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Beady Friends,

Another year is beginning, resolutions are being made and plans consolidated. The beginning of the year is always such a great feeling, having all that time spreading out in front of you and lots of new ideas projects.

At the January meeting, we have a Whistle Stop with fun giveaways. We hope to see you there.

Bead Daze plans are in full swing. Be sure to check your schedule and check if you can add a class or two to your February plans. March is bringing us Jean Campbell. Please check the website site and the last newsletter to view the classes she has upcoming in March.

New to this newsletter are the April classes with Christi Friesen, one of the most fun polymer clay artists. Take a look at the classes in this issue and plan to take one or more. You need absolutely no polymer experience to work these classes. Many of us had great fun when Christi was here 2 years ago. Dragons and pets and flowers and mermaids were all over the place last time! This year take a look at the new classes. Rhinoceros and angels and woodland creatures and lily ponds with koi. Everyone gets 2 or 3 pieces done each day and can make jewelry like crazy or just lovely objets d'art.

We had alot of sad news in December. Diane Pettis, one of our longtime members passed away (see below). Leslee Frumin, who is another longtime member and instructor, lost her brother. Lastly, Anne Hesse lost her father. Anne is a member and instructor. Please keep these people in your thoughts and cares.

For Diane: condolences and/or donations can be sent to the family at Frank Pettis  4772 Broadway Commerce Twp, MI 48382 or to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation 24359 Northwestern Hwy Southfield MI 48075. Condolences to Leslee and Anne can be sent to their homes listed in the GLBG Directory.

Remember to start signing up with Anne Grabowski for Bead Bonanza in

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March. We need all the help we can get. A lovely new t-shirt and admission are a great compensation for 2 hours of help to your guild.

Also as a general note, no State Tax ID’s will be accepted in the classes or at the meetings. No private arrangements will be allowed with any instructor for this issue. This is the second time this has been announced and will be in every class notification and all instructors will be notified. There are no exceptions.

All the best for a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Peace and Love to all. Keep on beading!

Your fearless leader, personal friend or poisonal fiend,

Kate Dunn

Diane Victoria Williams Pettis
January 14, 1949 - November 28, 2010
By Jeanette Isenhour

Diane Pettis, long time member of the Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild Program Committee, died November 28 from coronary complications. Almost 30 Guild members attended her memorial service at Nardin Park Methodist Church in Farmington Hills on December 11. This, in itself, is a testimony to how well Diane was respected and liked in our Guild.

She was fondly remembered for her cheerfulness, her giving spirit, her constant willingness to help others, and never complaining despite multiple health problems.

As part of the Program Committee, she planned the annual Bead Challenges, the summer picnics, ice cream social and pizza parties. Diane was always a happy classroom helper for visiting instructors and delighted in preparing colorful, food filled welcome baskets for them.

She was an exquisite beader and worked several years with Linda Zick doing various craft shows in Michigan. She had also worked at Pam’s Bead Garden in Plymouth and Miner’s Den in Rochester.

Diane, with her good humor and ever present smile, will be missed.
Stitch Clinic

Don't forget the monthly "Stitch Clinic" at many of the regular meeting for any members wanting to learn a new stitch - or even to brush up on their existing skills. You are asked to bring basic beading supplies to each meeting:

- Beads
- needles
- thread
- scissors
- beading surface
- lighting (don't forget your power strip!)

See you at the next Stitch Clinic!

Ending and Beginning with Independence!
By Sharon Wagner

Exhibits will run back to back for the first few months of 2011, so stay alert!

