A Note from Our President

As we approach the end of the year I would like to extend my gratitude to all of the members of the Guild, without you we have no purpose. I would also like to thank everyone who has served and is serving on the Board. Your continuous contributions behind the scenes make our Guild what it is and help us to keep improving our service to the membership.

I am so pleased to hear many comments about the friendly atmosphere and the comradery present at our meetings. I am also excited to meet new members each month. I would love to see more of you at every meeting! I am very thankful for the members who consistently volunteer for Bead Bonanza and Maker Faire each year; these events are not possible without you. Maker Faire Detroit has elevated our community presence and given us a great way to interact with the public. The two Bead Bonanzas we sponsor each year provide the financial means for us to host classes with several national instructors every year. As a non-profit business, our long standing fiscal accountability has established a legacy of abundance which allows us to not only give to our members, but to "give back" to our community. This year the Board has approved charitable gifts of $500 each to Beads of Courage (Detroit Children’s Hospital) and to Alternatives for Girls. We will continue to collect bead and bag donations, and we hope that they will also join us at future Bead Bonanzas to help spread the word to the beading community. It is also my hope that we will be able to reach out to the “at risk” girls of Alternative for Girls and teach them beadwork skills. Wouldn’t it be wonderful to share our knowledge and love of beads with these struggling young women?

I invite you to set aside time in 2015 to volunteer at the Guild’s events, if you already do, I challenge you to do more. I would like to invite you to become a board member, in one of the current vacancies: News Letter, Exhibits, Hospitality, and Library. Opportunities abound to be more involved in our Guild, and we will help you to find your way. Come find out what goes on behind the scenes and see how much fun it can be.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy holiday season. Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and especially have a very Happy New Year!

With earnest affection,

Sharon
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 250 members in Southeast Michigan. We meet monthly (with the exception of December) for activities and classes to learn more about all aspects of beadwork.

Monthly Meetings
Monthly meetings for members and guests are held on the third Tuesday of the month (see the calendar for exceptions noted with an asterisk *)

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

Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild meetings:
Check in and Social time- 6:30 – 7:00
Announcements and Programs - 7:00pm - 8:30 pm

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.

Programs
Christine Wilson~Team Member

Please join us November 18th to welcome polymer artist Helen Breil who will kick off that week’s classes with a design presentation. Helen will also have a trunk show of her amazing tools and finished goods. Please bring cash or check as credit card processing will be greatly limited.

Cynthia Nixon~Chair

Your Programming Team has some fun stuff lined up for 2015 but you’ll have to stay tuned for a complete reveal. Meanwhile, I hope you’re all going to enjoy Helen Briel in November. She will be at our usual meeting and then be teaching four classes...each day a different technique. What fun! She is an international polymer clay artist and her visit with us is sure to be a wonderful experience.

We do not meet in December and that will give you a small window of time to finish (start?) your Swarovski challenge using the crystals you each received at our June meeting. We would very much like to take a picture of them all together to send on to Swarovski as a gracious thank you for their generosity. Just to add to the fun, please bring in the Make and Take projects we have done lately...needle case with the Guild bottle cap, filigree project, ribbon flowers, shamballa bracelet...and share them for another group photo.

Please remember that our January meeting is a different week than usual – on the 13th!

Below are some sneak peek photos of our February classes...not good shots, just teasers to perk your interest.

Website

Kathy Knight~Chair

Coming Soon!
The new website is coming to a computer near you. The Guild has partnered with Dabeka Ink out of Atlanta to create a hip, new and easy to navigate website. We’re adding a “Join our Mailing List” for folks who are not (yet) Guild members but want to know what we’re doing. The member list will still be password protected so your personal info stays safe.

We’re also including more archival data and making all the pages easier to access.
We’ll be sure to give you a heads up when we move to the new site because we expect a brief downtime while everything gets moved and tweaked.
I’m always open to input from the Guild so if you have a comment or suggestion, please drop me a line at glbgweb@yahoo.com.
Membership

Sue Vogen~Chair

Another Bead Bonanza down thanks to all of the volunteers. Membership renewal for 2015 started in October.

