

# PENLAND GALLERY

## ROBERT THOMAS MULLEN

Belleville, IL

**METALS** | Jewelry

**Penland Affiliation** | Penland Instructor 2016, Penland Studio Assistant 2012, 2014, 2016

**Artist Information** | Studio artist; education: MFA Edinboro University of PA, BFA Southern Illinois University; teaching: Craft Alliance (MO), Society for Contemporary Craft (PA), Jemco USA (TX); residencies: Craft Alliance (MO), The Arrowmont Pentaculum (TN), Houston Center for Contemporary Craft (TX); exhibitions: Wayne State Gallery (MI), Pistachios (IL), Gallery 2052 (IL), Pocosin Arts (NC), Blue Spiral 1 (NC), Craft Alliance (MO), Lambert International Airport (MO), SNAG (LA), Ornament and Object (IL), Velvet da Vinci (CA), Visual Art Exchange (NC), Monique Rancourt Artisan Jewelry & Gallery (MA), Penland Gallery (NC), Lillstreet Art Center (IL)

**Artist Bio** | Robert is from a small town in southern Illinois nestled in the bluffs of the Mississippi River. He received his BFA in metalsmithing and photography from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and his MFA in metalsmithing from the Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. In 2015, he was an artist-in-residence at Craft Alliance in St. Louis, MO, and currently remains there as an instructor. He resides in St. Louis, MO where he maintains a studio.

**Artist Statement** | *As I grow older and the world becomes increasingly more complicated, I look to create beautiful and simple forms. In a world of sensory overload and social media, I encourage myself to always give a quiet moment to sit and reflect. A moment to focus on the overlooked.*