Happening right now, if you live in or are visiting the Clarkston area please be sure and stop by the library to see the Guild's beadwork display. The library has a lovely wall divider showcase which creates a cozy reading area facing Clarkston Road. As you enter the library you can see one end of the case directly ahead of you. I supplemented the current Exhibit collection with hanging beaded snowflakes in the display case. The effect is lovely. I wish to extend my sincere gratitude to Diane Grecu for her help assembling this exhibit. The exhibit installation was delayed one day due to the horrible road conditions on Monday, so on Tuesday December 14 we met at the library and had a lovely afternoon working together on this display. The Exhibit will remain in the library through January 31, 2011.

http://www.indelib.org

February 1, 2011 the Guild Exhibit moves to the Royal Oak Public Library! Be sure and stop by if you live or are in the area during the month of February!
http://www.ropl.org

March 1, 2011 the Exhibit returns to the Southfield Library again this year to help promote the Spring Bead Bonanza! http://www.southfieldlibrary.org

For more Exhibit locations in 2011 please check the Guild website!
http://greatlakesbeadworkersguild.org/exhibits.html

Remember - Registration to Bead Daze Workshops is now open! February 16 through 19, 2011
Organized by Gail Frederickson

The Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild is happy to announce the instructors for our February Bead Daze Workshops: Marcia DeCoster, Barb Switzer, Kim St. Jean and Sherry Serafini

Please click the link to visit our web page and view the class information and registration.
2011 Bead Daze Class Information and Registration form
http://greatlakesbeadworkersguild.org/classinfo.html
Welcome to the Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild (GLBG), where beads are more than just objects with a hole, but highly suspect of having individual personalities.

Founded in 1992 in Royal Oak, Michigan, we are a non-profit organization of about 300 members in Southeast Michigan who meet at least monthly in meetings and classes to learn more about all aspects of beadwork.

The Beader Reader

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Jean Campbell Workshops March 16 through 19, 2011
by Joanne Goldberg

As a reminder, Jean Campbell's classes were listed in the November/December Beader Reader and class registration for Guild Members starts January 10th. For information or questions, please call Joanne Goldberg at 248-626-0574 or e-mail at beaddoll@yahoo.com.

Class Description and Registration form here http://greatlakesbeadworkersguild.org/workshop/campbell_workshop2.pdf

Christi Friesen Workshops April 13-16, 2010
by Michelle Mandell

Christi Friesen was born at a very young age, and has been an artist for all her life...so far. In 2003 she came across polymer clay, and it immediately became her favorite art medium. She specializes in embellished polymer sculpture. With florals, natural and steampunk animals - it's certainly going to be loads of fun for all. Guild members can start sending in registrations on March 1st.

Click here for all the great Christi Friesen Workshop information http://greatlakesbeadworkersguild.org/workshop/friesen_workshop.pdf

Exhibits Go Live! So Save the Dates!
by Sharon Wagner

Mark your calendars for January 25, 2011! Please join me at the Independence Township Public Library http://www.indelib.org at 7:00 PM for a presentation about the Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild. Why, you may ask? To help support and promote the Guild to the group of beaders who meet at the library twice a month. They don't know anything about our Guild. I invite members who live in the area to join to come and share your beadwork. After the presentation is a question and answer session about the Guild followed by a time to share your beadwork. It would particularly encouraging if you bring pieces from recent guild classes. This is an excellent way you can help promote the guild, meet new people and encourage other beaders!

For those who live in and around Royal Oak, please mark your calendars for February 7, 2011! I will give the same presentation about our Guild that evening at 7:00 PM at the Royal Oak Public Library. http://www.ropl.org Again, please come out in support of the Guild and bring your beadwork for sharing afterwards! You never know who you may meet!

You know you love to show off what you've done, so come on out and share your beadwork! If you have any questions or want to know more about these special events please contact Sharon Wagner at glbgexhibits@yahoo.com or call (586) 945-4620.

Did you remember to Renew Your Membership?

Don't let your membership to the GLBG expire! You can find the renewal form on the web page here: Membership Application - New or Renewal http://greatlakesbeadworkersguild.org/forms/glbg_mem_app.pdf Please take the time to complete the form clearly so that the volunteers on the board can continue to contact you with all the exciting workshops and meetings that are planned for 2011!
Beading Across America
by Christine Wilson

Our own GLBG webmaster, Liz Thompson, has been busy over the last year. She was invited to be a part of a new book by Kalmbach Publishing (the Bead and Button publisher) called "Beading Across America - Jewelry Inspirations from Coast to Coast" (Paulette Baron, Amy Katz and Sherry Serafini). That's her project in the top left corner of the book. This book can be preordered through Kalmbach, http://www.kalmbachstore.com.

