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Beadworkers Guild November Newsletter

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Forthcoming events

Please note that the Guild will have a presence at shows marked with a * so please come along, say hello and take a look at members' contributions to the "Coral Sea" display

January

January 14th
Quilters Fabric Sale and Exhibition
10.00am - 4.00pm
Farnham Maltings, Bridge Square,
Farnham. GU9 7QR
Tel:01252 745 444
www.farnhammaltings.com
contact: caroline.pearce@farnhammaltings.com

February

February 1st - 3rd
The Creative Craft Show
10.00am - 4.30pm
Event City, Manchester. M41 7TB
Tel:01425 272 711
www.ichfevents.co.uk
Contact:jane@janebcreatives.co.uk

* February 25th
Essex Bead & Jewellery Fair
10.00am - 4.00pm
Charter Hall, Colchester Leisure World,
Cowdray Ave, Colchester CO1 1YH
(note new venue)
Tel:08450 943 594
www.beadshows.co.uk
Contact:simon@totallybeads.co.uk

March

Chairman's Chat

Hi everybody and welcome to our latest e-newsletter.

As I write this, it's a very soggy, miserable day – just right for putting on the kettle and turning on the grill for a cuppa and hot buttered crumpet! I'm afraid that my thoughts too often turn towards food, especially at this time of year, so I need to find something else to concentrate on. Perhaps I could bead something in readiness for the forthcoming festive season? I'm sure to find inspiration in our new Christmas booklet (more on this below).

I'm glad to take this opportunity to thank our Journal staff and our very many volunteers for all their hard work over the year. We are so lucky to have such a brilliant group of people willing to help with the Guild's activities, from serving as a trustee to helping on our stand at a show. There are lots more jobs than I think most members realise. So if you would be interested in helping out, please contact me for a chat.

In the meantime, to all our members, I wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Happy Beading!

Liz

Beadworkers Guild Christmas gifts

Here are some ideas for gifts this Christmas. Our latest publication is 'All I want for Christmas', a collection of seven seasonal projects from past Journals. The booklet makes a great gift in itself for a beading friend, or you can use it to make lovely beaded gifts for your friends and family. It's only £4, so great value. Another choice would be a half year membership, which brings the October and January Journals and full access to the members' area of our website (with all the free patterns and other goodies which are there) until the end of March 2018. Again, it's great value at just £16.50. Also popular is our Book of Mini People (Sugar Plum Fairy and friends). These designs by Anne Mockford are of eight delightful and unique characters, with plenty of inspiration for creating your own characters. You can purchase the books and a half year membership through the Guild's shop at www.beadworkersguild.org.uk or call on 07837 649712.



The Beading Festival, 12th – 14th May 2018

Bookings are already coming in, so please don't delay if you want a place, book it early. Fun starts on Friday 11th with two classes; one on colour and the other on design. On Saturday 12th we have our communal



March 1st-4th

Knitting & Stitching Show
10.00am - 5.30pm
Olympia Two, Hammersmith Rd, Kensington,
London. W14 8UX
Tel:020 7688 6830
www.theknittingandstitchingshow.com
Contact: Helenm@upperstreetevents.co.uk

* March 8th - 11th
The Creative Craft Show
10.00am - 5.00pm
SECC, Exhibition Way,
Glasgow. G3 8YW
Tel:01425 272 711
www.ichfevents.co.uk
Contact:jane@janebcreatives.co.uk

March 15th - 18th
The Creative Craft Show
10.00am - 4.30pm
NEC Birmingham,
West Midlands. B40 1NT
Tel: 01425 272 711
www.ichfevents.co.uk
Contact:jane@janebcreatives.co.uk

March 18th
Bead Fair
10.00am - 4.00pm
Pavilions of Harrogate,
Great Yorkshire Show Grounds,
North Yorkshire. HG2 8NZ
Tel: 01737 841 080
www.beadwork.net
Contact: paul@thecraftkitcompany.co.uk

March 24th
Winchester Bead Fair
10.00am - 4.00pm
Otterbourne Village Hall, Cranbourne Drive,
Otterbourne, Winchester. SO21 2ET
Tel: 07474 727916
www.westofenglandevents.co.uk
Contact:stephenmobsby@btinternet.com

Pass it on

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"Bead In" with Art Deco as our inspiration.



