



BSNM Newsletter

May 2024

The mission of this newsletter is to inform our members of the activities, events, and classes in the local beading community and to provide a forum where members can share beading knowledge and techniques.

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This newsletter welcomes new ideas from members and solicits articles and items of interest. Any special events taking place in your life (birthdays, anniversaries, condolences needed, new job, moving, births, weddings, awards, trips, transitions, etc.)? All manuscripts are subject to editing. The editor does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of information contained in the articles received. Please send all contributions for the newsletter to the editor in care of the Bead Society of New Mexico.

From the President

Dear Members,

We had so many great events in April (other than tax day, of course). I will mention a few:

- **Fiber Arts Fiesta:** BSNM had a great booth and we met with old and new friends – some who have become members! Everyone had wonderful things to say about the competition and display pieces. We would not have had such a successful event without Twyla Caudill, our Treasurer, who volunteered to be the BSNM Fiber Arts Council Representative and Fiber Arts Education Coordinator. Thank you, Twyla, for all your work preparing us for this event – and to all the BSNM volunteers. Photos of the winning pieces and ribbons begin on page 6 of this newsletter. Please bring your entries for Fiber Arts to the May meeting for show-and-tell. Thank you!
- **Melody MacDuffee's visit:** What can I say about Melody? Anyone who was lucky enough to attend our April general meeting and hear her presentation on her non-profit organization, Soul of Somanya, knows she is a kind and generous soul – the real deal!
 - We later talked to Melody about her take-away slide "How You can Help" – specially "Donate your Out-Dated Electronic Equipment (especially cell phones)." **BSNM will be collecting used electronics – especially cell phones to send to Melody.** She will pack them into "crevices of shipments" she sends to Ghana for her team and people there. Melody was so grateful; she told of when she gave an old phone to her partner, he was speechless. It would be wonderful if we could make others there speechless (and happy) as well. **Please bring your old cell phones with chargers (or other small electronic items) to our May and June meetings.** We will send them to Melody around the end of June.
 - **Melody's classes:** All of Melody's classes were full, and from people's comments and reactions, they loved them – I know I did.
 - **Melody's trunk show:** I don't know how Melody manages to haul all her beautiful trunk show - but we are happy she did. Melody was grateful for everyone's personal support and generosity. She told us several times that this was the most profitable trip event she has had. Thank you to: Laura Bosch for **facilitating Melody's visit;** to Twyla for handling all the credit card charges for Melody; and to ALL of you for being so generous!

Upcoming Events: Following are a few upcoming events for May (from our calendar (which is always in our newsletter and on our website). I will send reminder emails with more information as events get closer:

- **Bead Times** – for those that are interested. New Mexico Bead Company has graciously offered us their large room on May 2nd and May 23th from 1:00 to 4:30pm. Anyone who wishes to attend is welcome to bring their projects to work on. And if anyone has questions or needs help, **I'm sure others will gladly assist**
- **May 21st general meeting** and swap meet, plus a survey to get feedback and suggestions from current and new members.
- **May 18th** – Lunch at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center and shopping at **Mama's Minerals.** I will send an email to let you know how to RSVP for lunch so we can provide an estimated head count to the restaurant.
- **May 25th** – Anna Holland's Multi-strand Class – sign up on our website.
- **May 29th** – Esther Bone Library display setup (in Rio Rancho right off Southern Blvd). Please bring jewelry for display to our May 21st meeting. Two bracelet-making classes for children and adults will be held at the Library in June.

