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**Cheraw Arts Commission Features
 Metal Clay Jewelry Workshops**

The Cheraw Arts Commission is offering several opportunities to create jewelry using metal clays. NC artisan Carrie Story will provide instruction on Thursday, September 12 from 6-8pm for Adult Art Night. Participants will create pure silver earrings for \$25 with supplies included in the fee. Registration is suggested in order to prepare with adequate supplies. Call 843-537-8420 x 12.



Metal clay earrings



Metal clay necklace

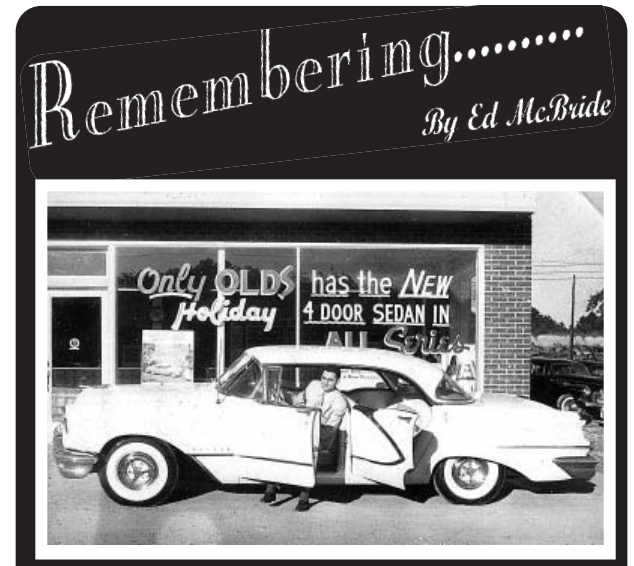
Metal Clay instruction continues on Friday, September 13 with two workshops. A Beginner's Metal Clay workshop will be held from 9am-12noon (\$95) with an Intermediate class creating a Picturesque Silver Tree Pendant (\$120) from 1-4pm. Fine metal clays are versatile and easy to use, allowing participants to make jewelry in just a few hours. Registration is required with all supplies provided.

Metal clay is a crafting medium consisting of very small particles of metal such as silver, gold, bronze, or copper mixed with an organic binder and water for use in making jewelry, beads and small sculptures. Originating in Japan in 1990, metal clay can be shaped just like any soft clay, by hand or using molds. After drying, the clay can be fired in a variety of ways such as in a kiln, with a handheld gas torch, or on a gas stove. The binder burns away, leaving the pure sintered metal.

The Cheraw Arts Commission will feature an exhibit Divine Ornaments - Metal Clay Jewelry by Carrie Story in the Burr Gallery throughout September. The exhibit opens on Thursday, September 5, and the community is invited to attend the opening from 4-6pm.

For additional information or to register contact the Cheraw Arts Commission at 843-537-8420 x 12.

From time to time I want to go back a few years to a previously published column. Today's is from June 18, 2003. I do hope you enjoy looking back. Thanks so much, Ed McBride.



Register Motor Company

This business was located in what is now the driveway entrance to Wal-Mart (next to Centura Bank) on Highway 74 East. The new cars were out and I had lettered the windows to advertise the new 1955 Olds Holiday, featuring the new hard-top four door sedans with "no centerpost." That is what Jay Register is "showing off" in this picture. (Note also the wide white sidewall tires, too.)

Register Motor Company was begun, I think, in the early 1950's by Mr. W. N. Register - Jay's father. The service department was located behind this "new showroom" and many of the fellows who worked there are still around. In fact, I was talking to Billy Tice and he remembered working there, buying his new 1964 Oldsmobile F-85 at a cost of about \$1,800. Then James Myers came to work there after he returned from military service - the list goes on - there was Joe Davis and T. Willoughby who kept the cars clean and shiny, there was Oscar Mayhev and Lacy Hildreth among the crew in the body shop.

Jay's daughter, Jeanne Price, remembers as a small child visiting her daddy at the dealership, some of the folks like mom, Lucy Starling in the office and others. Many that I talked to have good memories, however quite a few now are deceased, including "top salesman" Frank Hooks and Harold Keith, VP. in charge of parts and service. There is so much to remember!