Fun and retail therapy follows on Sunday 13th May with our very popular bead Bazaar which opens to the public at 10am, fantastic raffle and the Challenge competition is open to public viewing. BWG members get in free if they show a current membership card.

You can download the application form from [our website](#) or call on 07837 649712 to request a copy to be sent to you, free of charge.

The Challenge – Indian Summer

This autumn has felt rather like an Indian Summer, hasn't it? Certainly flowers seem to have kept on blooming much longer than normal and there is still lots of brilliant colour in our parks and gardens. We hope it has inspired you to have a go at this year's Challenge. If you have never entered the Challenge before, or are feeling nervous about it for whatever reason, the person to speak to is Denise Bending and her contact details are email denise@bending.demon.co.uk or phone 01283 761 971. She will be able to put you in touch with a mentor who can give gentle guidance and encouragement. You can download the rules and an entry form from [our website](#) or call on 07837 649712 to request copies to be sent to you, free of charge.

Shows

The Guild stand has had a busy autumn so far - we've visited the Haydock Bead Fair, the Cardiff Bead Fair, the Knitting & Stitching Show at Alexandra Palace, the Big Bead Show at Sandown and of course the Creative Craft Show in Glasgow. We also 'premiered' at the Big Textile Show in Leicester, where it was great to meet so many people new to beading. We were able to help launch the Guild's new publication 'All I Want for Christmas', which has been a huge success.

We've not finished yet - there's still the Newmarket Bead Fair and the Knitting & Stitching Show at Harrogate. We hope to see as many of you as possible at the Guild stand, so do come and say hello.

Guild shows stand "Sunrise" colour theme

Have you been getting up early to take a look at what a sunrise really looks like? It can be quite surprising! We are sure of a brilliantly colourful display for our stand at shows next year. Please send your contributions by the end of February to Judith Bailey, 32 Goldsmith Drive, Newport Pagnell, Bucks, MK16 8RS. Items that you have made using instructions in a Guild book or Journal are the most helpful because they often prompt a sale at a show! Please include the following details: your name and membership number, postal and email addresses, phone number, title of the piece (if it has one), designer (if not yourself) and any additional information (e.g. where instructions can be found if in a BWG publication/Journal). Finally, please be sure to tell us the value of the materials used so that the piece can be covered under our insurance policy.

International Beading Week, 28th July – 5th August 2017

As was announced in the October Journal, our Beading Week is going international next year! If you have any suggestions for



new activities that you think a group, tutor or trader might find of interest, please let us know. And if you are planning something for your own group, make sure to let us know so that we can include the details on the IBW website. For all enquiries about IBW, please contact Alison Peacock: email ibw@beadworkersguild.org.uk or telephone 01522 789813.

Groups public liability insurance

Groups who wish to renew their cover under the Guild's umbrella policy for public liability insurance are reminded that their fees are payable by 31 December. Other groups are also welcome to seek cover under the same policy and the same date for fees applies. The details of the Guild's policy are:

The policy allows for the group to be covered for public liability up to £2,000,000 at a named venue (or multiple venues where required) plus also for theft of pieces in the event of an exhibition/event at that venue.

For a group to be covered under the Guild's policy, the organiser must be a BWG member and we require the following information:

Organiser's name and BWG membership number and full contact details:
e-mail, telephone no, address
Name of beading group
Number of members
Venue(s) the group meets at
Frequency of meetings

The cost is a very competitive £1.50 per person per year, with the year running from late January and a minimum payment of £10. The premium payment is due from groups by 31 December. (It is possible to join part way through the year, but please note that while the cost is pro-rated, the minimum amount payable is still £10 since it costs the Guild a minimum of £10 per group to add you to the policy. The cover would then start from the beginning of the next calendar month after payment was received.)

