



# Beadworkers Guild - May Newsletter

## Bringing Beadworkers Together

### CHAIRWOMAN'S CHAT

Hello everybody and welcome to our latest e-Newsletter.

It's such a very brief chat this time to say how much I am thinking of our members. I know that many of you are on your own and finding it difficult to keep motivated to bead or pursue any of your other crafts. But please keep going and remember to send us photos of what you achieve, so that we can encourage others to also battle on. Our motto of 'Bringing Beadworkers Together' never felt more apt!

Take care and stay safe,

Liz



The Beadworkers Guild AGM was due to be held on Saturday 2nd May at our Beading Festival, Daventry, but will now be held electronically at the end of this month. All members will be contacted via email, with a personal link to the AGM papers and resolutions.

If you know of a fellow member who has not yet set up their personal details on Love Admin and require help to do so, please ask them to

contact: [enquiries@beadworkersguild.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@beadworkersguild.org.uk)

### HEADING TOWARDS THE FUTURE

The main board of trustees usually meet in person four times per year, running smaller sub groups in between to keep everything running smoothly, but during lockdown they have been working harder than ever to come up with ways to help members stay busy and to keep the Guild moving forward.

A lot of extra work was created due to the coronavirus pandemic and so the team have been holding two weekly online meetings. This has enabled them to organise things to do for our members such as Keep Busy Beading, the reorganisation of the Beading Festival to an online event (at very short notice), the release of the Mini Person Beadalong and the creation of the online AGM for 2020.



Lockdown has really made a difference to how the trustees work as a team and those changes will continue moving forward. They are currently busy planning more online events for throughout the year, especially International Beading Week, as well as looking at the release of more pattern leaflets and future publications. Plus, lots more vital work on your behalf to keep the Guild marching forward into the future.



## SEEING RED

Every year we choose a different colour for our display boards at Daventry, showcasing some amazing beadwork by our members. The boards then travel around the country to various shows, to share our passion for beadwork and to raise awareness of the Guild to a wider audience.

Sadly, that is not the case this year and it would be such a shame if we couldn't share the wonderful work that so many of you submitted, to create such a fabulous collection of work, so we have posted a 'Red' picture gallery of all the contributions on our website: <http://www.beadworkersguild.org.uk>

Display stand news for 2021 will be revealed in your June newsletter, so don't miss it!

***'Little Devil' by Elaine Wood***

## ONLINE BEAD IN 2020

Sadly, lockdown prevented the Guild from holding the Beading Festival at Daventry this year, so a decision was made to host an online event in its place.

So much preparation work was done ahead of the Bead Festival, that it would have been disappointing to let all that effort go to waste, so with only one week's notice, the trustees got super busy to produce a handout/booklet with stitch techniques, charts and projects, for purchase via the Guild website shop and then sent out an invitation to all to join the free event.

The day went far better than anyone could have hoped for, with two three-hour sessions enabling the Guild to include its overseas members. If you go to the BWG Facebook group page: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/beadworkersguild> you will find some fantastic pictures to view.

Those that attended really enjoyed the experience and here are a few of their comments:

*"Had a great morning celebrating with friends old and new on the BWG Egyptian themed online Bead In. Looking forward to a repeat! Thank you to everybody involved for organising a great respite during these mad times".*

*"Thanks for hosting the session yesterday. As a beader that lives alone, I really appreciated being able to join in with the online bead in".*

*"I just want to say thank you for organising this wonderful Saturday. I had so much fun (member from Germany)".*



***CRAW Ankh by Lesley Brisco***



The day may be over, but the party continues.

During the event, Caroline French, one of the attendees, started making this fabulous little fridge magnet and after posting the finished piece on Facebook, she was inundated with requests for a pattern.

She has very kindly donated her pattern to the Guild, so whatever you do, don't miss your June newsletter, as we will be revealing details of where to download it from.

***Scarab Beetle Fridge Magnet by Caroline French***

## MEET, MINGLE & MAKE - EAST

We are pleased to announce the launch of a series of online events for local regions, the first of which will cover the East of England.

**Meet, Mingle & Make - East**, will take place **Sunday 7th June**, and the theme is Beaded Beads. We will be hosting two sessions: **10am-1pm & 2pm - 5pm**, which can be booked via the Guild shop: <http://www.beadworkersguild.org.uk/shop.php>



Each session is £7.50 and your booking includes a pattern booklet with a selection of six designs from a variety of designers: **Sylvia Fairhurst, Grace Skill, Dora Davies, Justine Gage and Karen Gibson-Brown**, that are suitable for beginners and those with a more advanced skill set.

Each session only accommodates 100 people, so don't delay, make your booking today!



***Delores in Pieces  
by Jessica Hayman***

## MINI PERSON BEADALONG

Week four of our beadalong may be approaching, but there is still time to download the patterns and get involved.

It's great to see the various photographs posted onto Facebook of beaded mini body parts, individual colour choices and the little finishing touches that members are adding to the basic patterns, with no two alike.

