

From the President

Greetings Artisans and Welcome New Members,

The Bead Society is extremely proud and grateful to our BSNM members that are on the frontline helping battle this pandemic. Thank you for all you are doing. We send our love, well wishes, and hope to you as we enter 2021.

BSNM's Annual Gala Fundraiser Raffle Party will be held via Zoom on Monday, January 25, 2021 starting at 6:30 pm. Zoom set-up begins at 6:00 pm. Barbara Rosen, our Zoom administrator, will send you an email 2 days before the meeting that will have the words "**Zoom Link**" in the subject line. Open the email and click on the blue text before 6:30 pm on the evening of the meeting. **Here is what we are doing for the party: Some of us are dressing for a Gala, some of us are decorating our faces and spaces and wearing a hat to put us in a Gala mood. Raffle tickets are \$5 each. All raffle tickets must be purchased online by January 20th (BEFORE the meeting) to give us time to make sure your tickets get to the correct raffle item.** Drawings for the items will be conducted during the Zoom meeting to see who the winners are for all those fabulous raffle items listed on the BSNM website. As each of you buys raffle tickets online, your name will be placed on the tickets and the number of the raffle item you wish to take a chance on. **We have been photographing and listing items on the BSNM website, www.beadsocietynm.org, so you can buy your raffle tickets on the items you want beginning January 5. The night of the Gala you will not be able to buy raffle tickets.** You do not have to be present on the Zoom meeting to win a raffle item.

BSNM needs your donations of gently used, bead-related items or something you know members would love to have. **Contact Elizabeth Reisinger, Raffle Gala coordinator at (505) 977-3990 to arrange for a pick-up of your donations.** You may contact any BSNM Board member for information or pick-up of your donation at beadsociety@gmail.com.

Why donate to BSNM? We are a nonprofit 501(c)(3) and are made up of all volunteers. However, BSNM does have annual expenses such as maintaining our website, P.O. Box (we are required by law to maintain a business mailing address), storage space, financial obligations that we must meet each month including licensing, and taxes to file. But most important of all is to fulfill our mission: To provide for the benefit and development of our members and the community at large through education, appreciation, and involvement in the field of beads and bead-related subjects.

A friendly reminder to renew your annual membership. We especially need your support this year for the future of BSNM. Instructions to renew your membership on the website:

- Click on the Membership menu item
- In the yellow box, click on "Edit your membership profile"
- Click on the green button "Renew to 01 Jan 2022"

Or mail your \$35 check to:

Bead Society of New Mexico
Attention: Treasurer
P.O. Box 91655
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87199

Inhale, Exhale, Prevail in 2021, Bead On...

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