Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild
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News from our President

Time to leap into summer fun! Do you have vacation plans for the summer months? Do you bead when you travel, like I do? I take my handy tool bag with all my supplies on every road trip. While my husband drives, I happily bead away with my project on a bead mat in the lid of a plastic shoe storage box. So simple, and it fits in my tool bag when I’m not beading! This improvised set up works for me. But there are a lot of great products out there that conveniently organize your traveling projects. I would love to hear about what cool products you have found and use when you travel with your beads. Oh, don’t forget, before you head out on vacation, look up bead stores at your destination cities! You never know what new and interesting things you will find or new friends you will make!

I hope to see many of you at the Bead & Button show in Milwaukee in June. If you take classes, let your board members know how you liked them! We love hearing your first hand experiences with new teachers and projects!

For those of you staying close to home this summer...... Consider visiting the summer art festivals, shop our local artists in boutiques, or get out and explore a new bead store right here in Michigan! We still have a lot of great stores out there!

Bring on the sun! Have a great summer and see you at a meeting! Bring a friend or a new member with you!
About Us

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, MI, we are a non-profit organization of about 300 members in Southeast Michigan. We meet monthly (with the exception of December) for activities and classes to learn more about all aspects of beadwork.

Programming News

by Cynthia Nixon

I truly hope that you all had the chance to meet or perhaps take advantage of having a class or two with Laura McCabe. She's just a wonderful person and a perfectly marvelous teacher and innovative designer.

By the time you receive this issue of the Beader Reader, Julie Picarello will have completed her 'stint' with GLBG. She is an extremely talented polymer clay artist with so many tricks and techniques to share with us. I do hope everyone can take advantage of this chance to learn something kinda new from an artist who is new to us.

Our own Maria Rypan is scheduled to speak to our Guild on May 21. Her topic is Beadwork: The Most Versatile Art Form. She will also have a trunk show for the membership. Maria is a wonderful speaker as well as an accomplished bead artist and we truly look forward to having her with us.

In June we will have our annual Pizza Party combined with a Strut Your Stuff opportunity to show everyone some of the wonderful projects you've been working on. Be sure to mark your calendar with the June 25, 2013 date and join us for dinner to celebrate the birthday of our Guild. Please note that this is the fourth week of the month and is a date change.

Remember, you don't know everything we have planned each month!

Beads Ahoy!
Sharon Wagner

Spring Bead Bonanza

by Helena Hatten

March 17, 2013, and another much anticipated Bead Bonanza went into the GLBG archives.

My buying strategies were all geared to wedding jewelry at the Spring Bead Bonanza! I'll be making jewelry for 3 wedding parties this year (my daughter's included-yay!). I found many lovely items to go into the designs. Isn't it wonderful that we have such a great variety of vendors that come to us each March and October?

Thanks to my awesome BB Saturday set-up crew! The 2 Gail F's, Frederickson and Foster, Jeanette Isenhour, Karen Lukianoff, Jan Peck, Cynthia Nixon, Deloris Newell, Carmen Falb, and Sharon Wagner. These ladies all helped make things run smoothly on Bead Bonanza Sunday.

Our GLBG Volunteer Coordinator, Anne Grabowski works the show all day Sunday keeping order to all things related to the volunteers. A big thank you to all the people that consistently sign up with Ann to work at the show!

Maggie Schultz works with all things BB printed - including coming up with a great graphic design for our t-shirts for each show. By the way, our winning t-shirt slogan was by Cheryl Millard! Cheryl wins a Guild class of her choice for that submission. And BB publicity gals, Babsi Riegler and Jeanette Isenhour, got the BB "word out" in a couple area newspapers. Linda O'Brien, Treasurer, and Sue Vogen, Membership Chair, and Linda Darmes were there all day Sunday too with the rest of the BB committee.

Thanks to you all! I couldn't do it without you.

The volunteer drawing for members who worked the Spring Bead Bonanza will be done at the Picnic in June. Remember you must be there to claim your prize if your name is drawn. As usual we'll have goodies donated by our Bead Bonanza vendors - PLUS 2 Laura McCabe kits and a free GLBG class of your choice! Be there or be square!!
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Last but not at least - start combing through your bead collection - mark July 16 on your calendars and circle it in red! Now is the time to 'de-stash' and turn your stuff into cash...perhaps to buy someone else's stuff - er, treasures. Our annual Treasure Sale is sure to be the best yet. Please reserve your table by June 30 by contacting Cynthia Nixon at 248-647-7945 or email at GLBG.Programming@Yahoo.com.

