



## *Solving a conundrum—*



### Check out this recent custom piece!

What would you do if you wanted a custom ring designed with two loose pearls that weren't the same size or color and you also wanted a metal that appeared "different"? Here's what Karen and I collaborated on! The metal is sterling silver with a black patina.

## Easter Gifts During the Pandemic?

Who would have guessed that could be a headline? In case you plan on making sanitized Easter baskets this year consider some lovely pearl studs that go with everything and won't break the bank. Pictured are 8 mm Swarovski pearl crystals on sterling silver studs for \$25. Also available are cultured pearls dropped from sterling silver ear wire for \$65. Free delivery in the Tulsa area.



## Pearls & Hand Sanitizer - Nix That Mix

While on the topic of pearls, DON'T use hand sanitizer while wearing pearl rings or bracelets. While the chemicals won't endanger most hard gems or rhodium plating on metal jewelry, it CAN damage pearls. Wait about five minutes after soaping or sanitizing before wearing. As with perfumes and hairsprays the alcohol based sanitizer can damage the luster and even color of pearls. And the chlorine-based germ killers? They actually react with water to release free chlorine which tarnishes most jewelry, especially if made of sterling silver. Even soaps may have hidden abrasives that could damage jewelry. All that to say you still need to clean your jewelry, whether it's a quick soak in the ultrasonic for diamonds and sapphires, or even just a clear water rinse of your jewelry at the end of the day. Of course, you should have your jewelry professionally cleaned every few months, depending on use. Most jewelers (including me) don't charge for this service.

# In the News...

I entered a recent jewelry contest sponsored by wholesaler **Stuller**, in which I placed this piece. It's too late to vote, and although I didn't win, I did garner a pretty high voting tally!... *Note: things to do when there's a "new normal"....* Check out my collection in the downtown Tulsa store **made** (home to more than



150 makers and crafters in the Tulsa Arts District, located conveniently and tastefully between Glacier's Chocolates and the Magic City bookstore)

began carrying several of my pieces and they were selling pretty well pre-pandemic... Continuing Casting with Cady classes at **WaterWorks Art Center** have of course been postponed so stay



tuned.... There will be new works of mine at the **AHHA Gift Shop** when it re-opens. Each jeweler has a few pieces out and more in assigned pull-out drawers!... *Stay healthy and thanks for reading!*



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