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NO RULES JEWELRY

(EXPLORATION OF A NEW IDEA DURING QUIETER TIMES)

WRITTEN BY MAYA MADDEN



Rock necklace with carved
Labradorite face

In the summer of 2020, Wayne Farra and I, Maya Madden, were fortunate to spend a few days in the Lake Superior region of Wisconsin.

We spent some time beach-combing for Lake Superior Agates. We did not find any Agates, but we became enamored with all of the colors and shapes of the pebbles and rocks along the shore. Wayne sees a possibility of making jewelry in every material.

After returning home, he sorted and categorized the rocks and came up with the idea of setting other more precious stones on their surface.

He started pairing Opals, Moonstones, Amethysts and Garnets with the rocks.

This involved drilling into the surface of each rock and making a bezel for the accent stone, with a small peg on the back to be inserted into the rock.

In this way, the stone would not be just glued on, but would be held mechanically.



Lake Superior rock, Opal doublet



Work in progress

Next Wayne devised a method of putting a “bail” on the top. A bail is a jewelry term that describes the way a necklace can be hung from a chain or cord. Again he drilled into the rock using a diamond drill and then fabricated the bail from silver and pegged it as well.

Meanwhile, Maya who is an artist and a writer thought about the idea of how and why a stone is considered precious.

To this end she wrote the following poem.

*Precious
Small flat pebble from
that time at the beach
smooth and warm
A stone formed deep in the earth
Millions of years in the making
Color and flash
The value of memory,
The worth of a rock*

By Maya Madden



Back of Garnet necklace with gold heart



Finished with Garnet, front

This new direction isn't finished yet. Now Wayne is adding other elements such as a tiny silver and gold heart on the back of a black stone set with a deep red Garnet. Rocks of all kinds appeal to us all. Perhaps it is a primordial memory.

Please see our Facebook page www.facebook.com/norulesjewelry for more photos of these and other types of jewelry we make.

If you have a favorite flat pebble, you might want to consider pairing it with a gem and having Wayne create a one of a kind necklace for you.

**FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE WORK OF WAYNE FARRA AND
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