



BSNM BeadBlast

To keep members informed about Bead Society of New Mexico events
between newsletters

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From the President

Patti Farley

What does it mean when April Fools Day and Easter Sunday are the same day?

Invisible Easter eggs? Rabbits laying eggs? Lion's wearing bunny ears? Woops, I guess that is the Cadbury commercial. We shall see what the collision of holidays means!

Please report any "weird" happenings so we can tell the group.

This is a busy year for Bead Society. We were kind of a sleepy organization in the past but now we are "Blowing and Going"! Our Santa Fe Road Trip could not have been more fun. And as you probably heard, our May meeting is at Mama's Minerals. But even more importantly, come early and meet us at the Ponderosa Brewery! We had a blast there last year.

Our membership is hovering at 92 members which is basically what we had last year. But we have lost some members and replaced them with new ones. I love the new members and can't wait to get to know them better, but also hope to keep the old members from leaving. Our goal is ultimately 200 members. So, tell everyone they should join us.

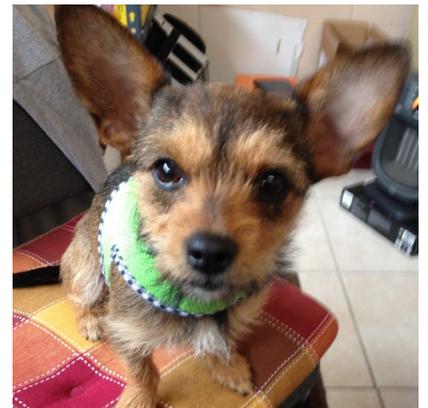
People who are sitting around at home, watching U-tube videos on how to bead and buying their beads at Hobby Lobby (no offense Hobby Lobby) just don't know what they are missing! Grab them, kicking and screaming, put them in your car, and bring them to the next meeting. I dare them to NOT have fun. It won't happen. They will love it. Yes, I am advocating resorting to Gorilla tactics to get people here. You may want to carry a pillow case in your car to throw over their heads! Just joking!!!!!!!!!!

So, back to reality, I wish everyone a wonderful Easter Sunday. Keep the spirit of Easter in your hearts all year round. A rebirth, a second chance, a new beginning, all good things. I hope you have a day of rest and fun activities with your little ones.

This is my new puppy- Elke. She is a rescue from the shelter. She is a 7-month-old Chiweeny.

She weighs 8 lbs soaking wet. I'll spend my day chasing her around the house! She is quite the character, full of personality.

Happy Easter from Elke and Patti



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“Beads: A World of Color” Airport Display

Bead Challenge: There is no “kit” for this bead challenge. Your challenge is to create a piece of jewelry (preferably a necklace or bracelet) that can be displayed at the Sunport this summer. BSNM will be providing a display entitled “Beads: A World of Color” at the Sunport International Airport from July 13 to August 24, 2018. Co-chairs Mary Ann Cordova and Mary Ellen Merrigan are coordinating the project;

Rules:

1. Jewelry created for this challenge must fit predominantly into one of the following color choices: Red, Blue, Yellow, Green, Orange, Purple,
2. Jewelry will be judged on the following criteria: Best Use of Color; Most Outrageous; Most Sophisticated.
3. Create a necklace or bracelet
4. You can use any technique that you like to create your jewelry. If desired, you may also create some or all of the beads you use in your jewelry.
5. Your finished item must be brought to the May 2018 general meeting. Please put your piece in an opaque bag and include an index card with your name, the name of your piece, and the technique(s) used.
6. Judging will be based in part on how closely the entries followed the rules. Members will vote and prizes will be awarded.

See the BSNM website for more details.

Submission of Beaded Works: We are continuing to accept submissions of your beaded creations for this display. Please submit a photograph of your work to Mary Ann (maryanncordo@yahoo.com) or Mary Ellen (maryellen@myconnectingpoint.com) no later than June 30.

Display Painting Dates: Let Patti Farley (pattifarley@msn.com) know if you can assist with painting on either Saturday June 30, or Sunday July 1. Patti will fill you in with the location and time.

