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## **Charms for charity**

Last summer, the Metal Clay community lost one of its own when Robin Whittemore, a talented jewelry artist and active member in the Metal Clay community, lost her courageous battle with cancer. Robin struggled with breast cancer and after six years of chemotherapy, radiation and medication, she was then told she'd required a bone marrow transplant.

Robin inspired the group with her uplifting spirit and love of life. Sadly, she died during the summer of 2007, leaving a legacy of courage and charity among her friends and colleagues.

Now Metal Clay artists from around the country have decided to honor Robin and their own loved ones who have succumbed to this disease by raising funds to benefit the American Cancer Society and The Marrow Foundation.

Metal Clay is a new way of working with silver, gold and platinum. It is a moldable metal that transforms from a clay-like state into pure sculpted precious metal jewelry with the heat of a torch or kiln.

Dozens of Precious Metal Clay (PMC) and Art Clay artists have created handcrafted charms for bracelets and necklaces, which will be raffled to raise money for cancer treatment and prevention. Members of the Metal Clay community have donated every aspect of this project, from making charms and bracelets to designing and selling raffle tickets and donating Web site space and credit card fees.

This is your chance to own a unique work of art created by the nation's premier Metal Clay artists. Raffle tickets are only \$5 each or five for \$20 and all proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society and The Marrow Foundation.

These pieces of fine jewelry will be raffled on July 20 during the PMC Conference 2008 at Purdue University, but you do not have to be present to win. Tickets can be purchased at the conference or in advance at [www.wholelottawhimsy.com](http://www.wholelottawhimsy.com) or at [www.medacreations.com](http://www.medacreations.com). Tickets and directions for payment submissions can also be printed out from [www.pmcguild.com](http://www.pmcguild.com) or [www.artclayworld.com](http://www.artclayworld.com).

Each ticket purchased brings with it the chance for a special piece of fine jewelry but it also brings us one step closer to a cure. **Visit [www.pmcguild.com](http://www.pmcguild.com), [www.artclayworld.com](http://www.artclayworld.com), [www.wholelottawhimsy.com](http://www.wholelottawhimsy.com) or [www.medacreations.com](http://www.medacreations.com) to do your part.**

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