

Samantha Cherry

Sam's life passion is art and engraving. From a young age Sam was focused on her love of expressing what she saw in the world through art. She carried this with her into her career as an artist and engraver. She attended the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and received her Bachelors in Fine Arts with a concentration in Design in 2013. She has studied many aspects of art from ceramics, graphic design, print making, and the history of Letters, Signs, and Symbols; all of which are evident in her work as an engraver. Sam studied the 'Basics of Engraving' with [Mr. Mike Dubber](#), a FEGA Master Engraver during the spring of 2014. She found her love of traveling and other cultures while she did her 6-month engraving apprenticeship at the [Bottega Incisioni Di Cesare Giovanelli](#) in Italy 2014 and 2015. During this apprenticeship she had the opportunity to study under various Engravers including Dario Cortini, [Mauro Turrini](#), and [Daniele Pozzi](#). She then followed up with an 'Intermediate Engraving' class with Mike Dubber in 2015. She can work with a variety of tools and techniques such as bulino for delicate animal work, and hammer and chisel for Italian and American scroll work. She attended the Grand Master's Class in 2019 at GRS in Emporia Kansas where she learned gold inlay. She has most recently learned Arabesque scroll with Sam Alfano at GRS in Emporia Kansas in 2022.

Guns are a part of Sam's upbringing and family business. Her father, Kevin Cherry is the proprietor of [Cherry's Fine Guns](#), a notable retail location for firearm enthusiasts in Greensboro, NC and throughout the United States. This staple in the community has existed since 1929 when it was in Geneseo, Illinois. Before Kevin, her Grandfather Robert "Bob" Earl Patrick Cherry owned and operated it. It moved with the family and the family works to keep up with the trends of today's market and customers. Sam continues her pursuit of combining nostalgia with art through her work as a firearms engraver. She currently serves as the [Fire Arms Engraving Guild \(FEGA\)](#) Secretary.

Sam has begun teaching the basics of hand engraving Metal Engraving 101 at Montgomery Community College and is now offering private classes at her home studio in Greensboro NC. She will offer Metal Engraving 101 and 201 at Montgomery Community College in March and July of 2024.