Liz has been an assistant to Marcia DeCoster for many years at the Bead and Button show in Milwaukee. Marcia has a wonderful piece "Under the Mast", that she will be teaching for our guild at the Bead Daze classes in February. She and Liz will be co-teaching a class called "Under the Mast II", which is the result of conversations and emails with the words "What If?"

Way to go Liz!

New Books
by Cynthia Nixon

We are pleased to offer the members of GLBG an opportunity to purchase the newest book by Sherry Serafini entitled Sensational Bead Embroidery. It is scheduled to be published in April 2011. This 128 page stunning technique guide explains all the fundamentals needed to produce 25 beautifully textured projects. The cost to you will be $16. If you wish to purchase this book, please send a check made out to GLBG to Cynthia Nixon, 7450 Melody Lane, Bloomfield Township, MI 48301 by March 1. We expect delivery in time for the April Guild meeting.

If you missed the chance to purchase Jean Campbell's newest book, Creating Glamorous Jewelry with Swarovski Elements, we are offering you another opportunity. This is a 221 page fully illustrated book with complete instructions for 26 classic Hollywood designs. Please send a check made out to GLBG for $18 to Cynthia Nixon, 7450 Melody Lane, Bloomfield Township, MI 48301 by January 31. We expect these books to be available at the February meeting for those who have pre-ordered them.

Show and Sell
by Sharon Wagner

During the library display at the Bacon Memorial Library in Wyandotte I was contacted by a business owner to offer another unique opportunity to our guild members. Mary Harris recently opened a new business in Southgate and is very interested in assisting local artists during these poor economic times. Mary has invited local artists to display their work for sale in her facility for a modest commission. Mary has a showcase in which she can securely display beadwork and small items. She is also interested in displaying wall mounted artwork for display and sale. If you are interested in selling your beadwork or other artwork at her business please contact Mary directly.

Mary Harris - Body Relief 4U - 16060 Eureka, Southgate, MI 48195, Phone - (734) 752-7885
What does your beading area look like?

Liz Thompson

What does your beading table, workbench or work area look like? This is just a fun look into the lives of our members! Take a picture of your favorite beading area, write a small description and email it to me at ethomps1@gmail.com. All entries will be added to our guild web page at http://greatlakesbeadworkersguild.org/desk.html. Prizes? Certainly!!

The Guild is going Green?
by Joanne Goldberg for Diane Pettis

Remember the judging for our going green contest is in January. The idea is to recycle something. The project must be at least 1/3 beads and the beads have to be GREEN. There will only be one category with first through third place. You are a talented group so I know you will bring some interesting projects to the January 18th.

2011 Bead Museum Calendar

by Liz Thompson

Are you interested in buying a 2011 Bead Museum Calendar? This is a high quality calendar, featuring items from the Bead Museum in the Phoenix, Arizona area. The museum is the only museum of its kind in the world. It houses an extensive collection of over 100,000 documented beads and beaded artification from all cultures.

If you are interested in purchasing - and supporting - the Bead Museum, please mail your name and address along with a check for $10.00, payable to Bead Museum before January 25th to:

Linda Darmes
27 P Dickinson
Mount Clemens MI 48043

The calendars will be mailed to the guild and Linda will bring them to a meeting. If you cannot attend a meeting, please make mailing arrangements with Linda - you can contact her at ldarmes@gmail.com to determine a pricing for mailing to your home.
Bead Bonanza Volunteers Get THANKS and Prizes
By Jeanette Isenhour

Thirty-four of the 80+ volunteers at the October 2010 Bead Bonanza won a variety of prizes; gift subscriptions, Bead & Button tote bags and other vendor donated treasures, at the November 16 Guild meeting when their names were drawn at random.