Soon we will be having name tags for the General Meetings. Pick up the name tag at the membership table, wear it, and return it for the next meeting.

Just a reminder, make sure you sign in at the meetings and keep recruiting new members. At the November meeting we will be awarding the Recruiter of the year and Member of the year. Keep up the good work, our membership is now at 244.

Contact me at glbg.membership@yahoo.com

BB Volunteer Coordinator

Dorinda Balanecki~BB Team Member

A heart felt and sincere THANK YOU to all you wonderful Guild members that gave your time to make Bead Bonanza so successful! The food coupons were a huge success and one small way we can let you know how important your job is as a volunteer. Bead Bonanza continues to be the premier bead show in Michigan and we need your continued help to make it stay on top.

We had so many compliments from all the vendors about how helpful everyone was, and they appreciated that the volunteers had name badges so they could put a face to a name.

As the new Volunteers Coordinator I would like to hear from the Guild members! If you have any suggestions or ideas on how we can get more volunteers involved. Many hands make the work light!

I will have sign-up sheets at all the Guild meetings so PLEASE sign up.

If you have volunteered in a position for many years please do not assume your name has been carried over. Check the sign-up sheet and add your name and leave me a little note.

A HUGE shout out to Maggie Schultz once again for the FABULOUS T-shirts!! There are so many people that work quietly behind the scenes all year long to make BB work! So if you want to be more involved let me know!

If you are a newer member or have been part of the Guild for years volunteering is the most fun way to get to know your fellow Guild members! We have so much fun. So sign up to be part of something great.

See you at the meetings!
In Memory of….Pat Wiley ~1944-2014

Pat Wiley, age 70, departed this earth on October 23, 2014, ending a valiant battle against Ovarian Cancer. She is survived by her husband Bob, who was steadfast in his love, nurturing and devotion to her throughout their 34 year marriage, but especially during the seven year journey that ended last week.

Pat served on the GLBG Board as the Programs Chair. Pat’s influence established the legacy of excellence that makes our Guild a premier teaching destination for beadwork, wire, and polymer clay artists.

Memorial donations may be made to Gilda’s Club Metro Detroit 3517 Rochester Road, Royal Oak, MI 48073, 248.577.0800 or online at Gildasclubdetroit.org

~ Membership ~

In Person or Snail Mail

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.

At a Guild meeting, give your form with your check to the Membership Chair or mail to:

GLBG
PO Box 1639
Royal Oak, MI 48068

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

~Board Members~

Archives Chair
Gay Dries

Bead Bonanza Chair
Jan Peck

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(vacant)

Fundraising/Advertising Chair
Char Reese-Oxford

Hospitality Chair
(vacant)

Library Chair
(vacant)

Membership Chair
Sue Vogen

Newsletter Chair
(vacant)

Programs Chair
Cynthia Nixon

Web Site Chair
Kathy Knight

Workshops Chair
Gail Frederickson

GLBG Board Vacancies

There are many changes taking place all of the time, behind the scenes, in the GLBG. We have a new Web Site Chair who is working with a web designer to redesign our site and we hope to launch the new site by the end of November. After the Sep/Oct Beader Reader went out, our Newsletter Chair resigned, we need someone with good computer and communication skills for this position. We are looking for a user friendly method to construct and email the newsletter to the membership. Constant Contact has proven to be a bit of a challenge for our volunteers’ skills. It is quite possible that the Beader Reader may eventually be sent from the new web site.

For this issue of the Beader Reader, several board members worked together to create this document in Word, and convert it to PDF to be emailed to you.

In the meantime, if things don’t seem to be working as you expect it is because something is changing behind the scenes.

Change takes time.