Thank you,

Helen Yackel, BSNM President, 505-850-7983,

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Upcoming Events

May 2	<p>Bead Time</p> <p>Thursday, May 2, 2024 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm</p> <p>New Mexico Bead Company, 4111 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM</p>
<p>Due to requests from our members, Bead Time is back!!</p> <p>Anyone who wishes to attend is welcome to bring their project(s) to work on. If anyone has questions or needs help, others will gladly assist.</p> <p>If these sessions go well, we will plan additional days each month.</p> <p>Hope to see you there!</p>	
May 14	<p>Board Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday, May 14, 2024 12:30 pm to 2:30 pm</p> <p>Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 8600 Academy Rd. NE</p>
<p>The Board will meet to conduct the business of the bead society. Board members please plan to attend.</p>	
May 18	<p>Outing to Mama's Minerals</p> <p>Saturday, May 18, 2024 Beginning at 11:30 am</p> <p>Indian Pueblo Cultural Center: 2401 12th Street NW, Albuquerque</p> <p>Mama's Minerals: 2500 12th Street NW, Bldg. F, Albuquerque</p>
<p>What could be better than lunch and bead shopping!</p> <p>BSNM is planning an outing on Saturday, May 18th for anyone who would like to attend. Lunch will be at the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center at 11:30 am, 2401 12th Street NW (park in north parking lot). The Cultural Center does not take reservations but they are expecting us. After lunch we will go to Mama's Minerals at their new location at 2500 12th Street NW, Bldg. F. Members will receive a 15% discount. RSVP details will follow in an email.</p> <p>Getting to Mama's Minerals can be a little tricky if you rely on GPS or Google maps. Here are some directions that are hopefully easier to follow: Head west on Menaul (from either the Northeast Heights or I-25). As you approach 12th Street, turn left onto Eagle Way (about a block before 12th Street). There will be a parking lot on your right. Turn right into the parking lot and go to the west end to Mama's Minerals.</p>	
May 21	<p>General Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday, May 21, 2024 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm</p> <p>(set-up, social time, and buying raffle tickets beginning at 5:30 pm)</p> <p>Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 8600 Academy Rd. NE</p>
<p>We will have a brief business meeting and then conduct our annual Bead Swap! A great opportunity to clean out unused inventory or items you no longer want (such as beads, tools, patterns, books – anything bead related) and maybe swap/buy to obtain new inventory. Items should be priced to sell.</p> <p>Each person is allowed half a table for their wares. (If your neighbor isn't selling, you may be able to negotiate the whole table.) Be sure to bring money to make change.</p> <p>Please bring a cloth to cover your wares until we get to the swap portion of the meeting. And, please, no buying before the swap begins.</p> <p>We will also have a portion of the large donation we received from Juanita Finger for sale at the swap.</p> <p>Your membership must be up to date to sell at the swap.</p> <p>Also, please bring your entries (and ribbons if you won) from Fiber Arts Fiesta for show-and-tell.</p>	
May 23	<p>Bead Time</p> <p>Thursday, May 23, 2024 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm</p> <p>New Mexico Bead Company, 4111 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM</p>
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May 25

How to Create a Multi-Strand Necklace Class

Saturday, May 25, 2024 1:30pm to 3:30pm
New Mexico Bead Company, 4111 Louisiana Blvd NE, Albuquerque, NM

Anna Holland will teach how to finish a multi-strand necklace.

Cost for the class is \$15. This includes two 3-inch pieces of 16-gauge sterling silver wire and 15 sterling silver twisted crimps.

Students need to bring:

- Your favorite stringing wire, enough for 7 strands of beads. Each strand of wire should be at least 20 inches long, depending on how long you want your finished necklace to be (you want to have 5 inches of wire on each end of the beaded sections). You should pre-string your 7 strands in order to save time in class.
- Clamps or tape to secure the strands you've strung.
- 2 silver cones wide enough at the base to accommodate the 7 strands of your necklace
- Silver clasp
- 2 pair of needle nose pliers
- Round nose pliers
- Crimping tool



To make it easy, the beads you're stringing should be 6mm to 8mm. Again, you'll need enough of those beads to string 7 strands. Anna will have some beads with her if you can't find the right size. If you're working on a particular project and the beads are larger, that's ok. Anna will have what you'll need to make the adjustment.

Sign up on the BSNM website: www.beadsocietynm.org. Class size is limited.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Anna. Her cell number is 720-235-9911 or you can email her at: anna@dorjedesigns.com

May 29 –
July 6

Display at Esther Bone Library

May 29 through July 6, 2024
Esther Bone Memorial Library, 950 Pinetree Road SE, Rio Rancho

BSNM will have a jewelry display from Wednesday, May 29th through Saturday, July 6th at the Esther Bone Library in Rio Rancho. **If you have a piece of beaded jewelry or other beaded item you would like to be in the display, please bring it to the May general meeting.** Set up for the display is Wednesday, May 29, 2024.

BSNM members will also be teaching classes at the library. Following is the library's description for class registration on their website:

Join the Bead Society of New Mexico as we learn to bead bracelets and bookmarks. Two classes will be offered (June 14 and June 28); the class size will be limited, so register soon. It is recommended that child participants bring an adult to assist them.

Welcome New Members and Visitors

Welcome to our new members **Marjorie Bernbaum, Paula Chavez-Talley, Emmylou Garcia, Gabrielle Havir, Jeannie McKinley, Linda Repsher, Kerri Rogers** (apologies for misspelling your name last month), **Helene Rowe, Suzanne M. Smith, Nicole Sowko, Linda Weaver, Diana Lucero Wilson, Gladys Tsao-Wu, and Dawn Volpe.**

Also welcome to our visitors at the April meeting: **Paula Marie Escudero, Judy Vandenberg, Batina Nolan, Susan and Hudson.** Hope you will consider joining BSNM.

