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ABOUT THE COVER

Wismar Jewelry

ADORNING RESIDENTS AND VISITORS WITH HANDCRAFTED JEWELRY

Every artist has a medium of choice; wood, oil paint, glass or clay. For Bill Wismar, it is 18 karat gold, platinum and beautifully cut gemstones.

Wismar, the son of a goldsmith, grew up on the Texas Gulf Coast. At the tender age of 14, he began an apprenticeship under his father learning how to turn gold and loose gems into wearable art. His inspiration is taken from nature.

At the age of 17, Wismar got more serious about his apprenticeship.

"I really didn't want to go to college unless it was art, but watching my father melt gold and play with gemstones was fascinating. To see a chunk of gold that you can hammer out and turn into something pretty was cool," Wismar said.

His modern contemporary designs were too progressive for his small hometown. The customers wanted more traditional styles, and Wismar's unique pieces took one to two years to

sell - if they ever did. He packed up his work and moved out of Texas.

Wismar decided to follow another passion, sailing, to the Gulf Coast of Florida to sell yachts. Throughout that time, Wismar continued to design and create beautiful jewelry that he sold in various galleries.

In 1999, Wismar and his wife, Susan, visited Fairhope for the annual Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival. The bustling small town captured his heart like it had so many other artists before. He felt this might be the place that would embrace his work and he was correct.

"It was this cute little town that was thriving and arty. The small town that I was from, the downtown was dead and everyone was going to the malls. Here you had this cute town with people and cool stores and restaurants. It is a great little town," Wismar said.

In 2004, Wismar jumped on an opportunity to move to Fairhope to help open a jewelry store and work as a jeweler for someone else. A few years later, a neat spot became available for rent and made him think about his next step.

"I was 48 years old, and a little spot came up for rent and I thought I should open my own store again. Try it one more time. I knew if I waited until I was 55 years old, I wouldn't do it," Wismar said.

Wismar Jewelry has been adorning residents and visitors in handcrafted rings, necklaces, bracelets and pendants ever since.

While everything is handcrafted using the finest materials, Wismar said some people have the misconception that they cannot afford a piece of his work. In fact, he said his pieces are usually cheaper than something you would buy out of a jewelry store mass produced. Buying from Wismar Jewelry cuts out one or two middlemen. A pair of sterling silver earrings in the case retails for \$100.

Wismar said 50% of his business comes from people looking to rework old pieces from their jewelry box. He collaborates with his custom order clients to create a one-of-a-kind piece.

Any customer seeking to have a custom piece



created can schedule an appointment. Sitting down at the desk inside the store, clients look through the albums full of photos of Wismar's work from over the years for ideas. Trays full of a rainbow of brilliantly cut gemstones offer an endless array of possibilities.

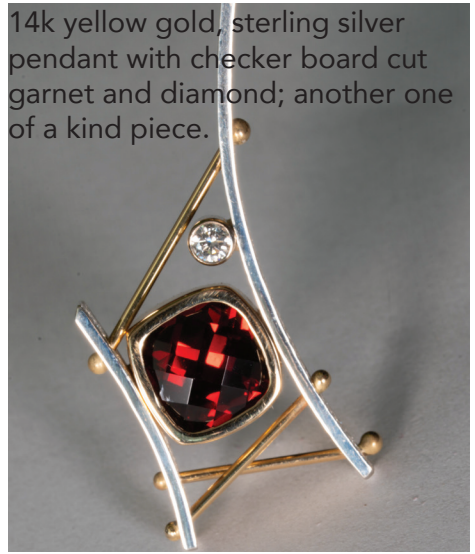
After 40 years in the business, Wismar has found renewed inspiration after the global COVID-19 pandemic forced the closure of his shop like so many others. The forced closure gave him time to work in his home studio creating and designing new pieces. Gemstones that have been stored away for years have finally found their home after a renewed sense of inspiration.

"I had been thinking of working in my home studio more and creating more pieces. When you are in the store, it just doesn't happen. You get busy with the phone and customers. It gave us that staying at home to see what it was like. It was an inspirational experience. That is why we are only open now Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. That gives me design time. We will be here on Saturdays during the holidays," Wismar said.

While he knows he may be missing that last minute shopper needing an anniversary gift that day with his shorter hours, it was a needed change.

"I am older now. I have four days off in a row to do whatever I want to do. Whether it is custom making something for someone or making something for me or working on my boat. That is

14k yellow gold, sterling silver pendant with checker board cut garnet and diamond; another one of a kind piece.



the first time in 45 years I have ever been able to do that. I have worked every Saturday for 45 years," Wismar said.

