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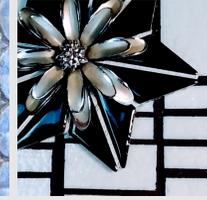


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*Mini Mosaic Exchange  
International 2021*





*Tiger*

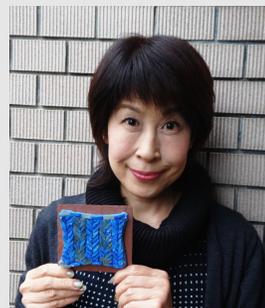
“Junishi ”is Chinese zodiac. There are 12 animals, with one animal allocated to every year. Next year, 2022, is the year of the tiger. 寅 is tiger.



*Swatch*

My piece about winter grew out of my realization that the first cold day is the beginning of the knitting season for me. I usually begin a new piece with a small swatch of a new yarn and so I decided to make a mosaic swatch as a symbol of new beginnings and the winter season.

Thank-you, Carol. I am glad to build a friendly relationship.  
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I love the creative use of color and material in the Tiger. The beautiful andamento and organic shape of the piece, as well as the calligraphy, all made the piece even more distinctive.



*Mt. Iwaki in Winter*

It is a beautiful mountain in my hometown.



I got my very first gift from a mosaic artist in NJ, USA!!



*Snowflake Winter*

Every snowflake is different.



Receiving your mosaic was awesome. The packing, the card, the note, nice thanks.

*First Dream of the Year*

*As New Year is very important in Japan, the dream you have at the beginning of the year means a lot. Mt. Fuji is the best thing to dream of. The shape is a small version of decorative racket called Hogoita.*



*The Northern Cardinal*

Growing up in New Jersey, spotting Cardinals happened quite often. It always seems to happen more in the winter.

The bold red is easy to see against the winter landscape. Whenever I see this beautiful bird, it stops me in my tracks. I stop to observe the Cardinal until it flies out of sight.

I watch this cardinal as if I am in the snow just like you've been doing in the winters in NJ!



I love to hear personal stories and connections to different objects. The items I've inherited are special because I feel a connection to the original owner. Thank you Aya for sharing this story, a memory of your childhood along with a tradition of your country.



*A Ballerina in Winter*

Like a fairy with dance.



*A Christmas Tree in Winter's Wonderland*

Winter in the USA brings an abundance of snow in states such as Alaska, Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota, etc. and with its arrival come elaborately decorated Christmas trees - both indoors and outdoors. My mini mosaic represents a decorated outdoor Christmas tree, the background represents the snow and the red and green flowers at the base of the tree are poinsettias which can be found inside many homes and business offices during the winter even if there isn't any winter snow.



The photo does not do this piece justice but I love the way it is so beautifully and delicately made. My mosaic instructor, Ms. Carol Stirton-Broad, showed it to the entire mosaic art class and they were very impressed with the artist's workmanship.



*Spring-coming Soon*

Japan is gathering of several islands from North to South. The north area is snowy and so cold in winter. People wait for spring and also birds that pass the winter in Japan.



*A Covered Bridge in Vermont, USA*

*This mosaic is about my hiking trips in Vermont. Vermont is one of the six New England States, is known as the Green Mountain state and the home of covered bridges. Winter hiking in Vermont can be both fun and challenging..*

It is so lovely. I can see how the snow is lightly covering the covered bridge which reminds me of Tasha Tudor.



It's lovely and I have it hanging proudly in my living room./ It is a lovely piece that hangs in my living room near my drafting table and is very inspiring.



*Kagami Mochi*

Kagami mochi is new year's offering made from two rice cakes.

Susan's house shaped mosaic is cute. I feel close to New Jersey.



*Winter in America*

Here in the northeastern part of the United States, winter in America means that we have to enjoy our flowers inside the house, and be patient until springtime when we can get back to our outside gardens.

Receiving your mosaic was awesome. The packing, the card, the note, nice thanks.



*Tsubaki*  
—Camellia

This is a camellia I enjoy watching when I take a walk in the park just near my house these days. Camellia is one of very typical flowers which many Japanese people enjoy seeing during winter. I depicted a camellia with a bee and snow.

I LOVE Sharon's mosaic depicting so serene and peaceful snow fall scenery. It's so beautiful. I imagine the story this winter scene mosaic tells every time I look at it. I will cherish this mosaic for all time. I hope I can see you in person some day, Sharon!



*Peace*

Winter in the US is different in different areas and for different people. For me, it is a time of peace, when everything seems to rest. I tried to depict this in my little mosaic, showing what I would love to see through a window in the winter. Stained glass, Colorfusion glitter tile, glass frit.



I love my beautiful gift from Mari! Tsubaki (Camellia) has the sparkle of winter frost and the little bee is so precious! I love bees! And I love making a new friend!