Winner, Winner

Because we had such a large number of members and guests attending the April general meeting, we drew for two doorprizes – one from the member list and one from the guest list. **Dannelle Gundlach** (member) and **Judy Vandenberg** (visitor) each won a beading book from the BSNM stash.

Rose Murch won the Turquoise Treasures raffle basket at the April general meeting.

Member Display at Cherry Hills Library

May 1 to 31, 2024

BSNM Treasurer Twyla Caudill will have a one-woman display at the Cherry Hills Library. She will be showing some of her work with gourds, polymer clay, and jewelry made with seed beads, delicas, and rocaille beads, as well as her most recent necklaces and earrings made with resin clay.

The library is located at 6901 Barstow Street NE, Albuquerque, NM. Library hours are Monday and Tuesday, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm; Wednesday through Saturday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm; and Sunday 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.



Class Results

Twyla Caudill took Melody MacDuffee's Bezeled Stone Pendant class in April. After finishing wire-wrapping the amethyst cabochon, she added her own flair – seed bead fringe in coordinating colors. Twyla says, "I had a blast during class and after class, too. All I need to do is finish making a necklace." **She plans on** entering the final piece in the State Fair this year.



Turquoise Bead Challenge

Turquoise is used and admired around the world. Part of the allure of turquoise is knowing where your gemstone beads came from – Mexico, China, the Middle East (Iran, Afghanistan), the United States, or elsewhere. For this challenge, create jewelry using your favorite turquoise.

Keep in mind that, if desired, you can have the jewelry you created for this challenge offered for sale at the BSNM booth during the Turquoise United Symposium in August 2024.

There is no kit for this challenge.

Rules:

1. All submissions must be completed by you prior to the June 21, 2024 BSNM general meeting and after the June 2023 meeting.
2. You may create a piece of jewelry (necklace, bracelet, or earrings) or a set of jewelry (such as necklace and earrings, bracelet and earrings, or necklace and bracelet).
3. At least 50% of the finished project must be turquoise (the stone, not just the color) incorporated into the design.
4. **You must identify the country of origin for the turquoise used in your design (and the mine it came from, if known)** on a card that accompanies your finished project.
5. Your **finished project must be brought to the June 2024 general meeting** where members will vote on the entries.
6. Judging will be based on creativity in presentation and materials, and mastery in craftsmanship. Judging will also be based on how closely the entries followed the rules. Prizes will be awarded!

Happy beading and good luck with the challenge!

Try to use this challenge to broaden your beading horizons. Learn something new or try something different!

May Raffle Basket

As spring arrives, everything begins to turn green. The **Green with Bead Envy raffle basket** has an assortment of stone and glass beads in various shades of green for your jewelry-making pleasure. (Basket worth at least \$75)

For a chance to win this basket, be sure to buy your raffle tickets at the May general meeting (\$2 each or six for \$10).

Support Our Local Businesses

A Few of My Favorite Beads: Call 505-974-1645 or come by to see our latest beads. We carry seed beads, crystals, and other bead items for your projects.

Baskets of Africa: Come see our great selection of beautiful artisan-made, fair-trade baskets. Call 505-323-2315 for appointment or go to info@basketsofafrica.com.

Beadweaver of Santa Fe: We are still offering a 10% discount to BSNM members.

The Beaded Iris: We now offer 15% discount to BSNM members, as well as our punch cards for future savings. Come on into the store and rediscover all the beads, crystals, delicás, findings, thread, and other products you need to complete your beautiful project.

Open beading on Wednesdays. Store hours are Mon. through Thurs. 10am to 5pm; Fri. through Sat. 10am to 4pm; Sun. closed. Phone: 505-299-1856; email: beadedirisstore@aol.com.

Glorianna's Beads (Santa Fe): 70 West Marcy Street, Suite B. Phone: 505-982-0353. Open Tues-Wed and Fri-Sun 10:30am to 4pm.

Mama's Minerals: 2500 12th Street (12th and Menaul), right across from the Indian Pueblo Cultural Center. Bead Society members get 15% off on regular-priced merchandise. www.MamasMinerals.com.

Meltdown Studio: Check out our new and returning classes at <https://www.meltdownstudio.com/group-classes-1>.

