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News from our President
Another year gone! How time flies when you are having fun! We had a lovely year, with a few surprises here and there. Bead Daze teachers, Diane Fitzgerald, Leslie Frazier, Mary Hettmansperger, and Kim St. Jean, were fabulous and so fun. We met and fell in love with a new polymer clay teacher, Julie Picarello. The incredible Laura McCabe came and shared her unique approach to beadwork. Maria Rypan shared her love of "gerdany", giving us a peek into her design inspiration and process. Nikia Angel stopped to charm us for four days on her way east, so fun to finally have her with us! We wrapped up the year with our local favorite, Hannah Rosner. Summer was full of fun, surprises and adjustments. Sadly we had to cancel July’s meeting due to a power...
Linda O’Brien

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.

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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Membership

by Sue Vogen  glbg.membership@yahoo.com

It’s never too late to become a member of GLBG or to renew your membership. Dues are $30 a year from January through December.

You can pay for 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 outage, but we rolled with it and shifted our schedule. Thanks to Cynthia, Christine and Kelly for handling that so well. Maker Faire was a smashing success this year, which was topped off by receiving a Maker of Merit award! Several of you took up the Guild Challenge this year and the City Gallery display is the last exhibition of the year. We have one more meeting, this month it’s all about you; we have a make and take, book sale and time to visit of course.

Do you feel that chill in the air? It's time to prepare for the winter. Remember to keep your sparkly goodies close and your family closer.

May you have a blessed holiday season.
Beads Ahoy!
Sharon

Member Spotlight

Jan Peck
Leads Bead

Bonanza!

"I was a Helena Hatten wanna be"

Hi GLBG! I was the stand-in for Helena Hatten at the GLBG 'Bead Bonanza' this past October, 2013. I had a blast. The machine that is the "BB" is a well-honed ancioled entity, with everyone doing their jobs and sometimes a little more. Everyone was really sweet about checking with me as to being OK? or was I overwhelmed? Well, let me tell you, it was fascinating.

From the initial setup at the Southfield Pavilion, the vendor's setup, the show itself, to the final teardown by vendors and clean up by the Southfield workers; it was awesome!

Of course I cannot forget the Wonderful Volunteers that worked in and thru all of these people (and their stuff) to create what the Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild is PROUD to call our "Bead Bonanza."
all the exciting workshops and meetings that are planned in the future.

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

The Beader Reader

Welcome to the official publication of the Great Lakes Beadworkers Guild. The newsletter is published bi-monthly by this schedule:

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Book Of Fame

by Gay Dries
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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.

I want to thank Helena and all of our volunteers for the honor of working with them, you are all "THE BEST"

Programming News
by Cynthia Nixon

I want to thank the Programming Team for taking over the September Make and Take while I traveled to Colorado to welcome my first grandchild. The Starfish project idea and directions were the gift of one of our founding members, Lorraine Wolak, who also gave a generous donation to help defray the materials cost. I hope you all enjoy making your Memories of Summer starfish.

Our November Make and Take is shaping up quite nicely and I am sure you will enjoy it. We will be stitching with 28 gauge wire (provided) so all you really need is a bead mat, wire cutters or utility scissors, and chain nose pliers. If you prefer to stitch with fireline, 8lb works along with a needle and scissors. Free kits will be provided for this project!

Plans for 2014 are shaping up nicely. We are excited to welcome Tom Howard from T & T Trading. I know everyone attending our bi-annual Bead Bonanza is familiar with Tom as a vendor and perhaps have visited him when he comes to this area in the summer for a trunk show. On Tuesday, January 14, Tom will be speaking about Chevron/Rosetta Trade Beads and present day finishing of antique Murano glass bead canes. We will also enjoy a Trunk Show from T & T Trading.

February brings Norma Melton with WireKnitZ and three of her crew of teachers - Helena Hatten, Barb Klann, and Sheryl Lamarand. I'm sure you have seen several lovely WireKnitZ creations and now is your chance to embrace this new approach to making jewelry. It's really fun with almost immediate gratification. Pictures of the projects and the registration form will be in the January newsletter.
Have a wonderful holiday season and a safe and healthy New Year.

The Big Three
by Kate Dunn

Findings was the first bead shop I frequented to take bead classes and begin my foray into serious seed bead work. I took 125 classes there in a year! It is a charming shop, owned by Gerry Dimond and run by an energetic and talented staff. There is a great array of seed beads as well as a delightful complement of glass beads, stone beads, pearls, and crystals. Findings makes some excellent seed bead mixes. There is also a plethora of beading tools and materials to suit any beader's needs and dreams.

There is a fine offering of classes every month. Be sure to sign up for the e-newsletter. It lists all the classes, events, and sales. There is an excellent library in the classroom to search for inspiration or solutions. The staff is knowledgeable and always willing to help pick beads or resolve a design problem. Visiting Findings is always a pleasure and a good place to increase your stash and knowledge.

