

## From the President

Dear Artisans,

Now that we are able to meet in person again, so much is going on!

**Linda Gregory, Claudette Jaramillo, and I enjoyed Pam Troutman's Larimar Pendant Necklace class** at the Amapola Gallery in Old Town on August 6th. There was music from the Plaza playing in the background (soft jazz) while we nibbled cheesecake and toured the gallery. Pam shows her work at Amapola Gallery, along with other BSNM members **Jeanette Easley and Barbara Lewis.**

**Anik Malm's Design class** on August 14th was a delight! Refreshments were outstanding, and the class was packed with 15 high-energy students ready to learn how to string a multi-strand, convertible necklace using Anik's techniques of color, texture, and balance that she taught in the class.

At the August general meeting **new BSNM business member, Cynthia Romero** [tax advisor, accountant, and 501(c)(3) specialist] spoke about the tax implications for your jewelry business, and how the tax laws have changed. Cynthia is available to help you with your tax questions; call her at (505) 263-3646.

Also at the August meeting, member **Caroline Bleil** spoke her beading background and brought many examples of her magnificent bead embroidered jewelry to share with the members. (Her jewelry was jaw dropping, to say the least!) Member **Helen Yackel** also talked about her design concepts and techniques. She has amazing macramé work using beautiful colored leather cord with big-hole pearls and stones.

Caroline Bleil's **Painted Lady Convertible Pendant Necklace class** is Saturday, Sept. 18, at Mama's Minerals from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. **The class is sold out!** Call Pat Verrelle at (505) 980-6401 to sign up for a second class (class \$45, kit \$55).

**Our annual swap meet/bead exchange is finally here! Tuesday Sept. 21, 2021, 6:00 pm (be there at 5:30 pm to set up).** Clear out your bead drawers and jewelry studios that are bulging at the seams and bring to the Swap Meet! Bring your leftover beads, bead-related materials, books, patterns, stands, necks, props, and unfinished projects that you want to pass on. We will have a short business meeting before starting the swap. **Please bring a tablecloth to cover your wares prior to the meeting** (we will have extras if you forget). **This is SOOO much fun!!**

**Our booth at the Placitas 2nd & 4th Saturday Market (Sat. Sept. 25, from 7:00 am to 2:00 pm) raises money for BSNM** by selling leftover beads from bead estates and donations from our membership. The Placitas Market also donates its proceeds from this day to BSNM. **Elizabeth Reisinger, Fran Hahn, Julie Fear, Helen Yackel, and I** have volunteered to set-up at 6:00 am and sell. Ellen Pfeifer and Helen Yackel have volunteered tents. Everything is priced to sell! We will have beads, stones, findings, and magazines at rock-bottom prices!!! Come out in the fresh air and buy your bargains early.

The **October 19 general membership meeting will be our annual elections, as well as our Halloween party and the judging of the Halloween bead challenge.** Prizes will be awarded for the Halloween bead challenge and for costumes. Costumes are optional, but they are fun.

**BSNM new home: Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church located at 8600 Academy Road NE (corner of Moon and Academy).**

**New meeting date each month: 3rd Tuesday of the month**

**New meeting time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**

**(set-up, social time, and buying raffle tickets beginning at 5:30 pm)**

**Live creatively, live graciously, donate your left-over beads.**

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