New Mexico Bead Company: New Mexico Bead Company is located at 4111 Louisiana NE, Albuquerque (north of Montgomery). 505-243-2600. Website: <https://www.nmbead.com/>.

Santa Fe Jewelers Supply: Open 9:00am to 5:00pm. Curbside pickup, mail order, or visit our showroom today! Order on our website at www.sfjs.net day or night. Phone: 505-988-9157.

Stone Mountain Bead Gallery: We're open Mon. through Sat. from 11am to 6pm; Sun. 12:30pm to 4:30pm. Call 505-385-2200 to arrange contactless pickup. **20% off for BSNM members.** Back issues of *Bead&Button* magazine are 50% off.

Thomason Stone Supply: Stop by and see all the new goodies!! We have everything you need for creating beautiful jewelry! Store hours are Mon. through Sat. 10am to 6pm. Call us at 888-353-9934 or 505-268-9934. Website: <https://www.thomasonstonesupply.com/>.

Thunderbird Supply Company: See our website (<https://www.thunderbirdsupply.com/>) for online and in-store specials. Store hours: Mon.-Fri. 9am-6pm; Sat. 10am-5pm.

Treasures of the Gypsy/Gypsy Raven: Treasures of the Gypsy Show Room is open by appointment, as well as for classes. Please contact Pamela Armas to schedule your appointment at 505-847-0963, or email her at gypsytreasures@cs.com

Beading Groups

Bosque Farms: Do you live in the Bosque Farms area? Join BSNM member Kathy Jost at the Bosque Farms Community Center for the **BFCC Bead Group on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.** Bosque Farms Community Center is located at 950 N Bosque Loop in Bosque Farms, New Mexico. Phone: 505-869-5133.

Placitas: This beading group is taking a break. We'll let you know when they start meeting again.

Helping Hands Lift Up Personalities Plus ABQ

by Mary Ellen Merrigan

Amanda received two purses over two years in a recovery program. The gifts nearly overwhelmed her. As a mother of five (two with special needs) in an abusive relationship, Amanda was not used to receiving anything for herself, let alone a gift filled with hope.

Today, Amanda speaks with other women about recovery. When she met with volunteers for Personalities Plus ABQ, there was not a dry eye when she finished.

Personalities Plus ABQ sees every woman who has chosen a road of recovery from domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking, homelessness, and incarceration as able to find a thriving and fulfilling life.

The gift of a filled purse is a tool to help women in recovery reclaim their dignity. The small 501(c)(3) staffed by volunteers, partners with 33 organizations to give gifts of gently used purses filled with new toiletries. Each purse contains a packet of jewelry – a bracelet, necklace, and pair of earrings in cellophane. The purses are tied off with a scarf and a scripture verse.

Volunteers have affirmed their belief that each purse is filled with faith, hope, empowerment, joy, love, and connection; in short, the purse has a personality!

You can help with your donation of gently used or new costume jewelry, especially bracelets. All jewelry packets are curated by the volunteers so they offer something special for the recipients. If you prefer to donate gently used purses or scarves, or new toiletries, those are most welcome as well.

There are donation boxes available at every Coldwell Banker Legacy location in the greater Albuquerque area or you can call BSNM member Mary Ellen Merrigan at 505-280-9772 to arrange for pickup.



Fiber Arts Fiesta Summary

photos by Twyla Caudill, Deb Cole, and Pat Verrelle

Fiber Arts Fiesta 2024 was a big success. Not only did we attract a lot of visitors to our booth with our beadwork display, but we also had enough beadwork entries to have the competition. Most of the entries this year were from members of the Bead Society (a member of any of the participating guilds may enter any of the Fiesta competitions). But because entries were collected through CaFÉ (an online art show registration), we had also an entry from Virginia.

Thanks to our members who helped set up the BSNM booth, volunteered at our booth and at the Fiesta, and took down our booth: Claudette Jaramillo, Laurye Tanner, Barbara Rosen, Deb Cole, Mary Neel, Pat Verrelle, Barbara Marcus, Cody Slater, Jill Bartel, Twyla Caudill, and Helen Yackel. And a special thanks to Twyla for being our representative on the Fiber Arts Council, organizing and collecting entries for the competition, **and creating BSNM's portion of the Education display.** (Twyla's boss also deserves a thank you for giving her the time off from work to do all this.)

The BSNM booth volunteers canvassed for new members, and were very successful!



