

Methow Valley Artisan Biographies

D.J. Stull D.J.'s Winthrop Blacksmith Shop

D.J. Stull's lifelong interest in metalwork culminated in establishing his Winthrop Blacksmith Shop in 1990. From his love of metalwork in high school, to forging metal as an orthodontic technician, to his side hobby of crafting jewelry, his talent with metal was evident. After earning his welding certification from Everett Community College, he began his own welding business in Kingston. D.J. designs table and wall lamps, sconces, curtain rods and accessories, mirrors, towel racks, furniture handles and table irons for Sun Mountain Lodge, as one of his many clients. Visitors can stop by D.J.'s shop, open to the public on the main street in Winthrop, to see him creating his custom designs first hand.

Julie Langeberg Julie's Custom Coverings

Julie Langeberg grew up in Bothell, Washington and started her upholstery business in the old family home. She gained technical training from Lake Washington Technical College in Kirkland before specializing in upholstery for household furniture and bed coverings. Sun Mountain Lodge has been integral to Julie's career. She originally worked in the Lodge's housekeeping department and soon advanced to become the Lodge's seamstress, based on her exceptional technical skills. Since that time, Julie opened her own independent business, Julie's Custom Coverings in Twisp and continues to design Sun Mountain Lodge's bedroom furnishings, including duvet covers, pillow shams, bed skirts, pillows, daybed covers, and footstool coverings.

Sharon Cohen Wallflower Painting & Design

Born and raised in the New York City metropolitan area, Sharon Cohen's design talents were nurtured at both Washington State University and the Maryland Institute in Baltimore. After engaging in decorative painting in Seattle, she was inspired to start her own business, Wallflower Painting and Design in Twisp where she continues to grow her talents in canvas painting and painted finishes for home and business interiors. Sharon has worked with Sun Mountain Lodge to apply faux painting to the guestrooms, which further enhance the Lodge's unique and sophisticated atmosphere.

Cliff Schwab Winthrop Wood Works

Cliff Schwab was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey and grew up on a family dairy farm. He first began woodworking in his native state before moving to Lake Chelan to work in cabinetry and as a general contractor. Cliff's love for hiking and skiing in the North Cascade Mountains drew him to the Methow Valley where he began Winthrop Woodworks, specializing in hand-planed custom cabinetry and furniture. The maple and cherry wood pieces he has personally designed for Sun Mountain Lodge include headboards, night stands, night tables, dressers, armoires, refrigerator cabinets, towel racks, and shelving.