*Kamakura*

In the snowy region, people used to make "Kamakura" and played inside, having tea and sweets. To make "Kamakura" pile up snow to make a mountain and then open a room in it. The room in "Kamakura" is warm and cozy being cut off from cold outside.

The work delivers the coldness and fresh feeling of a winter river. It is fun to make friends like this.



*We'll Be Sledding Tomorrow*

I wanted to represent the cold, crystalline snowy night lit up by a full moon. When I was a kid we would be very excited about getting off from school after a big snowstorm and going sledding.

From Toyoharu Kii and his beautiful piece I learned about "Kamakura"; In Japan a carved out snow mound with a lit room inside for having tea and sweets. He sent a photograph of a Kamakura and it just glows; so does this mosaic!





### *Blue Water*

Japan is a country with beautiful water. Especially in winter, the water turns into snow and ice, and a very beautiful phenomenon can be seen. With the image of winter water in Japan, I made a blue glaze by mixing several kinds of minerals. Marble represents ice crystals.



### *Winter of Love*

This photograph of Love Park, after a freshly fallen snow in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, fills me with peace. The glass tile overlay reveals the true sparkle of the moment.



Atsuo sent this magnificent apple. Holding it in my hands makes me so happy. Thank you Aya for making this exchange happen, I feel like I have a new friend in Atsuo!



Bluebird in the Winter Sky

A bluebird is flying through a field of sparkling snow. This work represents my prayer to see the end of the COVID situation and the beginning of a joyful future soon.

Thank you, Carol! I will display it in my studio to enjoy it.



*Dressed to Walk the Dog*

This is how I dress in Winter to walk the dog because it gets cold here.



I am so lucky to receive Masaaki's exquisite micro mosaic. I will treasure its beauty forever.



*Winter*

My mosaic represents an image inviting someone out in the cold to come inside my warm house.

This sparkles beautifully reflecting the light from the window.



*Snowflake Splendor*

This is my first time using these beautiful glass bevel pieces. They captured my imagination and this stunning snowflake was born. To me this mosaic represents the Joy and Excitement the first snow fall brings.

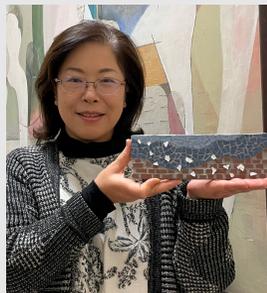
It is SO ENCHANTING! I LOVE it so much and am proudly displaying it in my home. This mini mosaic trading with Japan and personal connection with a fellow artist, has been such an ENRICHING experience!



*One Day in My Winter Season*

When I feel really cold in the winter, it reminds me to set up the KOTATSU which is a table with very short legs and the blanket which covers our legs and feet. On the last day of the year, tangerines are the favorite fruit while sitting at Kotatsu table and watching TV with the family. Preparing for the New Year's Day which is the most important holiday, oval shaped 2-layered rice cake with a tangerine on the top is called NOSHI-MOCHI and displayed at home. SAKAKI green leaves are also used to welcome the coming year.

I am so happy to have Carol's mosaic work. I enjoy the mini-mosaic exchange.



*Falling Snow*

This mini mosaic represents the brokenness and decay of winter (broken shards) with the regeneration/reuse into a new piece.



My exchange mosaic came beautifully wrapped in a wooden frame. I am curious about the materials used and how they were cut. It was fascinating to see the flavor of Japan in both the artwork and presentation. Loved this exchange!



*Camellias in Winter*

During my walk in the wintertime, I often find blooming red camellias. The white background represents snow. The beads around the flowers show the freezing coldness.

I enjoyed both times making my mosaic and waiting for one to receive. Thank you 🎵



*Bare Trees*

When I look at this mosaic and think about how much I always dread winter's cold, dark days, I need to be reminded that there is beauty any time of the year. Without the change in seasons I wouldn't appreciate spring flowers and long, warm summer days as much as I do.

I love the different materials used and the bright flower against the very interesting gold and white background.





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*Winter in the United States*

Key to trust.

Snowflakes - no two are ever alike.

Thank you for exchanging  
the mosaic.



What fun it was to anticipate  
receiving a mosaic from  
somebody so far away.



*Fairy of the Snow*

This is a 3D work of a bird that looks like a snowball. It's called "Shimaenaga (Long-tailed tit)" and found in Hokkaido, the large northern island.

I was impressed with how the snow on a branch and red berries and the flow of the feathers are skillfully expressed with glass! I feel the crisp cold winter air.



*Northern Cardinal*

An omen of good luck, a beautiful red bird feasts on icy berries on a winter's day.



I absolutely adore it. It is so sweet and whimsical. The craftsmanship is superb!