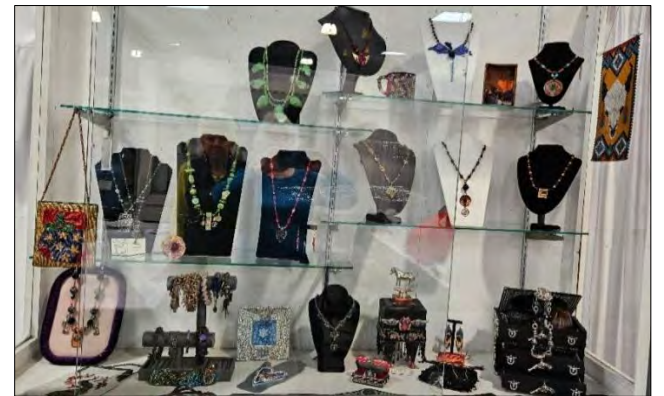
BSNM's set-up team: Mary Neel, Helen Yackel, Jill Bartel, Twyla Caudill, Laurye Tanner, Deb Cole, and Pat Verrelle



The colorful BSNM booth attracted a lot of attention from Fiesta attendees. (Thank you to Alice Helstrom for the loan of the red silk scarf on the back table.)



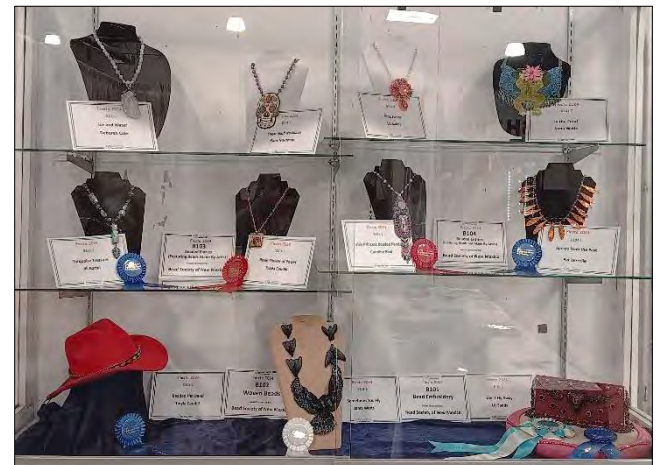
Mary Neel allowed BSNM to display her vintage beaded sweaters.



Jewelry and other beaded items made or owned by our members were displayed in our booth.



BSNM's contribution to the Education display. The theme this year was "Fibers."



The entries in the Beadwork competition at Fiber Arts Fiesta 2024.

The entries and winners by category in the Beadwork completion are as follows:

B101 - Bead Embroidery

“Don't Fly Away” purse by Liz Sands received 1st Place, Best of Show (yellow rosette), and Betty Whiteman award (turquoise and white rosette) – nearly a full sweep of awards!



“Irish Princess Beaded Pendant” by Caroline Bleil received 2nd Place



“Sometimes you Fly” necklace by Jama Watts received 3rd Place and People’s Choice award (purple rosette). (This is the artist that lives in Virginia.)



“Ice and Water” necklace by Deb Cole.



“Pink Fiesta” pendant by Liz Sands.



"Sugar Skull" necklace by Pam Troutman.



"In the Pond" necklace by Jama Watts.



B102 - Woven Beads

"Beaded Hat Band" by Twyla Caudill received 1st Place.



B103 - Beaded Entries Featuring Beads Made by Artist

"Turquoise Treasure" necklace by Jill Bartel received 1st Place.



"Resin Flower of Power" necklace by Twyla Caudill received 2nd Place.



B104 - Beaded Entries Featuring Beads Not Made by Artist

"Spears from the Past" necklace by Pat Verrelle received 1st Place.



Other Categories

Mari Mikkelsen received 1st Place and Best of Show (yellow rosette) for her large crocheted doily in the Crochet competition. (This is the same doily that received Best of Show at the 2023 NM State Fair!)



Jill Bartel also entered the Red+2 Challenge at the Fiber Arts Fiesta with her mixed media wall hanging entitled "Follow Your Heart."



April Meeting Recap

photos by Pat Verrelle

Melody MacDuffee had our rapt attention as she talked about how she became involved with beadmakers in Ghana (they happened upon her contact info in an issue of *Bead&Button* magazine and sent her an email). She described meeting with female elders (referred to as "queens") to get permission to set up her bead-making center. When these elders realized that Melody truly wanted to help their people, they performed a ceremony with Melody so that she also was recognized as a "queen" and was given an African name. The Ghanaian beadmakers still make their recycled glass beads to sell, but also incorporate those beads into jewelry and bead-and-wire animals that Melody helps them sell. Melody's non-profit organization, Soul of Somanya (named for the region), provides higher-than-average wages to its workers – mostly young women who may not have other opportunities for employment.