If you would like to take up this insurance, all you need to do is e-mail Lucy Jane Atkinson (details below) with the group's details and to pay the fee appropriate for your number of members. BACS payment is preferred, please, with reference "insurance" and the name of the group. The account details are: sort code 40-52-40; account name The Beadworkers Guild; account number 00020246. Cheques are also accepted and should be sent to 4 Honor Oak Road, London SE23 3SF with a letter giving the relevant group details. For card payments, please call on 07837 649712.

Once payment is made, the insurers will be notified and an extract of the policy showing your group will be sent to you when the policy is issued to the Guild in late January 2018.

For any queries relating to group insurance, please contact Lucy Jane Atkinson: email simon_lucy@btinternet.com or tel 01524 262 838.

Facebook page

We like to keep our Facebook page active so please do share your beading successes or UFO / WIP's with our Facebook community, we all love to see finished pieces and with so many beady friends globally, if you are stuck for inspiration or simply can't grasp the next step there is bound to be someone who can offer help or advice. For those days out to stock up on beading supplies don't forget to check out the diary page on our website for the latest events, we love to see members drop by our Show stands and admire the work on display.

Patsy & Edina Journal Pattern

A member has let us know that the doll frame used for the Patsy & Edina pattern in the last Journal (issue 75, Oct 2017) has been altered slightly by the manufacturer. So rather than having a head pin that threads up through the body and exits the neck, it is now welded to the neck. The head pin is also thicker, which means that it will no longer thread through the Demi Round foundation ring in the hat. To make the hat you will need to substitute the Demi Round for a size 6 seed bead, a 5/6mm closed jump ring or something similar. The pattern for the hat is still the same but please make sure that the bead you use for the foundation ring fits over the pin welded to the neck before you start beading.

Assembling the doll: Step 6 will also differ in that Jennifer discarded her head pin and used thread to assemble the doll. The welded head pin will need to be used now to attach the neck, head bead and hat. A loop will also need to be formed with a pair of pliers at the end of the head pin to secure everything.

Groups update

New group in **Hampshire**.

Tadley Beaders. Meet for bead, chat and laughs and there are different suppliers each month. Workshops as requested.

Contact Anne Gray

01493 842827 or 07766 664027 anne1055@hotmail.co.uk

01169 612697 or 01766 664027, anne1055@hotmail.co.uk.
Meet 4th Saturday of month except December, 10am - 4pm at The
Ambrose Allen Centre, Franklin Avenue, Tadley, RG26 4EP

New group in Kent.

Hazeedaze Beads, Crafts and Curios Group. Taught classes and workshops
from beginners upwards.

Contact Jennifer Ruston, 01304 448500, hazeedaze@icloud.com.

Meet Tuesday 10.30am - 1pm, Wednesday 6.30pm - 9pm, Thursday
10.30am - 1pm, Friday 10.30am - 1pm at 6c/6b Strand Street,
Sandwich, Kent, CT13 9DZ

New group in London.

Eclectic Beaders. All levels welcome for beading and socialising. Good
transport links nearby. Contact Marlene using e mail
"bead group enquiry" at marlminhas@aol.com.

Meet 3rd Saturday of month,
London NW1 8PH

Change of contact for **Greenock** Beaders.

Maggie Bremner, 01475 520485,
maggiobremner@hotmail.com

And finally

I always attend a "Christmas starts here"
event in the summer and, despite the early
start, there is always last minute beading to
be done - one more bauble.....

But this year I am already giving some
serious thought to my beady new year
resolutions.

This year I did get half way through the year
before failing on my resolve to finish one ufo
a month. I suspect we have all tried that one
at some time but I have now made a radical
decision about next year. It may be because
I am in the middle of a massive declutter
and can't bear to throw any beads out but I
have decided that I am not going to buy any
beads next year, unless there is something
that I need for a class. To make it more
difficult, even then I will only allow myself to buy new shapes - and not new
colours. Those who know me are probably laughing their socks off right
now but I really do have enough beads to see me out!

I will let you know how I get on but let me know if you have any beady
related new year resolutions - and although November is too early to wish
anyone a happy Christmas I do hope that Christmas morning is full of the
right sort of beady surprise.

Have a good one.....
Sandra



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