Placitas Studio Tour

Saturday, May 12 and Sunday, May 13, 10-5PM

The Placitas Studio Tour is celebrating its twenty-first year promoting artists who live in Placitas or have their full-time studios located in Placitas. Inspiring and enriching our growing cultural community, the tour offers a unique opportunity to meet and talk directly with the artists, learn about their studios and perhaps purchase a treasure directly from the artists. This year the tour has many new artists that have broadened the already wide array of fine art and craft that is offered during the tour’s two-day event. Creations in basketry, fiber, ceramics, steel art, glass art, sculpture, mosaics, mixed media, weaving, folk art, collage, stained glass, wood sculptures, jewelry, painting, pottery, photography, paper quilling await you at the forty-eight studios that are located throughout the scenic foothills of Placitas. Two BSNM members are in the tour, Sandy Johnson and Geri Verble. For more information, go to <http://www.placitasstudiotour.com>

Annie Gross will be hosting **Lisa Renner**, nationally known polymer instructor who will be teaching a “Faux Enamel Disc Necklace.” To view photos, go to www.lisarenner.com and look under workshop listings. You can contact Annie (hootenannie4@aol.com) for more information.

Annie also shared that **Tory Hughes**, polymer artist, passed away in February. Annie has taken over the administration of sales of her book and instructional DVDs. You can contact her for information on ordering. A memorial/celebration of life will be held sometime in June.

The next Bead Time will be held on April 4th

6:00-8:00

North Domingo Baca Community Center

Pam Troutman will be facilitation a Free Style Bead Embroidery Cuff Bracelet, Start to Finish

This will be a two part class with the second class held on May 2nd from 4:00-6:00

The first class will cover design setup, clasp use options, beading techniques, and getting the project started. The second class will focus on how to add the backing, finish the sides, and add the clasp.

For more info, contact Pam Troutman (petroutman@outlook.com)

Member Spotlight

As many of you are aware, we frequently induct new members into the Susans Club and bestow them with coveted Susans' Awards. This honor is reserved for our members who volunteer to bring the wonderful refreshments we share at each of our general meetings. Recently our president, Patti Farley, sent each of the founding Susans, Susan Hager and Susan Ryan, a list of questions and here are their delightful responses:

PF: When did you join the Bead Society?

SH (Susan Hager): Summer 1986

SR (Susan Ryan): 1986

PF: Who told you about the Bead Society?

SH: An article in the ABQ Journal.

SR: The newspaper and Tiguex Park Sale.

PF: What type of beading do you enjoy the most?

SH: Stringing necklaces.

SR: Stringing.

PF: When did you start to bring refreshments?

SH: 1988

SR: 1988

PF: What is your most memorable time at the Bead Society?

SH: A road trip to Gallup, NM.

SR: A trip to Gallup in Susan's Suburban.

PF: What is the funniest thing that ever happened while you served on the Refreshment Committee?

SH: One time the drink container was leaking and the Lemonade was all over the floor.

SR: The time the ice cream melted during the meeting.

PF: Do you have a favorite meeting or event?

SH: Speakers.

SR: The trip to Gallup in Susan's Suburban.

PF: Any advice to people bringing refreshments?

SH: Don't bring drinks! Have fun thinking of something that sounds and tastes good.

SR: Don't provide drinks and just go to the store and walk around until you see something interesting.

PF: What is your wish for the Bead Society?

SH: I hope the Bead Society continues to be a thriving group of members who want to learn and expand their knowledge of beads! I have a theory that beading and buying beads are two different hobbies!

SR: Continued good programs every month.

PF: How long have you been friends?

SH: Since the fall of 1978

SR: 1978

PF: How did you meet?

SH: English teachers at Sandia High School

SR: At Sandia High, we taught next door to each other and have the same names, same birthday (8 years apart), she has a sister named Nancy as do I, and her sister Betsy's married name is Ely which is my maiden name. And we used to sign up for an entire day at bead shows so we could sit in the booth, sell a few books, talk all day and buy beads all day.

PF: What is your favorite birthday cake?

SH: Anything chocolate!

SR: My mother's chocolate angel food.

The next General Meeting will be held on April 23

6:30-8:30

North Domingo Baca Community Center

We will be making bracelets for the children from PB&J Family Services. The bracelets will be given to the children, who will then give the bracelets to their moms, foster moms, or other care givers. Our goal is to make 75 to 80 bracelets. Bring a selection of various sizes of beads and either memory wire or stretch cord and enthusiasm! If you don't have the supplies, come anyhow, we have plenty to share! Let's have some fun for a good cause. For more information on the PB&J program, visit their website: <http://pbjfamilyservices.org>

Our guest speaker will be the "Grandfather of Lamp Work Beads," Lewis Wilson

The **May General Meeting** will be held on 28th at Mama's Minerals with guest speaker Geologist David Mueller. Members are invited to meet prior to the General Meeting at Ponderosa Brewery for dinner.

Member News!