*Snow Monkey*

This work represents a snow monkey enjoying hot spring on a snowy day.

The bird footprints are very cute and the frozen pond is beautifully created with transparent materials. Thank you for the lovely piece, Susan!

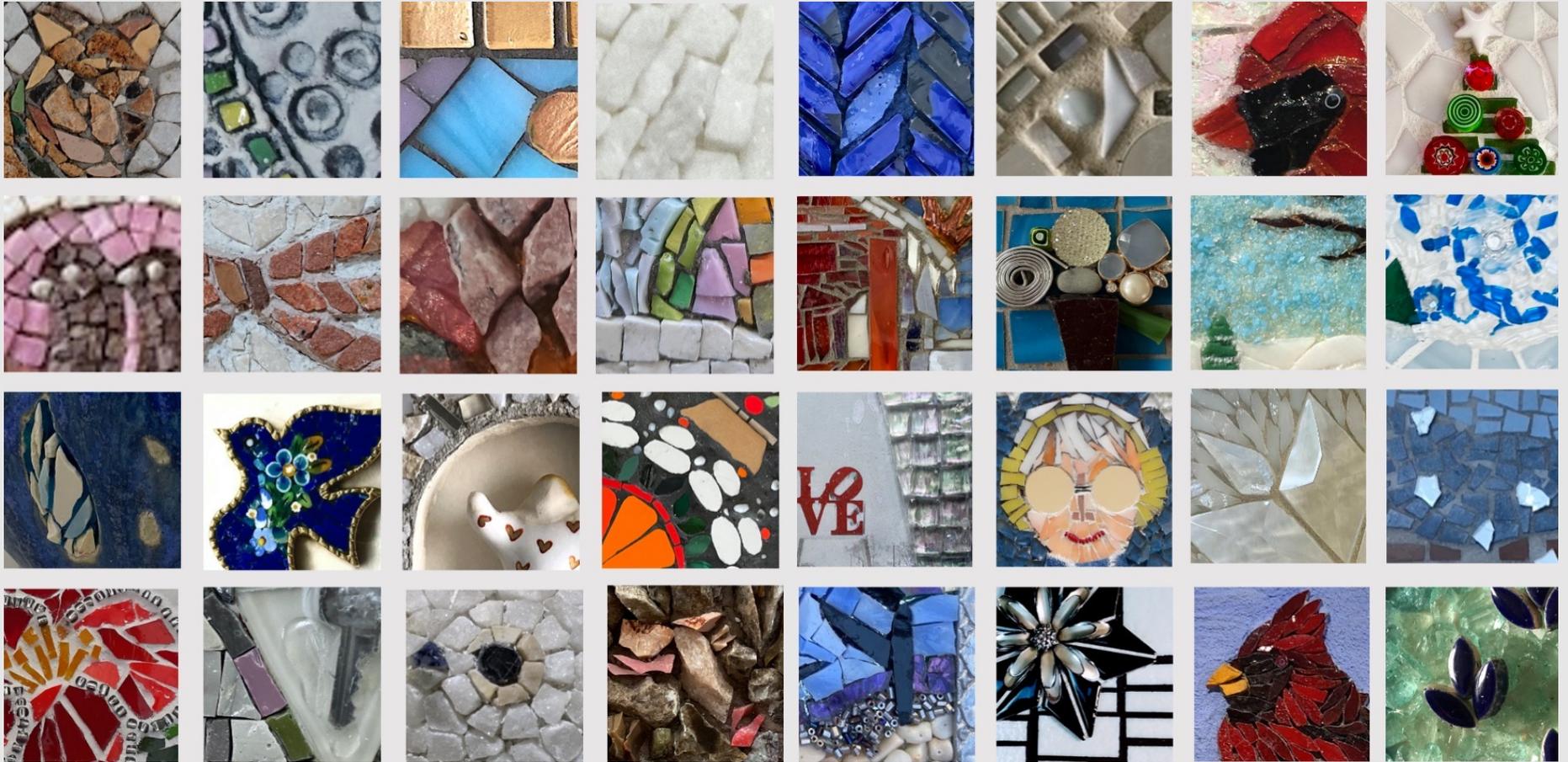


*On Frozen Pond*

The mini mosaic is a hand made porcelain frame filled with safety glass. It is meant to depict a frozen pond that a bird has walked across. I would like to wish you a happy and peaceful holiday season.



The variation of the stone is fluid and full of movement. In the bottom left corner, a snow monkey peers out from the hot spring. This has been a wonderful exchange. It's so cool to see all the interpretations of winter..



From October to December 2021, all 32 mini mosaics flew over the Pacific Ocean between Japan and the USA. We enjoyed this exchange, and each mosaic became a special gift for this holiday season. Our themes were: “Winter in Japan” and “Winter in the USA.”