



Bringing Beadworkers Together

Beadworkers Guild March Newsletter

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CHAIRWOMAN'S CHAT

Hello everybody and welcome to our latest e-newsletter.

I am very lucky to have neighbours either side to chat to from a safe distance during this time of self-isolation. And happily the weather is kind enough to let us do it, so I hope the rain holds off a while! If, like me, you are already finding the restrictions which keep us all stuck at home getting on top of you, then try a bit of beading distraction with an idea we have put together called 'Keep Busy Beading'. See below for details. Please let us know how you get on,

Best wishes,

Liz

2020 BEADING FESTIVAL

Dear members,

You will all be aware of the social restrictions being put in place by the government due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Your health and wellbeing is of prime importance to us and I dare say this will come as no surprise to you, but it is with great regret that the trustees have taken the decision to cancel the Beading Festival in May 2020.

We attempted to have the event postponed, but the hotel is unable to accommodate either of the alternative dates we offered them and it maybe that the social restrictions will still be in place after the summer. So, we ask for your understanding.

All those that had signed up to attend a workshop or the Bead In, will of course be refunded in full: please be patient while we organise this.

See below an idea to '**Keep Busy Beading**', over the coming weeks. Meanwhile, please look after yourselves.

Best wishes
BWG Team.

KEEP BUSY BEADING WITH THE BWG

Here's an idea to keep you busy beading while stuck at home during the coronavirus outbreak, quite possibly with just yourself for company.



We have put together a collection of designs for ribbons of beadwork in Peyote stitch. They can be a great way of using up odds and ends of beads in your stash.

One ribbon can be made as a bracelet, several can be joined end to end to make a necklace or lariat, two or three can be joined widthways to make a cuff or join lots together to create a beaded sampler.

We've created a new tab on our website called '**Keep Busy Beading**', where you will find all the free charted ribbons. There is also a page of blank Peyote charts, so you can design your own ribbons. Visit: <http://www.beadworkersguild.org.uk/>

You can also visit: <http://www.pinterest.co.uk/guildpinterest/> where you can find plenty of inspirational ideas of how to use your Peyote ribbons

This is an open source project for everyone to join in, so please invite your non member beading friends to bead along with you. Feel free to share your Peyote ribbon designs, too, and we will upload them to the website for everyone to enjoy.

Share your progress, share your designs, share your project ideas and let's all keep busy beading together in these difficult times.

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As you have been reading this, willing volunteers are beavering away designing more charts, which will be uploaded onto the Guild website very soon. So, regularly revisit the '**Keep Busy Beading**' page, to see what's new. However, right now there is a great selection of designs waiting to be downloaded to get you started, so don't delay. Visit:

<http://www.beadworkersguild.org.uk/>

GBBS 2021 - TUTOR SUBMISSIONS

Tutors, if you would like your designs to be considered for the 2021 Great British Bead Show, they must be submitted by **Friday, 24th April 2020**.

Please send your projects to: **Sylvia Fairhurst, 11 Randolph Close, Bradville, Milton Keynes, Bucks, MK13 7YW**.

If you haven't taught at the show before and would like more information, please request a copy of the tutor guidelines by contacting Sylvia at: **events@beadworkersguild.org.uk**

INTERNATIONAL BEADING WEEK 2020

With everything that is happening in the current climate, it may be a good idea to start thinking of ideas of how to create online events for your bead clubs or groups, during International Beading Week 2020 - **Saturday 25th July** through to **Sunday 2nd August**.



Remember, if you are organising an event, please share the information with us, so that we can promote it for you on the IBW website and social media.

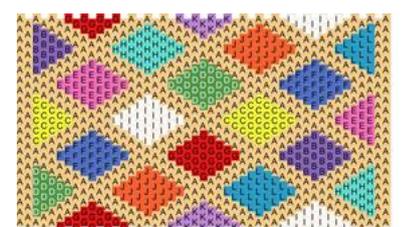
If you are a tutor and/or designer, please keep us up-to-date with what you may be planning and if you are a trader, then please inform us of any special offers or competitions that you may be running for IBW week, so that we can promote those too.

This is a great opportunity to unite beadworkers from all around the world to share the love of beading, so please do help us to spread the word.

There will be a feature article in the April Journal, but for further information on planning your events visit: <http://www.internationalbeadingweek.com>

and FINALLY...

From every negative there comes a positive, so as we are going to be confined to barracks for the foreseeable future, what better way to stay active in mind, body and spirit, than a good old fashioned spring clean... especially our bead boxes, project boxes and bead stash in general.

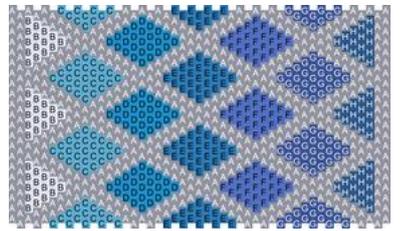


It's amazing what you uncover and it's a great way to unwind, whiling away a few mindless hours (or more!), organising your stash by either colour, type or size of bead. What's more, a clear-out sparks new project ideas, as you revisit some of the

beads you previously stored for a rainy day, or had left over from a past project.

Ed's March Pattern

My pattern to you this month is the ultimate stash buster! A G2 Pilot Pen (see pic below), that sat in my workbox, was crying out for a bit of bling and became the focus of attention when matched with some unloved, left over cylinder beads, from a previous project. The result - a snazzy new(ish!) pen, ready to take to a workshop or bead club once everything gets back to normal.



I have designed two colourways, but you could always download the free Peyote/Brick stitch graph paper from the Guild website to create your own designs. Yet another chance to spend more time unwinding, this time with colouring pens in hand.

The download is available from the members only section of the Guild website
at: <http://www.beadworkersguild.org.uk/members-area.php>

Stay safe, enjoy some beading time and don't forget to distance share your makes on the Guild facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/beadworkersguild>

Best wishes,

Karen x

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