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**NC Attorney General Shares Tips,
 Resources with Military Consumers**

Consumer protection resources are available in North Carolina for members of the military and their families, said Attorney General Roy Cooper on Military Consumer Protection Day. "Members of our armed services help protect our nation, and we need to make sure we help protect them from bad deals and shady businesses," Cooper said.

North Carolina's active-duty military population is the fourth largest in the country. Military men and women stationed in North Carolina and their families can turn to the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division for help if they have trouble with a business or fall victim to a scam.

To help active duty and retired service members and their families, state attorneys general, the Federal Trade Commission, the US Department of Defense, the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the Better Business Bureau and other groups have partnered for the nation's first-ever Military Consumer Protection Day. The goal is to help military consumers make informed decisions with their money and to raise awareness about potential scams and available consumer protection resources.

Cooper and experts from his Consumer Protection Division will visit Seymour Johnson Air Force Base in Goldsboro tomorrow to help educate service members about common sources of complaints from military consumers including car sales, identity theft, credit, and lending. In May, Cooper made a similar visit to Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, and a visit to Fort Bragg is scheduled for September.

"Active duty military personnel are often young, away from home for the first time and earning their first steady paycheck," Cooper said. "Unfortunately, this can make them a prime target for scammers and criminals."

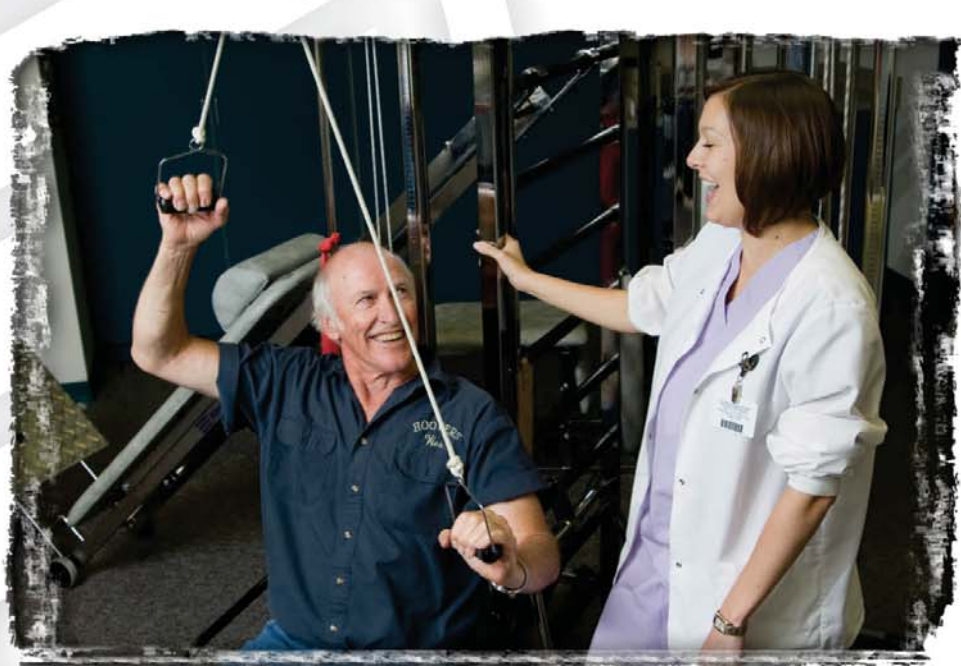
Cooper offered the following key consumer tips for military personnel:

- Never pay upfront to get a loan or credit card.
- Watch out for people who try to exploit a military connection to win your trust and take your money.
- Say no to high-pressure sales tactics, especially if someone tries to push you to make a quick decision on a major purchase.
- Be cautious when buying a used car. Get it checked out thoroughly by a trusted, independent mechanic, and remember that most used cars are sold as is.
- Avoid self-serving "Financial Planners" offering to help you invest your deployment pay, reenlistment bonus, or retirement pay. Both IRAs and the military's Savings Deposit Program are among the safest ways to protect your hard-earned dollars.

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**Class of 2003
 Reunion is Oct. 12**

The Anson High School Class of 2003 Reunion will be held on Saturday, October 12 at the Aloft Charlotte Uptown at the EpiCentre. The deadline for tickets is September 27.

Contact Octavian Marsh at gradco2003@gmail.com or 704-694-3491.