The space and time to be creative has allowed Wismar to build up a collection of new pieces like never before in preparation for the holiday season.

Wismar Jewelry is open Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., but customers can call to schedule an appointment.



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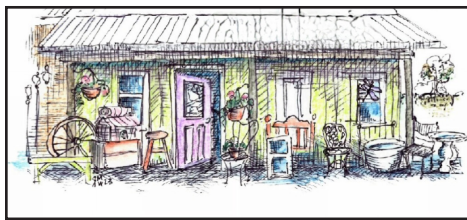
Each item in this quiet and quaint shop is hand selected. Here you will find a wide selection of 18th and 19th century American, English and French furniture, paintings and silver. There is also an impressive offering of ceramics, to include Imari, Chinese Export, Majolica and English ironstone. Shop in store or online.



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Daphne, AL 36526
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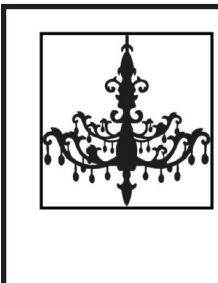
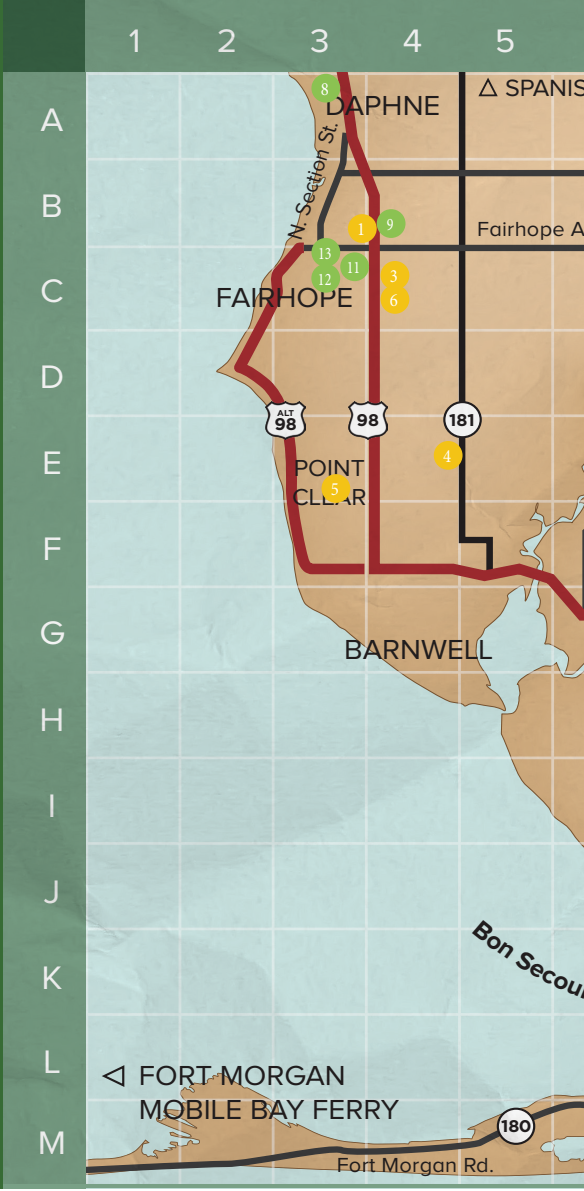
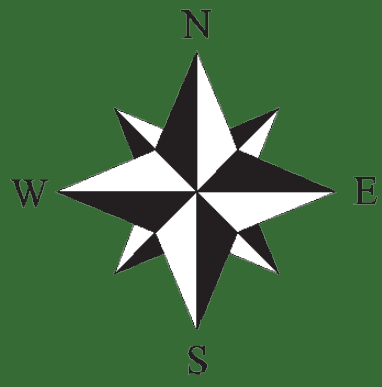
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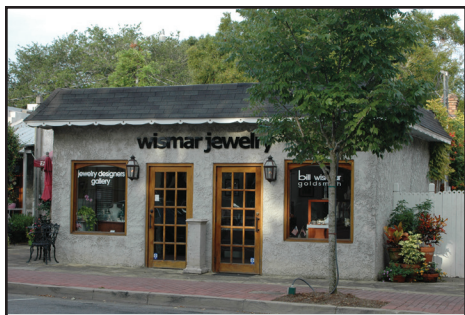
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