After Melody's presentation, members could purchase a variety of beads. The hardest part was choosing which ones to buy!



Melody MacDuffee talks about her experiences in Africa.

How You Can Help

1. Buy Our Products
2. Make a Donation
3. Make an In-Kind Donation (resellable craft items)
4. Let us Know about Other Sales/Teaching Opportunities
5. Volunteer Your Time
6. Donate your Out-Dated Electronic Equipment (especially cell phones)
7. Talk About and Promote Us to Friends and Family
8. Encourage Others to Invite Us for Shows and Presentations
9. Host Mel During Her Visits

Slide from Melody's presentation about how you can help Soul of Somanya.

**Work while you have the light.
You are responsible for the talent that
has been entrusted to you."
– Henri-Frédéric Amiel**

Storage Unit Cleanout

photos by Helen Yackel

On Saturday, April 27th, five members of the BSNM Board met at Grizzly Storage to clean out and organize our storage units. The ladies got rid of stuff that was old and stuff BSNM wasn't going to use again, and identified items to sell at the Placitas flea market in June. They also organized and consolidated beads, display items, and supplies needed for the State Fair.



(clockwise from top) Pat Verrelle, Laurye Tanner, Helen Yackel, Jill Bartel, and Twyla Caudill after a long afternoon of cleaning out the storage units.



The bed of Twyla's pickup was filled with items to be thrown away, donated, or saved to sell at the Placitas flea market.

Our Members Sell



Deb Cole, Pat Verrelle, and Twyla Caudill prepare to sell their jewelry at the Visionary Arts & Crafts Guild show on April 6, 2024.



Pam Troutman's booth at the Visionary Arts & Crafts Guild show.



The Beaded Iris sells earrings made by Amy Bracher. The money benefits Silver Horizons, a community resource for low-income seniors, their families, and caregivers. Thank you Amy and Beaded Iris!



Keep in Your Thoughts

Dannelle Gundlach, who is recovering from surgery
 Barbara Rosen, who will be undergoing back surgery at the end of May
 Claudette Jaramillo, who is recovering from eye surgery
 All those who are going through a difficult time, whether that may be due to a death, illness, or the stress of modern living

If you would like to send a card or note of encouragement to any of these members, please address the envelope to them **in care of the Bead Society of New Mexico, P.O. Box 91655, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87199**, and we will ensure that they get your messages.

Happy Birthday

Barbara Rosen – May 14
 Claudette Jaramillo – May 24
 Laurye Tanner – May 26

If your birthday isn't listed here, please let us know at beadsocietynm@gmail.com so we can wish you a Happy Birthday!

BSNM Financials Available on Website

The monthly and annual financial reports for the Bead Society of New Mexico are now available in the "Members Only" section of the BSNM website (you must have/create an account on the website to access these documents). Go to www.beadsocietynm.org and log in to the website (click on "Log In" in the far upper right corner of the homepage; you need to register first if you haven't done so before). Hover over the "Members Only" section on the right end of the categories bar with your mouse and click on "Financials" in the drop-down menu. Then click on the document you want to read. (You may need to temporarily disable your pop-up blocker since the documents may open in a new window or tab).

Get More Information on the BSNM Website

■ **Classes:** For classes taught by our business members and other non-BSNM-sponsored classes, go to <https://beadsocietyofnewmexico.wildapricot.org/Bead-Time> for dates, times, and descriptions.

To review class details and to register online, log in to the BSNM website with your email and password and go to the event page <https://beadsocietyofnewmexico.wildapricot.org/Meetings-Classes-and-Events>.

■ **Craft Shows and Other Events:** To see upcoming shows that our members are involved in, go to the Members Art Shows listing at <https://beadsocietyofnewmexico.wildapricot.org/Art-Shows>. Send the information and event link to beadsocietynm@gmail.com so we can include your event.