If YOU won a prize and weren’t at the meeting, please plan to be at the January 18 Guild meeting to claim your prize or make arrangements with a friend to collect for you.

Members whose names were drawn are: Susan Beauvais, Lois Bell, Mary Ann Brantley, Madeline Caporale, Sophie Craig, Marcia Czar, Carol Comiskey, Denneice Clifton, Catherine El-mandouh, Carmen Farb, Becky Fox, Helena Hatten, Debbie Houser, Jeanette Isenhour, Kim Johnson, Agatha Kalkanis, Barb Klann, Linda Lubin, Laura Lipson, Sheryl Lamarand, Michelle Mandell, Harmon Mickelson, Sharon Majka, Laura McNutt, Linda O'Brien, Perilyn Patton, Rita Patton, Diane Pettis, Jude Sullivan, Sue Schwartzenberger, Marilyn Spence, Liz Thompson, Elizabeth Walthers, and Sharon Wagner.

**Names in boldface should plan to get their prizes at the January meeting or make arrangements with a friend to collect for them.

GLBG 2011 Membership Card
By Rhonda Gross

As part of the GLBG's effort to reduce cost and promote environmentally responsible practices, we are not sending out membership cards for 2011. Many of our members have indicated that they do not use the membership card that we've mailed out to them in previous years. We've decided to include a copy of the 2011 card in this newsletter for those of you who find having the membership card useful.

[2011 Membership Card Image]
News from Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild

PLEASE READ

Monthly general meetings for members of the Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild begin with socializing at 6:30 pm & programs from 7-9 pm on the third Tuesday of the month, (except December) at:

First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham,
1669 West Maple
Birmingham, MI 48009

Call 586-997-7043 for latest updates.

General meetings will be canceled for inclement weather when evening classes at Birmingham Schools are canceled according to local radio or television stations.

2011 Calendar of Events

January 18 -- Whistle Stop, Guild is Going Green, 2011 Charity
February 15 -- Meet our Bead Daze Instructors (Sherry Serafini, Marcia DeCoster, Barb Switzer, Kim St. Jean)
February 16-19 -- BEAD DAZE Classes
March 15 -- Meet the Instructor and Lecture Jean Campbell
March 16-19 -- Jean Campbell Workshops
March 20 -- BEAD BONANZA
April 12-16 -- Christi Friesen Workshops
April 19 -- To Be Announced, Stitch Clinic
May 17 -- Election of New Officers, Maria Rypan lecture "Embellishing Your World: Beading and Surface Designs"
June 21 -- Annual Pizza Party and Strut your Stuff, Stitch Clinic
July 19 -- Treasure Sale
July Dates TBD -- Sylvia Lansdowne Workshops
August 16 -- To Be Announced
September 20 -- Melanie Potter Trunk Show, Stitch Clinic
October 9 -- BEAD BONANZA
November dates TBD -- Maggie Meister Workshops
December -- There is no meeting this month.

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Polymer clay and mixed media workshops
with Christi Friesen

Christi Friesen was born at a very young age, and has been an artist for all her life... so far. In 2003 she came across polymer clay, and it immediately became her favorite art medium. She specializes in embellished polymer sculpture.

Her work has won awards, been featured in numerous books, and has been showcased in galleries, events and juried shows. She is the author of nine how-to books on polymer clay and dozens of articles for magazines. She has also had several articles featuring her work as a designer.

She is best known for her teaching. Since 2004 she has shared her knowledge and ideas with craft enthusiasts all over the world. Four days of fun classes – here's what's in store for you!

1. Green goddess sculpture/Sprite brooch – Wednesday, April 13
   In this workshop, you have a choice – you can create a larger art doll sculpture, or work on a smaller goddess or sprite wall piece or brooch. We will work with a variety of media – polymer clay, beads, fibers, Paverpol – to create a figurative piece. Each person’s creation will be uniquely their own! This class will explore the use of armatures, accent techniques, simple face and figure sculptural tricks.

