Art Speak". Be real, be honest, and be interesting.
- **You get two links** if you want them. You can link to your website, Etsy Shop, Artful Home Page, or email. If you only use one link that is fine. Give the visitor a way to get in contact with you.

We know this is a lot to ask, but if you send good photos, interesting bios or personal blurbs, and a link to get in touch with you, you may attract a gallery, boutique, or private buyer/collector. Use your Midwest Metalsmith Member Page to your advantage. Look at the Member Gallery and click through to a few of the members and check out the photos and bios already up, <https://www.midwest-metalsmiths.org/membersgallery>.

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