

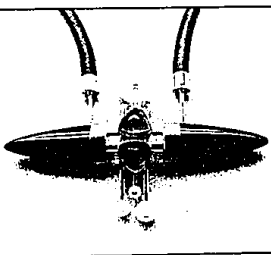
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who said. For example, certain stones are more fragile than others and may be impractical for someone who does a lot of heavy work with his or her hands.

The items come in sleek, modern shapes or lustrous, grand styles. Three different rings bearing gemstones may be worn singly, or fit together in a stack to be worn all at once. Drop earrings are detachable. Thin strands of gold are knitted into a narrow tube necklace. The pendant on a necklace may be removed and worn as a pin, or added to a string of pearls.

"I like my work. I like creating and designing. I like working in metal. New thoughts, new designs, that's what's exciting. They don't get out of here unless they're perfect," she said of her jewelry. "There's no excuse for sloppiness."

Elegant accessory: This pendant by Quinn may be removed from the necklace and worn as a pin.



Some of Quinn's materials are unusual, including black pearl and white onyx in one combination, and black rubber that feels like onyx with a mat finish. She obtains stones from dealers all over the country.

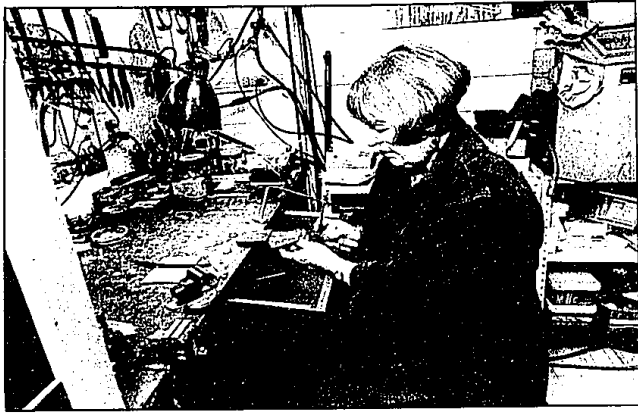
"I'm working with all the precious and semiprecious stones. I consider the diamond only one of the stones. . . . I work in a lot of gold, a lot of sterling, and sterling and gold combined."

Galleries and shows around the country as well as in the area keep Quinn and her studio workers busy.

Quinn earned a master's degree in metalsmithing and design from the Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills. She often works with fellow Cranbrook graduates in the area, including artist Glen Michaels of Troy.

"At first I was doing large pieces, and then I found a large piece could be a small piece." Quinn recommended keeping jewelry clean. Stones can be washed with kitchen detergent and hot tap water. A rough cloth helps the shine. Silver should always be put away clean, or else it will set up a tarnish pattern. "You're careful with your clothes, why not jewelry too?"

Gem dandy: Birmingham resident Charlotte Quinn sees jewelry as more than stones and metal. Her jewelry designs may be found in a variety of styles in everything from necklaces to rings.



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Teachers to meet

The Oakland Piano Teachers Forum has begun its 1992-93 season with an exciting program schedule for teachers and wonderful performance opportunities for young pianists. Ellen Holden, president, invites members and friends to a meeting 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at Varner Hall at Oakland University. Dance professor Carol Halstead will present dances of the Renaissance and Baroque era. For more information, call Carol Salenz at 879-8380.

Music club to host Moldavian singer

True to its tradition of encouraging talented young performers, the Music Study Club of Metropolitan Detroit has chosen to highlight the talents of Irina Lekhtman, a mezzo soprano newly arrived from Moldavia, at its general meeting Wednesday, Oct. 21, at the Birmingham Temple, 2861 W. 12 Mile in Farmington Hills.

Dessert will be served at 12:15 p.m. and the program will start at 1 p.m. The program will include a variety of songs in several languages and modes.

For more information, call president Bernice Pinsky at 574-1534.

Pianist Zina Astrakhan will accompany Lekhtman. A

graduate of the Leningrad Conservatory, she has accompanied singers, string players and choral groups, as well as performed with a chamber music group.

Lekhtman, a soloist with the Moldavian State Opera, has performed throughout Russia, Bulgaria, Romania, Italy and France. She was awarded first prize at the International Festival of Jewish Songs and Music in Birobidjan.

Her operatic roles have included Carmen, Adalgisa in "Norma" and Rosina in "The Barber of Seville," as well as principal roles in operas by Verdi, Mascagni, Rimsky-Korsakov, Borodin and Tchaikovsky.

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