   All skill levels welcome!

2. Lily Ponds sculpture/pendant/vessel – Thursday, April 14
   In this workshop, you will learn to use resin with polymer clay to create the water in your lily pond. You can concentrate on creating a larger sculptural piece, smaller focal bead/pendant/brooch or add the pond elements to an art vessel piece. Either way you choose you will create leaves, flower, fish and pebbles – it's addictive fun! You won't want to stop. This class will emphasize design and composition, color mixing and use resin.
   All skill levels welcome!
3. Steampunk Safari–or not! – Friday, April 15
Are you into the hot steampunk look? Well then, this class is for you! Are you not really so fond of all those gears and rusty bits? Well, this class is still for you! In this workshop you will have your choice on creating one or more creatures – rhino, elephant head, dragonfly or bunny. If you like the steampunk look, you’ll learn how to add gears, faux leather straps, vintage findings and other details to make your creation look like a Victorian mad scientist's plaything! If you’d prefer a different look, you’ll be able to add beads, pearls and crystal to embellish your creature in a whole different direction. This workshop emphasizes creativity, sculptural techniques, texture, and accents.
All skill levels welcome!

4. Woodland Creatures beads/vessels - April 16
Christi’s latest book, Woodland Creatures, explores creatures wild and furry, and so will you in her newest workshop projects! You will have a choice in creating a moose head or squirrel focal bead, each accented with different mixed media detailing. This workshop will also feature the “toilet paper” technique when you create a hollow tree trunk vessel, then add a cute little raccoon peeking out of the knot hole. This is a fun class with lots of sculptural techniques and tricks to try out.
All skill levels welcome!
REGISTRATION for current Guild members begins with a March 1, 2011 postmark. Earlier postmarks will not be considered. Non-members may register beginning March 15, 2011. Confirmations will be sent approximately April 1, 2011.

For the workshops, class fees are **$40 per day for current GLBG members and $80 per day for non-members**. Class size is strictly limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis by postmark date. All registrations are by mail only. If necessary, a lottery will be held for available spaces with each day's postmark. Classes are for ages 18 and over. Only the person registered for the class may attend.

**Cancellation Policy:** A $10 fee will be charged for cancellations 10 days prior to the first day of classes. No refunds will be issued after this time. Checks will be returned to you if the class is filled.

**VENUE:** Classes will be at the Wayne State University Oakland Extension Center, 33737 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48331.

**Student Integrity Statement:** It is the expectation of the instructors that their work will not be specifically repeated. Specific projects, designs, classes, lectures and materials are the sole property of the artist. Taping or photographing lectures or classes is not permitted without express permission of the instructor. All designs, handouts and instructions are copyrighted and owned by the instructor. Workshop designs are not to be taught by the student. A student should request the teacher’s consent if finished products are to be sold. Workshop designs may be exhibited, if the following statement accompanies the item: “Design by (instructor’s name) and executed by (your name).”

*By submitting this registration, it is understood you have read and agree to comply with this Student Integrity Statement.*

********** REGISTRATION FORM **********

* Kits will be available prices TBD - Materials list will be provided.

☐ Wednesday, April 13 2011 - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Green Goddess and some secret stuff

☐ Thursday, April 14 2011 - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM – Lilly Pond and Vessels

☐ Friday, April 15, 2011 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM – Steampunk Rino and All Kinds of Steampunk and Spritsz

☐ Saturday, April 16, 2011 - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM - Woodland Creatures All Kinds

Name: (PLEASE PRINT) ____________________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: __________________________________________________________________

Phone: ______________ Work or cell: _____________ E-mail: ______________________________

Please write a SEPARATE check (payable to G.L.B.G.) for each class with the class name in the memo section.

Please include a self-addressed stamped envelope, your check(s), this form and mail to:

Michelle Mandell 7293 Roberta Lane, Waterford, MI 48327

Got Questions?? Email Michelle at january123456@aol.com or call 248.481.9253