

Artist Statement

Everything starts from an image or an idea and then a dialogue begins, between the mind, the heart, the hands, the tools, the materials, and the techniques. When the creative process is initiated slowing down and observing at each stage is critical. Usually, I combine different materials: brass, silver and gold with wood, cords, threads, silk, enamels, semiprecious stones, colors, and different metalsmith techniques. Anything that will support me to materialize what I have in mind.

My work usually represents or shows details of our beautiful world that we tend to miss, as our minds are occupied with everyday life. Consumerism and plethora of goods drives many people to treat jewels only as accessories. There is an alternative point of view, the artistic one and hopefully, this is the side that my work will emphasize.

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CV

My name is Vicky Zomenou and I was born in Athens Greece. In 1991 I moved to Brighton, UK to study Computer Science as I found the process of programming creative. I stayed in England for 4 years and then returned to Greece where I worked in the banking sector for almost 20 years. However, I always had an interest in arts, history, painting, sculpture, photography. In 2002 I decided to explore my creativity and I joined the painting classes of the local art center where I learned freehand drawing with pencils, charcoal and acrylic colors.

While I was in my 4th year of painting I got interested in ancient Greek jewelry so I started taking art jewelry making classes to learn and explore the techniques and the inspiration of the designs of my ancestors. I studied for the past 9 years until I moved with my family to the Pacific Northwest in 2015. In 2014, I decided to make a career change and dedicate my time to the two things I love most: my family and art jewelry.

Exhibitions

<u>2002-2014:</u>	Annual Group Exhibitions, Local Art Center, Athens Greece
<u>Oct 2016:</u>	Samamish Art Fair. Sammamish, WA
<u>Apr-June 2017:</u>	SMG Biennial. WA State Convention center, Seattle, WA
<u>May 2017:</u>	KAST 2017, Kirkland Art Center, Kirkland, WA