

From the President

Dear Artisans,

BSNM's May outing was a slam-dunk! We "Zoomed" with those who couldn't attend (thanks, Barbara Rosen) and did a live feed on Facebook (thanks, Pan Troutman). First, we gathered at the Sawmill Market for a "reunion" luncheon! We had not seen our fellow members in person for more than a year and a half. No one wanted to leave. All the longed-for, missed hugs we made-up for on that perfect afternoon! Those hugs from the members were so energizing!! It brought tears to my eyes just to see everyone and their smiles again. **Liz Sands** won the coveted "Flamingos and Margaritas" raffle basket –she'll look great in those pink rhinestone winged sunglasses! And that lucky **Nan Card** won the door prize – a gift certificate from Mama's Minerals. **Nora Diaz and Sylvia Chao** each bought a Bead Board Extraordinaire. Afterwards we walked across the street to Mama's Minerals where we went into a bead-buying frenzy – at 30% off! A special thank you to Heather and Jake at Mama's Minerals: You were great, thanks again for your help!

The annual swap-meet is back and will be held in June 2021. Clean out your bead rooms and your bead drawers and donate/swap/sell your gently used items and beads at the swap meet. **Date, time, and location TBD.** We are hoping to get in Los Poblanos by the lavender fields in Los Ranchos. But will let you know when BSNM is notified. So, keep digging out your bead goodies and bead-related items, display items, patterns, and/or projects that need a new home to sell/trade/buy at the swap meet.

BSNM's annual trip will take place in July 2021. Date and time to be announced (we're still finalizing all the plans). Members will carpool to Santa Fe, have an early lunch, and visit our favorite bead stores; there are discounts at some of the bead stores. Please sign-up online at www.beadsocietynm.org and specify if you can drive or you need a ride.

Members **Mary Ann Cordova, Helen Yackel (our new Secretary), and Pat Verrelle** have been working on the ever-popular and much-requested **11x7-inch oval and 11-inch round bead boards. We still need volunteers to help** sewing the cord in the fabric strips, which is done with a straight line of sewing and a zipper foot on your sewing machine – nothing complicated. Please call Pat Verrelle at 505-980-6401 if you can help.

Collette Chamberlain's Suncatcher/Snowflake class on May 8th went so fast. We had a ball – all of us 100% vaccinated and beading away making our suncatchers. Collette is such a good artist! Thanks Collette, the students loved your class!

Pam Troutman is teaching her Polymer Clay Cane-Making class on Sat., June 5, 2021. See Upcoming Events for details and your supply list.

Teresa Kenyon will teach her Bead Corral class on Sat., June 26, 2021 using a technique called napkin collage. Bead corrals keep those pesky seed beads from running all over your bead board. See Upcoming Events for details and your supply list.

Liz Sands will teach her Blue Sky Earrings class in July. Date, time, and location TBD. (Waiting to hear from North Domingo Baca on using their facilities.)

New member and retired national instructor, **Caroline Bleil, will teach her Painted Lady Pendant and Necklace class in September.** Date, time, and location TBD.

Susan Ryan, long time BSNM member, wrote a special thank-you note to BSNM:

Thank you for arranging the Sawmill Market luncheon and shopping event! I had a wonderful time and so appreciate BSNM's enthusiasm, imagination, and kindness!! Many thanks for all your efforts on our behalf!!! Love, Susan Ryan

See you at the June swap meet. Is your BSNM membership current?

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