Maria Rypan

Guest Speaker, May 21

by Linda Darmes

The GLBG is honored to have bead artist, Maria Rypan to return to speak at the Guild's May meeting. Maria is a respected worldwide bead artist, researcher, and recognized expert on "gerdany," a Ukrainian style of beading. Her work is featured in many beadwork publications. Come join us and see how beads are incorporated into almost anything! Maria's new, inspirational lecture encompasses different types of beading from around the world. Her presentation includes a variety of materials and techniques, covering classical and modern, traditional and one-of-a-kind, native and global, folk art and contemporary renditions.

You’ll be inspired to add a few more beads here and there as you zealously pursue your favorite art form.

You can learn more about Maria at the meeting and by checking out her website and blog:
http://www.rypandesigns.com
http://rypandesigns.blogspot.com

Nikia Angel Workshops

August 8, 9, and 10

by Gail Frederickson

Nikia Angel has been beading since birth (relatively speaking), creating is as natural to her as breathing - and just as necessary! She has been beading since she was a child, and obsessively since 1988. Teaching since 1990, Nikia has instructed at many major bead and jewelry shows, as well as in bead stores across the country. Constantly working to come up with new and innovative designs to share with her fellow beaders, she enjoys sharing her passion and love for all things beady and inspiring students of all ages to share her love of jewelry making. When she isn't busy beading or traveling the country, Nikia resides in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Moroccan Nights Necklace Thursday 8/08
Monthly Meetings

Monthly general meetings for members of the Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild begin with socializing at 6:30 pm and programs from 7 - 8:30 pm, on the third Tuesday of the month (exceptions are indicated with an asterisk) at:

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

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

No State Tax ID's will be accepted in Guild classes or meetings. No private arrangements will be allowed with any instructor for this issue. There are no exceptions.

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586.997.7043 8:00am-5:00pm

GLBG Bead Bonanza
Bead Show

October 13, 2013
Southfield Pavilion
Southfield, MI
10am - 5 pm

21st Century Slide Bracelet Friday 8/09

Crystal Clay Cuff Saturday 8/10
For class descriptions and registration please click here

**Book of Fame**

*by Gay Dries*

gaydries5@yahoo.com

Members, please let me know when members of our Guild get published or are otherwise acknowledged. I would like to add them to our Book of Fame. It is nice to know the famous among us.

**Have your Own Bead Page on the GLBG Web site**

*by Liz Thompson*

Here is your chance to have a link to a web page that features you!! Check out our current beaders who have a page on the GLBG website, it could have links to your personal web page, Etsy store, or Facebook page - a great way to self promote. Check out some of the pages that have been created at http://greatlakesbeadworkersguild.org/featured.html

*Answer the following questions:*

When did you start beading-and beadweaving (or metalwork or.....)-and why?

How much time do you spend beading a day?

What is your favorite stitch to work with and why?

What does your beading space look like?

What's your goal when you teach?

Describe your excitement when you find that one of your pieces is going to be published.
Please copy and paste the questions in an email to (ethomps1@gmail.com), send me a picture of you and your beadwork. If the piece is something designed by another artist, please let me know the name of the pattern and the artist so I can appropriately credit them. Do not worry about the sizes of the photos, I can resize them when I create your page.

Thanks! If you think of some other questions, just add them in to the mix! Thank you for stepping up - we all do such great stuff! I’d love to see YOUR name on YOUR page.

From Diane Fitzgerald

Dear GLBG,

I can't recall a more pleasant teaching experience....good--no great! students, good hotel, well organized, good food. Everything went so smoothly and it was a great help to have someone in class look after kits which both teacher and students appreciate.

Well done! Thank you. What more can I say?

I am attaching the instructions for a fun make-and-take using the super duos. There are two versions: flat and round.

Diane Fitzgerald

Twin SuperDuo Instructions

From Dallas Lovett

Dear friends in the Great Lakes Bead Workers Guild,

Greetings from Dallas Lovett. Some of you might have wondered where is Dallas and what is he up to now. This past year I have taken a sabbatical and not a minute too soon. All the travel, living out of a suitcase and hauling suitcases of beads was taking its toll on me. So this has pushed me to explore new directions.

