

Making a Silver Pendant

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At the January 2014 meeting I demonstrated the process used to make a setting for a pendant.



It was a cold January morning but a few hardy members came to watch the process.

I Started by measuring the size of the backing, allowing for a little extra, and cutting it from a sheet of silver.



Next, I drilled a hole in the sheet where the bale will hang.



Using a plastic hammer, I flattened the backing out on an steel plate. I also cut the bezel wire to fit the stone.

I soldered the bezel together using medium silver paste.



The bezel was out of shape after being soldered and had to be formed to fit the stone,



The bezel was placed on the backing and manipulated until it was completely flat. Sometimes sandpaper is needed to get it flat.

Easy solder paste was placed around the inside edge of the bezel and around a jump ring that was placed over the hole in the backing.



Heat was placed under the backing to solder the everything together.



Excess material was removed from the backing.

This is how it looked at the end of the session. I took it home and did the filing, sanding and polishing.

