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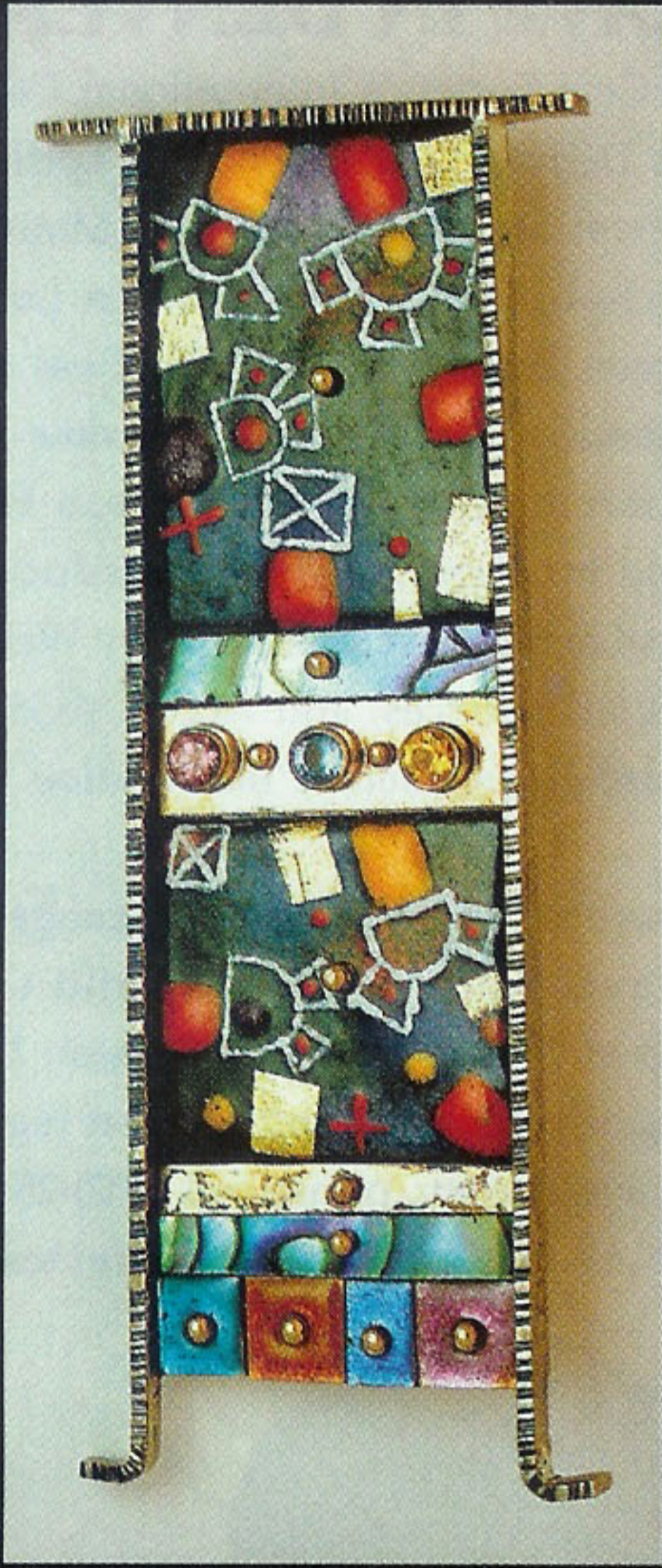


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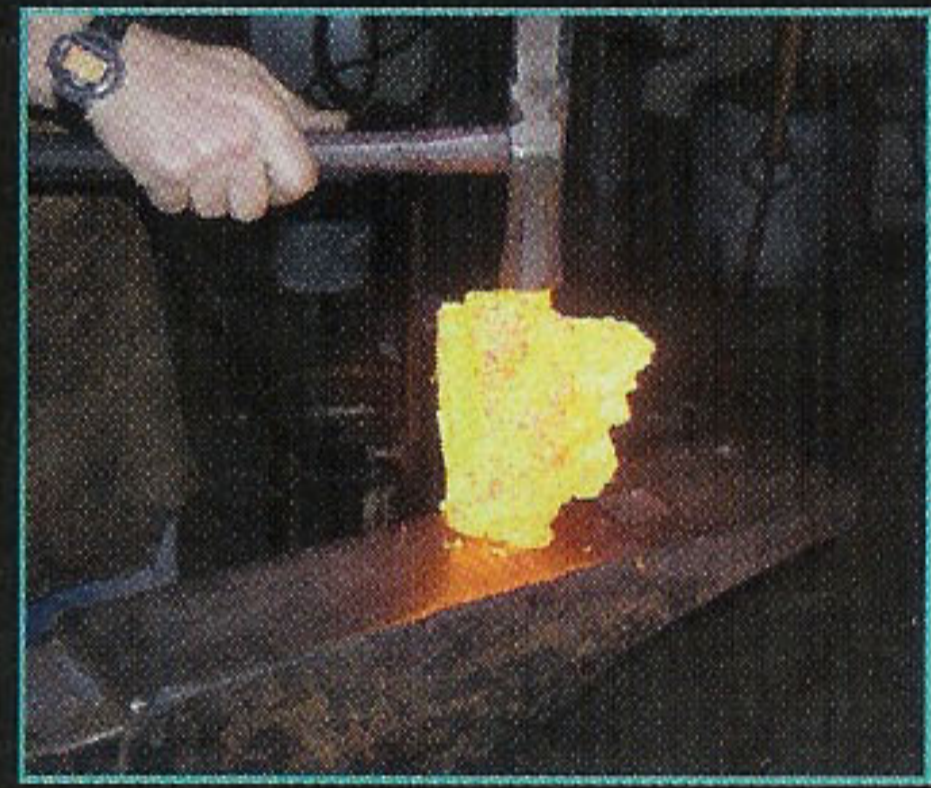
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Directions Unknown

The Society of North American Goldsmiths (SNAG) 36th annual conference, *Directions Unknown: Looking Forward, Learning From History*, will be held in Memphis, Tennessee, from June 13-16, 2007. Hosted by the Metal Museum and held at the historic Peabody Hotel in downtown Memphis, *Directions Unknown* will feature presentations, exhibitions, professional development opportunities and social events. Coordinated exhibitions are scheduled at area art schools and museums, including *Earl Pardon, Home Town Boy Does Good* at the Memphis College of Art. His work is pictured here. Featured conference artists include Ralph Caplan, Elizabeth Brim, Tom Joyce, Randy Milhoan, Carissa Husong, Rosanne Raab, Michael Croft, Hyewon Lee, Philip Baldwin, Felieke van der Leest and Dr. Courtney Young.

For more information about SNAG, or to register online for the conference, visit www.snagmetalsmith.org.



Turkish Diaspore Gift

The GIA Museum received a 24.60 ct. step-diamond cut color-change Turkish diaspore in December, 2006. Marketed as zultanite™, the gem was donated by Zultanite Gems LLC and became part of the museum's permanent collection.

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