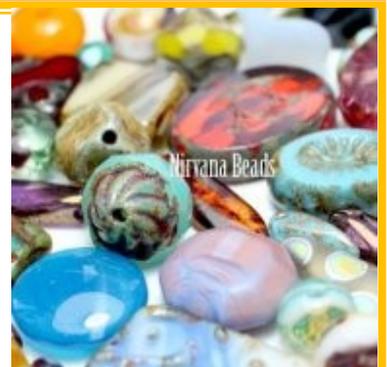
Pam Troutman has joined **Jeanette Easley** and **Barbara Lewis** as a guest member of **Amapola Gallery** in Albuquerque. If you are in the Old Town Plaza, please stop in and take a look at our members works.

Save the Date! Nirvana Bead Trunk Show

The Beaded Iris will be hosting a six-week trunk show of some of the most delightful beads you have ever seen! Be sure to stop by beginning May 1. Kits by Carol Cypher will also be available along with workshops to complete your projects. Carol may even make a visit via Facetime to answer your questions.

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Earth Wind and Fiber

Albuquerque Fiber Arts Council

April 7, 9-7 and April 8, 9-5

Don't forget to attend this event at the Albuquerque Garden Center, 10120 Lomas NE. The following BSNM members have submitted items which were accepted into this show: Jill Bartel, Kelly Butterman, Deb Cole, Patti Farley, Kenny Halstead, Jacque Janes, Pam Troutman, Clair Sweeney, and Pat Verelle.

You can show support for our members by attending the Artists Reception at the Garden Center on April 7th from 5-7. Refreshments will be provided.

Bonnie Vigil has designed a new necklace and will be teaching at **A Few of My Favorite Beads**, 10137 Edith Blvd., NE. The two week class is \$35 for instruction. There are two separate classes, one on Wednesday, 4/18 and 4/25. The second class will be held on Saturday, 4/21 and 4/28. All sessions will be held from 1:00-5:00. Please call 505-974-1645 or stop by if you have any questions.



Dawn's Early Light Loom Necklace

by **Bobbie Yoakum**

Bobbie has created yet another stunning loom piece and will be teaching it at the Beaded Iris in three sessions. Classes will be held on Sundays, April 8, 22, and 29 from 1:00-4:00. Cost of instruction is \$40. A list of supplies will be provided upon registration. Stop by the Beaded Iris to register or call 505-299-1856.



Thank you to Fire Mountain Gems and Beads for permission to reprint this hand chart of various bead sizes and hole sizes!

Beads by Miyuki of Japan

| Bead | Size (mm) | Hole Size (mm) |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Delica® 11/0 | 1.6 | 0.8 |
| Delica 8/0 | 3.0 | 1.5 |
| Hex 2-Cut 11/0 | 2.0 | 0.8 |
| Twisted Bugle | 6x2 | 0.8 |
| Twisted Bugle | 12x2 | 0.8 |
| Fringe | 4x3.4 | 0.8 |
| Mini Fringe | 3.3x2.8 | 0.8 |
| Long Magatama | 7x4 | 1.4 |
| Rocaille #15 | 1.5 | 0.7 |
| Triangle #5 | 5 | 1.8 |
| Square | 3.5-3.7 | 1.5 |
| Tila® | 5x5x1.9 | 0.75 - 0.85 |
| Rocaille #11 | 2.0 | 0.8 |
| Rocaille #8 | 3.0 | 1.1 |
| Half Tila | 5x2.3x1.9 | 0.8 |

Dyna-Mites™ by Matsuno of Japan

| Bead | Size (mm) | Hole Size (mm) |
|-------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Round 11/0 | 1.8mm | 0.64 |
| Round 8/0 | 2.5 | 1.2 |
| Round 6/0 | 3.3 | 1.7 |
| Hex-Cut 11/0 | 2.1 | 0.64 |
| Hex-Cut 6/0 | 3.6 | 1.6 |
| Bugle | 6x1.8 | 0.82 |
| Twisted Bugle | 6x1.8 | 0.82 |
| Hex-Cut Bugle | 6x2.1 | 0.82 |
| Twisted Bugle | 12x2.3 | 0.82 |

Czech Glass Seed Beads

| Bead | Size (mm) | Hole Size (mm) |
|-------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Rocaille 11/0 | 2.0 - 2.2 | 0.7 |
| Bugle #3 | 6-7x2 | 0.94 |
| Twin™ | 5x2.5x3 | 1.0 |

Ming Tree™ Seed Beads

| Bead | Size (mm) | Hole Size (mm) |
|------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Rocaille #11 | 1.8 | 1.0 |
| Bugle | 6-7x2 | 1.0 |