It’s beginning to feel a lot like the holidays, hopefully with light and only minimal snow flurries!

You are receiving this in November and maybe beginning to wonder what the Guild has in store for 2017. Your Programming team is working on great events and they will be announced in the January newsletter. If your loved ones need a suggestion for a holiday gift (or for those November/December birthdays) and you are a Guild member, why not the $40 for your class fees or the $30 for your 2017 membership? I know I enjoy the relief that those fees have been taken care of; it’s something that I enjoy and allows me to budget more of my money to support our teachers. Because we all need one more kit or stone or tool or whatever tickles your fancy.

Between time with family and friends over the next few weeks, I know I will be taking some quiet reflective time to review this year. Do I want to volunteer for a non-profit? Find a new job? Eat more vegetables, sleep more or spend less (aka more bead money)? If you find yourself considering volunteering more in 2017, why not a position within the Guild. It is, at most, just a few hours a month. It does feel wonderful to give time and talent back. And the Board welcomes new insights!

I encourage each of you (and encourage each other too) to take one class from a teacher next year in a medium that you have not tried before, even if you have taken them all. Keep on learning!

Wishing you and yours - happy holidays!

Carmen
Sad passings...

For those who were not in attendance at the October General Meeting, we received this note prior to the meeting:

“It is with deep and profound sadness that Lee Mickelson informs you that her dear and eternally beloved husband, Harmon L. Mickelson has passed away in his sleep in the early morning hours of September 26, 2016.”

Additionally during September’s Bead Bonanza, returning member Catherine Elmandouh informed us Deloris Newell, a longtime member passed away in February.

Sympathy cards will be available during the November meeting for all to sign.

October Bead Bonanza Recap
By Jan Peck – beadbonanza@yahoo.com

BEAD BEAD BEAD BONANZA  BEAD BEAD BEAD BONANZA  ...salsa music in background...

Well Guild Members, we did it again. WOO HOO! Another Bead Bonanza in the books. It was, and is "my honor" to lead and guide the guild thru this event. In fact this show was one of the smoothest running BBs I can remember. Thank you, thank you, thank you to my WONDERFUL volunteers.

Even though a last minute reminder did not go out to all of you...everyone showed up. Even extras showed up to work. AWESOME! So our vendors were happy, our attendees were happy and our Guild Volunteers were happy.

We are one happy bunch!!!  (Slightly chilled from Michigan weather) I ordered sunshine but forgot about the temperature.

Mark your calendars: March 19th. 2017, for the next BEAD BONANZA!!!  ...cheering crowd noise...

Again I thank you all,

Your very grateful Bead Bonanza Chair
Jan Peck

Notes from your Programming Team
By Cynthia Nixon, Program Chair – Cynni49625@aol.com

We are nearing the end of another fun and busy year with GLBG. We just finished a whirlwind Local Teacher’s Daze with Gail Frederickson and Christine Wilson – four fantastic projects in beads and wire – and we are looking forward to four days of classes with Anne Mitchell, November 6 through 9. My sincere hope is that each of us can experience at least one class with one of the national teachers our Guild is fortunate enough to host.
I have taken the opportunity to go over all of the surveys we filled out in August. It appears that, for the most part, our members are a pretty happy bunch. As a Guild, we will continue to be flexible and change with the times in order to meet the desires and interests of our membership. Please feel free to have a conversation with any member of the Programming Team if you have suggestions for techniques, speakers, teachers or projects.

At our regular meeting on November 15 we will have a program on Native American beading in honor of Native American Awareness month. Our calendar for 2017 is not yet finalized but rest assured the Team is hard at work and we will let you know what develops.

GLBG Membership News
By Sue Vogen – glbg.membership@yahoo.com

Thank you to all of the ladies who helped at the Bead Bonanza Membership table. It was great to have so many volunteers. Makes the day go faster than my sister and I sitting there all day by ourselves. We had eight returning members renew their membership and welcome three new members. Not bad for one day’s work.

The November meeting we will announce the 2016 Member of the Year and 2016 Recruiter of the year. At the October Board meeting we were approved to continue the awards for 2017. Make sure you sign in at the meetings and keep recruiting new members.

We are starting the count for 2017!

Facebook
By Sharon Wagner, sharonwagener@comcast.net

Do you ever wonder what other Guild members are working on between meetings? Would you like to know? Would you like to share what you are making? Can’t make the meetings but would love to share your work and see what others are doing? Well, the Guild would love to see your projects. Did you know we have a Facebook page? We would love the Facebook page to be a forum for our members to share their work, ask beady related questions, help each other with projects, learn about new techniques, and find out about new beading supplies too!

How can you participate, you may ask? Take a picture with your smart phone or tablet, and post it to the Guild’s Facebook page. Facebook has apps for Android and iPhone/iPad, or use your digital camera and post online from your PC.

Follow this link  https://www.facebook.com/groups/37921874630/

If you have stayed off social media, or not tried Facebook you will need to create a Facebook profile and then ask to join the Guild’s page. Not too complicated, but it will take you a few minutes to do. Those members, who are already on FB and those who make the leap into social media for the first time, be sure to ask join the Guild page. Then please, post pictures of the
projects you are working on, new beads you have purchased, techniques/patterns you are trying, and your recent beady adventures.

We’d love to see what you are doing!

Synergy Reveal & Awards
By Helena Hatten, hattfam5@att.net

The Synergy Reveal & Awards Presentation is on Monday Nov. 7th, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at the River Edge Gallery in Wyandotte. The finished projects will be on display at the Gallery in Historic Downtown Wyandotte. The address is 3024 Biddle Ave. Plenty of parking on the street and parking lots within walking distance of the gallery.

Come for wine, cheese & cracker reception.

The projects from the 19 teams are all so wonderful and unique!

Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded.

The Synergy projects will be on display at the Gallery through Friday, Nov. 18th. A 2nd “reception” will be held for our members during Downtown Wyandotte’s unique monthly event entitled “Third Friday”. Every month on the third Friday stores stay open and offer special treats and sales to customers. The Gallery has extended hours as do other unique retail stores in Downtown Wyandotte.

Our Synergy Projects will be part of the November’s “Third Friday” fun. We’ll be there 6:00 to 9:00 pm, Nov. 18. So if you missed the reveal on Nov. 7th, come on out on the 18th!

On the 18th, the project chosen as the “People’s choice” will be announced. Visitors to the gallery are invited to vote on their favorite Synergy project. Please vote your favorite when you visit the gallery. See you there!

Volunteer opportunities in 2017

Channel your inner Rosie the Riveter in 2017 and volunteer! The Guild is in need of a Newsletter Editor and a Fundraising Chairman.

Newsletter Editor is responsible to edit and see to the electronic and manual distribution of the Guild’s newsletter during the months of: January; March; May; July; September and November.

The Fundraising Chair schedules and oversees programs whose function it is to generate funds for Guild activities. For the full position descriptions please visit our website or find a Board member for further details.

And as always volunteering during our two Bead Bonanzas is encouraged!
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*Updated 08/26/2016*

*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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