2024 BSNM Calendar

The following is the calendar for BSNM meetings and events for 2024. Both general meetings and Board meetings are held at North Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 8600 Academy Rd. NE. **Dates and events are subject to change.**

General meeting, 3rd Tues., 6:00pm	Board meeting, 2nd Tues., 12:30pm	Classes	Special events
Jan. 16 – cancelled	Jan. 9		
Feb. 20 – Annual gala and raffle	Feb. 13		
March 19 – Myra Gadson presentation; Make bracelets and earrings for Fiber Arts charity	March 12		March 22-24: Whole Bead Show
April 16 – Melody MacDuffee presentation & trunk show	April 9	April 20-21 – Melody MacDuffee classes	April 12-13: Fiber Arts Fiesta
May 21 – Annual swap meet	May 14	May 2&23 – Bead Time May 25 – Necklace class, Anna Holland	May 18: Mama's Minerals outing & lunch May 29-July 6: Esther Bone Library display
June 18 – Joe Dan Lowry & G.L. Miller presentation	June 11	June 22 – Wire Lace Bracelet class, Pam Troutman	June 8: Placitas flea market June 14 & 28: Esther Bone Library classes
July – no meeting	July 9		Field trip (Madrid)
August 20 – Stamped Copper class	August 13	Fired Clay class, Mary Sharpe-Davis	August 8-10: Turquoise United Convention
Sept. 17 – Rick Hatfield presentation; Op. Christmas Child	Sept. 10		Sept. 5-15: State Fair
Oct. 15 – Elections	Oct. 8		Halloween challenge/party
Nov. 19 Website & Facebook destash how-to	Nov. 12	Bead Crochet class, Mari Mikkelsen	
Dec. – no meeting	Dec. 10		

New Workshops at Gypsy Raven Studio/Gallery

All workshops will be held at Gypsy Raven Studio/ Gallery located at 111 W. Broadway, Mountainair, NM 87036. For multiple day workshops Pamela Armas will make arrangements with local hotels with special rate discounts for those that need overnight lodging. Lunch and dinner can either be brought by the attendee or B Street Deli has a good menu for take-out. **Note: Each student will have their own 6-foot table.** We are always cautious and aware of safety measures. For lunch you can either bring your own or you can order from our local B Street Deli who make delicious sandwiches and more. Menu available in class.

To sign up for any of the workshops, contact Pamela Armas by email at gypsytreasures@cs.com and she will email you a form to fill out to register for class. Mail form and check made out to Pamela Armas to: Pamela Armas, P.O. Box 748, Mountainair, NM 87036. Phone: 505-847-0963. **Maximum of 10 students per workshop. No cancellation refunds within 72 hours of workshop.**

“A Show of Hands” a cloth book workshop with Pamela Armas

Fri., Sat., & Sun., May 17, 18, & 19, 2024
10:00am – 5:00pm each day (3-day workshop)

I always think about that incredible creative process that engages the mind and translates to our hands. This book is dedicated to the hands all over the world who keep things moving, beautiful, functioning, living, and so much more.

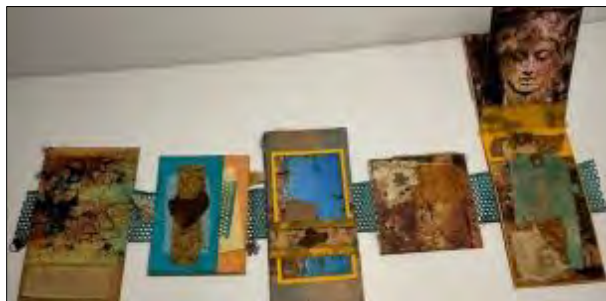


In this workshop we will create an 8½" x 11½" cloth book with 10 beautiful, removable pages representing hands. Pamela has selected a collection of fabrics to create this book along with a selection of hand images for you to use. We will embellish our pages with trims, beads and charms. Pamela will show you an easy beaded-edge technique to embellish your book edges. The cover of the book has an 8"x4" metal hand which represents the contents of the book. Each participant will trace their hand on a provided heavy weight paper to give to each person in class. The book will have a pocket for these "hands of friendship."

Workshop cost: \$330 plus a \$30 kit fee for 3-day workshop. Deposit of \$100 and workshop registration form is due by April 15, 2024 to hold your place. Balance of \$230 is due May 1, 2024. Material list will be sent to you once you register.

“Rust Never Sleeps” a mixed media workshop with Cynthia Leespring

Sat.-Sun., July 27-28, 2024
10:00am – 4:00pm both days (2-day workshop)



Spend the weekend creating a double-sided, 5-page book honoring the natural power of rust and patina. Learn techniques for making pockets, tags, inserts and fold outs using images, fibers, rusted items, and even dry wall tape.

Cynthia is a Northern New Mexico artist who has created in many media, but she always comes back to fiber and paper. Her art centers on her interests in history, nature, magic, women, and her favorite muse, the Moon.

Workshop cost: \$225 plus a \$20 kit fee for 2-day workshop. Deposit of \$100 and workshop registration form is due by June 15, 2024 to hold your place. Balance of \$145 is due July 1, 2024. Material list will be sent to you once you register.

