



## Craft of Northern California

CERAMICS GLASS METAL  
JEWELRY TEXTILES WOOD

### Shahasp Valentine

Shahasp Valentine began her jewelry career in 1993. She works in Precious Metal Clay (PMC) developed by Mitsubishi Materials, made from micro-particles of pure silver or pure gold suspended in clay consisting of water and organic plant-based binders. The malleable

material can be sculpted with a variety of ceramic techniques and treated with traditional fabrication and stone setting methods. "I use PMC to create a historically based jewelry series called *Modern Artifacts* and a series of naturally inspired forms shown here called

*Organics*. Both are produced using fine silver and 24k gold PMC, precious stones and pearls. I sculpt, carve, trail, mold, push, and pull the metal-bearing clay into the shapes and forms of my design. Setting stones in the wet clay feels like an ancient process to me, even

though it is very modern. I do all finishing by hand, burnishing and brushing, giving the pieces a wonderfully organic, rich quality."

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