To access the instructions for all stages to date, visit the members' area of our website at: <http://www.beadworkersguild.org.uk> or contact the Guild office to request printed copies (35p per sheet + p&p).

Keep beading, keep sharing your wonderful makes on our Facebook page and check out some of the great images that have already been posted: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/beadworkersguild>

## KEEP BUSY BEADING WITH THE BWG

Members and non-members of the Guild are enjoying the free Peyote ribbon patterns that we published on our website a few weeks ago and are coming up with some ingenious ways in which to use them.

Some people are making bracelets, some are using just a small part of each chart to make long lariats by mixing up the designs, whilst others are making bookmarks and other small gifts to put away for the festive season.

To download the free patterns, go to the Guild website: <http://www.beadworkersguild.org.uk> and select 'Keep Busy Beading', where you will find all the free charts. There are also some blank Peyote charts, so you can create your own designs too.

You can also find further inspiration of how to use your beaded ribbons by visiting: <http://www.pinterest.co.uk/guildpinterest/>

Share your progress, share your designs and share your project ideas, as we all bead together whilst lockdown continues.

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Some more new patterns were added to our website earlier today, in readiness for International Beading Week, so there will be plenty of beading for you to do to keep busy in the weeks ahead.



*Festive Penguins stitched by Jill Burrows, using a design by Sylvia Fairhurst.*



## INTERNATIONAL BEADING WEEK 2020

Things are starting to ramp up in readiness for International Beading Week (IBW) 2020.

We have a competition, prize draws, free patterns with every purchase from the Guild shop, free patterns from designers, we have new designers from around the world, and much, much more.



If you are a tutor and/or designer, please keep us up-to-date with what you may be planning and if you are a trader, then please inform us of any special offers or competitions you may be running for IBW week, so that we can promote those too.

For further information please contact **Sylvia Fairhurst** on **01908 311 243** or email: [events@beadworkersguild.org.uk](mailto:events@beadworkersguild.org.uk).

### FREE PATTERN & GIVE AWAY

This delightful and thoughtful little brooch by Kathryn Halfpenney, was designed to show our wonderful NHS and social care workers, just how much we appreciate them.



The '**Clap for Carers' Rainbow Brooch**, has it all. A rainbow to symbolise hope and mini hands to show we care.

The pattern is suitable for intermediate to advanced beaders and at just 5.5cm wide x approx. 3cm high (excluding charms), is quick to make and a great bead stash buster!

To download Kathryn's charted pattern and stitch instructions, go to the members only section of the Guild website at: <http://www.beadworkersguild.org.uk/members-area.php>.

Kathryn has prepped some bead packs available for £6 + plus postage, that include the brooch pin and hand charms. To order, visit: <http://www.halfpenneys.co.uk> or call her on **01254 236 049**.

She has also very kindly donated a free pack for one lucky winner. To enter, please email your name, address and membership number to: [newslettereditor@beadworkersguild.org.uk](mailto:newslettereditor@beadworkersguild.org.uk).

All entries must be received by **Sunday 7th June**, and the winner of the prize draw will be revealed in the June newsletter. Good luck!

### CAN YOU HELP?

We received a query from a lady called Natasha, who has fallen in love with a beaded belt created by Sylvus Tarn. Sylvus made the belt for herself, however, she is happy for Natasha to use her design.



The belt was made on a loom, using a variety of beads, before being lined with fabric and she has provided Natasha with the list of requirements, so that she can have one made. Natasha is now looking to commission a willing beader to make it for her.

If you think you might be able to help and would like further details, please contact Karen at: [newslettereditor@beadworkersguild.org.uk](mailto:newslettereditor@beadworkersguild.org.uk).



.... and **FINALLY**

With a bit of a push from my fellow trustees, I finally succumbed to the use of technology and hosted an online Zoom meeting with my local group, A1 Bead Club, which worked extremely well.

We are due to have our second meeting this week and we are starting a project using the '**Keep Busy Beading**' Peyote ribbon charts.

The plan is to each bead one or more of the rainbow ribbons designed by Joan Newton, plus a few of our own, then post them on Facebook to say thank you to our fantastic NHS and social care workers for all their hard work. Then, when we are able to come together again, connect the ribbons with some that have our club logo and some with the logo for the BWG, to form a chain that will symbolise our club's reunion and to act as a display for future open days or exhibitions of work etc.

There has never been a more meaningful time to be a BWG member than right now and being part of the worldwide beading community. My time beading and volunteering with the Guild, has helped the days and weeks pass quickly and kept me so busy, I have not had time to dwell on the horror that is currently surrounding us. It has also given me the opportunity to communicate with friends (at a distance of course), who share the same passion for beadwork, as we have worked together to dream and hope for a brighter beady future.

Stay safe, enjoy some beading time and please do share your makes on the Guild Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/BeadworkersGuild>

Best wishes,

Karen x

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### **Coming Next Month**

- *More plans are revealed for International Beading Week 2020*
- *More online events are coming to a screen near you*
- *It's party time... the Guild comes of age!*

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