Emerald – Gem of May

A variety of beryl, emerald is the birthstone for May. Due to their rarity, emeralds are often considered more **valuable than diamonds**. The world's finest emeralds, those of dark green color, are found in Columbia in a dark bituminous (tar-bearing) limestone. Emeralds of good quality are found in Africa and near Sverdlovsk in Russia.

As a gem of spring, the emerald is the symbol of those qualities associated with this season: youth, hope, immortality, truth, love, faithfulness, healing, and the waxing moon.

In ancient times emeralds were believed to aid the eyesight and heal diseases of the eye. Traditionally it is **the gem of "far seeing" and of divination and prophecy.**

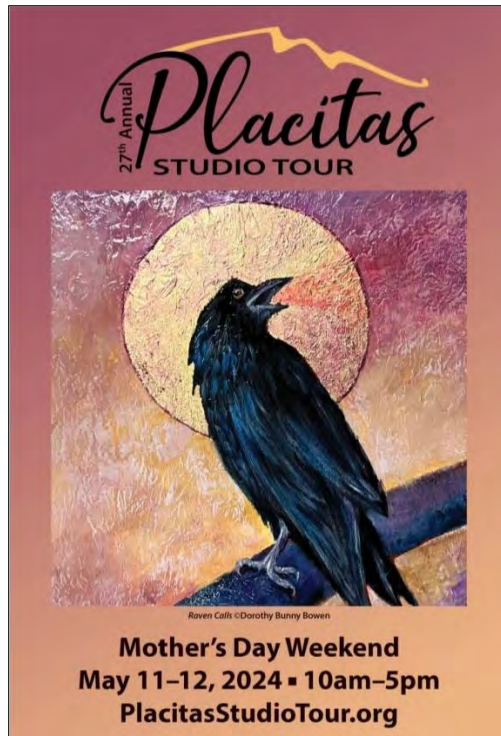
May 21 – Space Day –

One of the last astronauts to land on the moon, Harrison Schmidt, carried a small piece of turquoise with him for good luck.



Barbara Rosen (#21) and Leah Ready (#29) will have jewelry at this event.

For tour catalog, as well as a map and list of artists,, go to <https://corralessocietyofartists.org/studio-tour/>



Myra Gadson (presenter at March meeting; #41) and Rick Hatfield (presenter at September meeting; #26) will have artwork at this event.

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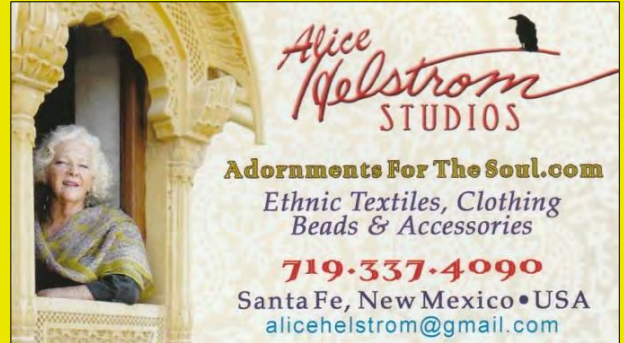
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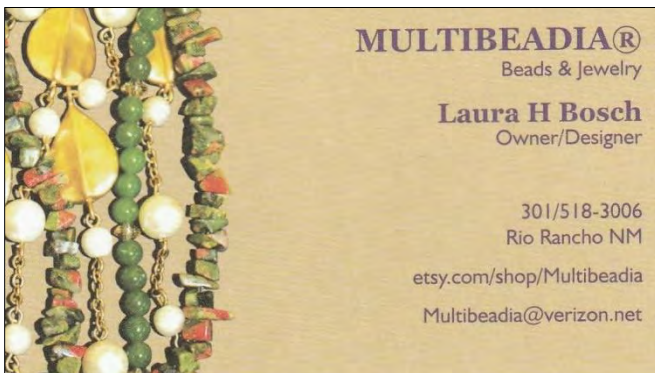
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Producing a quality monthly publication as well as maintaining an up-to-date website and Facebook page is not an easy task. We have several people who work hard to ensure that our members have the most timely and accurate information possible. But these **tasks take lots of time and can't be done properly without the assistance of our members**. Please remember to follow these procedures when submitting information to be shared with the general membership:

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- Information to be included in the Newsletter MUST be received no later than the 20th of the prior month. Information received after that date will be shared via social media and on the BSNM website, and used for the following **month's publication if appropriate**.

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