The big project this year has been writing a book, working with Lark Publishers, about my wire and bead work. There will be 25 projects in the book. I anticipate the book will be completed this year and on the market by 2014.

A new passion I bumped into this year has been "Zentangles". Zentangles is a fun, relaxing process of how to draw simple pen and ink patterns, step-by-step in a way that allows each person to experience success in creating pieces of art. Simple patterns are combined in an unplanned way that grow and change and surprise you. I went to Providence, RI to become a certified teacher and love it. I have developed a copper etched bracelet class using Zentangle patterns the students have created.

The big news is that I am sponsoring a bead cruise to Alaska and I am inviting you all to come. I have been on many cruises but the Alaskan cruise takes you to some of the most beautiful country you will ever see. Hope you seriously consider coming with us. I will be teaching Zentangles, Marcia DeCoster will be teaching a right angle weave bracelet and Nancy Cain created a special piece for this cruise called Northern Lights. It is a 7 day cruise round trip from Seattle, September 6-13, 2013. See all the pertinent information and projects at:

http://www.tradewindgallery.com/dallas_lovett_bead_cruise.htm

You must have the most active bead group around. Your daily postings of all you are doing are inspiring. Keep up the good work.

See you on the cruise.

Dallas Lovett

Maker Faire Detroit
by Sharon Wagner

Maker Faire is just around the corner! Setup is on Friday July 26 and the Faire days are July 27 and 28!

Attention, all volunteers from last year AND new volunteers please join us! Now is the time to put on your thinking caps! We need a new project for this year, and we need to think SIMPLE! Last year's projects were very popular, but a bit time consuming. We definitely don't want to disappoint our fans! Attendees will be looking for us again this year! We had a great time, let's do it again! I need lots and lots of volunteers. Work one 5 hour shift and check out the Maker Faire too! Such a deal! Like last year, we will schedule a couple of "kitting" sessions again this year! Let me know if you can join us this summer and send your project suggestions ASAP to glbgexhibits@yahoo.com

"By learning you will teach, by teaching you will learn."

Latin Proverb

Exhibits

Calendar of Events

June 1-30
Orion Township Library
June 9
Orion Township Library Summer Reading Kickoff Special Guest
June 19
Guild Presentation, Orion Township Library
July 1-31
Guild Presentation, Warren Public Library
July 11
Warren Public Library showcase
July 26-28
Maker Faire Booth, The Henry Ford Museum (set-up Friday afternoon)
August 20
Guild Challenge Deadline

Guild Challenge

Guild Challenge for 2013! The votes are in! We will use both themes for the Guild Challenge this year! You are invited to make a beaded project in either or both themes:

Pantone Spring 2013 and Nature's Gallery!

Use beads, wire, polymer clay, and other elements in your choice of at least THREE of the Pantone 2013 spring colors and make ANY beaded project you want. Make an original design, or use a design from your favorite designer!
Nature’s Gallery is your interpretation in beads, wire, polymer clay, and other elements, of any aspect of nature that inspires you! In other words...if it looks like something or is representative of something in nature you've got it! Oh my, what seems to be the simplest challenge often turns out to be the most "challenging"!

Remember, all entries will be displayed at the City Gallery this fall, your project should fit within a 14" x 14" x 18" display space! Enter as many pieces as you can manage! Entries are due for voting at the August general meeting! Prizes will be awarded for 1st & 2nd Place in Finished Jewelry, Wearable/Décor Items, and First Time Entry in any Guild competition, for BOTH Challenge Themes! That means you have multiple chances to win!
Hi All.
Don't forget we will be having a drawing at the June meeting for a free class to be awarded to one of our membership recruiters. Recruiter must be present to win. Let's continue to recruit and let's see if we can increase our membership.

Don't forget to join or renew your 2013 membership
Don't let your membership to GLBG expire! You can renew your membership on the web page:

http://greatlakesbeadworkersguild.org/membership.html

PayPal or credit card renewal is available. Fill in the drop downs and select Buy Now. If you have a PayPal account proceed as you normally would. If not just select 'Don't have a PayPal account' and enter in your credit card information. You can also print out the membership renewal form at the bottom of web page. Please take the time to complete the form clearly (especially your email address) so that we can continue to contact you with all the exciting workshops and meetings that are planned in the future.

Any questions feel free to contact me at glbg.membership@yahoo.com

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