

Dichroic glass jewelry fires endless creativity

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Jean Santoro Sobieck combines jewelry-making with her love for glass to create dynamic pieces with dichroic glass.

A transplanted New Yorker, who spent some time on the Gulf Coast as well, Jean takes her training in Fine Arts a step further, moving from photography to custom stained glass, to fused glass, and ultimately, to the quality dichroic pendants and earrings she does today.

"My artistically talented father and sister are my main sources of inspiration."

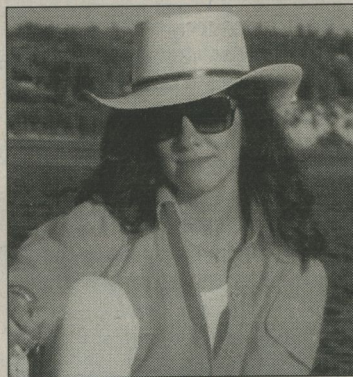
Her work can be seen and

admired July 15 at the Colorful Colorado Classic Car, Rod, and Truck Show (Columbine Middle School field), July 27 at Art Central during Main in Motion, and August 12-13 at the Ridgway Arts and Crafts Rendezvous.

"Dichroic is a high-tech optical coating that is applied to glass," she said. "The word means two colors, which refer to transmitted color and reflected color.

"The same effect is seen in nature in peacock feathers and opals."

The glass is cut and layered with other types of glass, and fired in a kiln one or more times to fuse



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the glass together.

"Each piece is individually handcrafted and one of a kind. The creativity is endless."

She recently opened Glasshouse Studio, 249-4816.