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3925 Jackson Rd, Ann Arbor, MI
Monday-Wednesday & Friday 10am-6pm
Thursday - 10am-7pm
Saturday - 10am-5pm
Sunday - Noon-4pm

Pam’s Bead Garden, where no bead is a weed, is a seed beader's delight. A great array of Czech and Japanese seed beads makes it easy to get a material list completed. Owned by Pam Gary Nichols, Pam’s has a great staff who keep the racks stocked with lots of beads. Whether you are a weaver, embroiderer, stringer, or just a collector, there is a lot to see and touch. If you need to learn a stitch, Pam teaches free of charge with the purchase of materials. Just make an appointment and you can learn a stitch needed for a project you desire.

All the accoutrements of beading are
available: needle, scissors, threads, surfaces, and bead containers. It is a cozy shop that is a comfortable place to sit and discuss beads and beading. There is always help with color choice and help for making a project work. Whether you run in for a quick selection or spend a few hours picking out beads, you will enjoy the options at Pam's Bead Garden.
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Saturday 10:30am-4pm
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**Stony Creek Bead** is the newest of the Big Three. Jennifer Schwartzzenberger is the owner. There is a fine array of seed beads and everything necessary to complete your project or start a new one. Stony Creek teaches an interesting assortment of classes with something to attract all beaders from novice to accomplished. Private classes are available. Their blog keeps you updated about events in the shop and do sign up for the newsletter. There is a wonderful collection of focal beads, glass, and polymer. Lots of patterns and some kits. You will have no problem getting whatever you need to create a design to add to your jewelry box.

The staff is helpful and the store is friendly. Ideas abound and like Findings and Pam's Bead Garden easy to part with your money. Couponless sales are advertised in the newsletter. Trunk shows and special events abound. Do not miss the creativity. You won't miss your cash!
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Go to all three shops. Not on the same day.
Take your time and see the specialties in each shop. Every shop is different; the staff, the atmosphere, the beads. Every shop has something that another does not have. Never avoid any shop or you will miss new friends and wonderful treasures.

**Membership News**

*by Sue Vogen*

The October Bead Bonanza is behind us and the 2014 membership renewal has begun. Last issue I explained the changes to the renewal forms. They are now available. We are also be expanding our recruiting competition. Next June we will be awarding memberships for 2015. The member with the highest number of recruits will be awarded. We will also have a drawing from all of the 2014 recruiters and a drawing from all of the new 2014 members. You must be present at the June meeting to win.

Ok the engineer in me just had to play with numbers. I was able to go back to 2006 with membership history and see a downward trend. The total members for the years are as follows:

2006 - 394 members
2007 - 393 members
2008 - 354 members
2009 - 328 members
2010 - 302 members
2011 - 278 members
2012 - 271 members
2013 - 262 members

I know a lot of factors go into those numbers, economy probably being the biggest, aging population and changing interests. Let's see how much we can promote our great guild and increase the 2014 membership.
**Stitch Clinics**

"How Do I....Beading Class"

by Jan Peck

Hi, members, my name is Jan Peck and I have the privilege to teach Bead Stitches Clinic before the Guild meetings.

We will meet at 6pm in the same room as the meeting. The class will run for a half hour and you will receive beads and illustrated instructions. The class will be limited in size to a maximum of eight people. A nominal fee will be charged to hold your space. Please email me or call me, leaving a message with contact information.

January and February classes will cover the Peyote Stitch and its variations.

Looking forward to sharing and helping.

Oops...almost forgot - please bring: Beading mat, scissors, size 10 beading needles, beading thread, magnifiers or gasses if you need them. If you have a small portable light, you can also bring that. (I will have extension cords and gang plugs if needed).

Please contact me at: jrpbell@aol.com or 586-296-9878

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**From the Editor**

~ Volunteers

by Kate Dunn

We have a fabulous guild. It has been developed and supported by our bead show, The Bead Bonanza. Yes, we have yearly dues of $30. Yes, members pay $40 per day for classes. But the dues and the class fees in no way pay for the events and the classes themselves. Once we book an event or a class, we must have money in the bank to pay for this activity. The Bead Bonanza pays for all the rest. In turn, the volunteers make Bead Bonanza possible.

We know it seems small, but volunteering for Bead Bonanza as a helper is very important. Most of the board is in attendance all day from about 8am to 6pm.
They get the same freebies as members do: a t-shirt and free admission. Everyone else is asked to volunteer for 2 hours minimum. We were about 10 -15 people short of help in October.

We need your help and support, badly. As you see, our member number have dropped due to the economy, aging, and change of interests. We need your help. We need your ideas. What can we do to improve the number of volunteers? Contact me and let me know what you think and feel.

We need you at meetings and events for fun and exchanges, we need you at Bead Bonanza for help and support.

Thank you!
Kate Dunn
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