Want to know what is happening behind the scenes? Join the Board, volunteer for one of the vacancies in the Board Members list to the left. We will help you learn and provide plenty of support!

We need your help to keep our Guild running smoothly, keep improving our use of technology, and continue to be the premier Beadworkers Guild in the nation.

What can you do for your Guild?
Synergy 2014
Theme: Fire & Water

Grand Prize ~ Camp Fire by Water Side
Judy Daugherty & Pat Venaleck

1st Place Wearable/Home Décor ~
Summer Clutch
Christine Wilson & Annie Shook

2nd Place Wearable/Home Décor ~
Mud Pots & Hot Spots
Gay Dries & Cindi Brunell

1st Place Finished Jewelry ~
Fire Lotus
Sue Vogen & Kiersten Kern

2nd Place Finished Jewelry ~
Aquarian Priestess
Char Reese-Oxford & Alisa Kwang

3rd Place Finished Jewelry ~
Le Feu et L'eau
Gail Frederickson & Sylvus Tarn

4th Place Finished Jewelry ~
Pele - Goddess of Volcanoes
Carmen Falb & Kim Meray

5th Place Finished Jewelry ~
Water Beats Fire
Sue Vogen & Vanessa Morse

6th Place Finished Jewelry ~
Meeting of the Elements
Jenn Schwartzenberger & Susan Richards

Congratulations to all our artists!
2014 Challenge
Theme: Fire & Water

1st Place Wearable/Home Décor ~
Ocean Wave Purse
Judy Daugherty

2nd Place Wearable/Home Décor
~
Fire & Water Whimsy
Marjorie Yedlin

1st Place Finished Jewelry ~
Fire Agate Cascade
Marilyn Connor

2nd Place Finished Jewelry ~
Steam: When Water Meets Fire
Karen McCormick

3rd Place Finished Jewelry ~
Running Hot & Cold
Christine Wilson

Thank you for participating in the
Guild Challenge this year!

Exhibits

Sharon Wagner~Chair

I am resigning this position at the end of the Synergy & Challenge 2014 display in the City Gallery later this month. It has been a challenging year with so many activities competing for my attention and a few hitches along the way. Most of you do not know Annmarie Frances, from the Glass Act, who was to Co-Chair Synergy with me this year. Annmarie was diagnosed with Stage 4 Colon Cancer late last year so she was not able to continue with our project. Cindi Brunell, and Vanessa Morse took up the challenge and helped with the installation and awards ceremony.

Exhibits is a vital public outreach for our Guild. Library displays, Maker Faire and the annual installations at the City Gallery in the Costick Center, keep our Guild in the public eye and help attract new members. Exhibits also coordinates with Programs for the Guild Challenge each year. We need a theme for 2015!

I meet new artists and bead weavers almost every week who have not heard of the GLBG. Exhibits is important to keep our name and our work in the public consciousness! Exhibits is also a great way to get to know more members of our Guild and share our passion with the people in the Detroit Metro area. It’s time for a fresh spin on Exhibits, are you willing to give it a try? Let me know, I’d be happy to help you get started!

Email me at: glbgexhibits@yahoo.com

Archives

Gay Dries~Chair

Book Of Fame

Members, please let me know when members of our Guild are 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. Email information to: gaydries5@yahoo.com
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*Please note these events occur outside of the normal meeting and workshop schedule (with exceptions noted).*

The Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild will meet at the First Presbyterian Church, 1669 West Maple, in Birmingham. First Presbyterian of Birmingham is a very large church on the south side of Maple between Southfield Road and Evergreen Road.

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 (except December) at: First Presbyterian Church 1669 West Maple, Birmingham, MI.

The Guild board normally meets the first Thursday of the month at 6:45p.m. at Farmington Hills Library on 12 Mile Road. Any Guild member may attend Board meetings. General meetings will be canceled due to inclement weather whenever evening classes at Oakland Community College’s Royal Oak campus are canceled, as announced by the local radio or television stations.

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