



# Handmade<sup>®</sup> at NYIGF<sup>®</sup> Highlights Summer 2008 Preview

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Ruth Mikos creates this glass pendant necklace based on the wisdom of Albert Einstein, and throws in a little whimsy with her hand-drawn portrait of the genius. 2" glass pendant suspended on 16-18" ball chain with lobster clasp.

## Ruth Mikos LLC

Ruth Mikos began making a collection of funky charms from hand-cast resin in 2003, and has evolved into other jewelry and items for the home. Most of Ruth's products feature her original photography, representing her background in fine arts.

Three new segments of the Ruth Mikos collection will debut this August. Ceramic wall tiles featuring her photographs are ready to hang. Halloween and Christmas jewelry and home décor will feature photos of holiday collectibles from the 1950s. Resin jewelry will incorporate not only photographs, but also sculptural items implanted into resin. Ruth is also expanding her current collections of canvas prints, glass wall art and jewelry with new imagery and quotations.

"I am seeing more and more Green jewelry using recycled products. I am also seeing a lot of jewelry which is very colorful and fun. There has been a distinct break from the more traditional silver and gold jewelry; I assume this is due to the current high costs of these materials."