



## Welcome to the February 2019 Beadworkers Guild Newsletter

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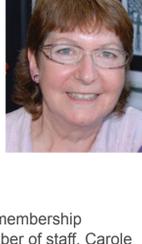
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### Chairwoman's Chat

Hello everybody and welcome to our latest e-newsletter.

The new membership system has presented many of us with a steep learning curve – thanks to all of you who have risen to it. But if you have opted to have us set up your direct debits for you, that's also fine. We are happy to do it to make sure your membership of the Beadworkers Guild continues without a hitch.



I am looking forward to handing over the membership administration to our newly recruited member of staff, Carole Ingarfield. I hope it means that I will be able to spend more time with my beads!

Happy Beading to you all,

Liz

### Our exciting Journal News!

For our special 20th anniversary edition of the **Journal** we have contributions from **Jean Power, Heather Kingsley-Heath, Melanie de Miguel** and many more members of the Guild. We will also be starting a year-long feature on beaded bags and purses, so make sure you renew your membership in good time.



We'd also like contributions from members for our special 20th anniversary edition, so please tell us what the Guild has meant to you over the years? Margaret Haigh has already started us off. Why not pop over to **Facebook** to see what she has to say and add your own comments?

Did we teach you new skills, introduce you to new friends or point you towards your beading group? Have you found favourite patterns in the Journal or our books? Have you ever won a BWG challenge or enjoyed attending the Beading Festival/GBBS? We want to know it all.

Please leave your memories of the Guild here on our **google form**.

### Membership Renewals

Thank you so much for responding so quickly and willingly to our new online **membership system**.



Many of you have already set up your membership accounts with **LoveAdmin** but, if you haven't, please don't delay. Soon we will be sending out the payment requests for your 2019-2020 subscription so keep your eyes out for an email.

If you don't want to manage your own account – that's absolutely fine! There are a number of options open to you. You can complete the membership renewal form which was with your January Journal and post it to us. Or, if you prefer, you can renew through the website. Finally, you can simply call us on **07837 649712**, it would give us a chance to chat! Have your card handy though, as you will need to give us your details.

### Deadline reminder: Sparkle in our Jewel of the Nile challenge

We hope you're well ahead with your **Challenge entry**. We can't wait to see all those gems and jewels!



The deadline for entries to reach us is Saturday 6th April 2019. You can download the rules and an entry form from the website. Alternatively, you can call us for a paper copy.

Please remember that we can put you in touch with a mentor who will do their best to help you progress your ideas. The volunteer to contact for this is Stephney Hornblow at: hornblow@btopenworld.com or **01283 713 050**.

### Glowing Green with the new Beadworkers Guild display stand

We very much look forward to seeing the Emerald colour theme display for our show stand. It really is such a sumptuous colour and we know your colour combinations will be fabulous.



If you haven't sent your contribution it's not too late. Why not try something from **January's Journal**? or have a look at the free patterns on the members area or the **International Beading Week website**?

Once your pieces are complete, please send them to Judith. Her address is:

Judith Bailey,  
32 Goldsmith Drive,  
Newport Pagnell,  
Bucks,  
MK16 8RS.

### Bead Fair update

We're planning a very full programme of **Beadworkers Guild show stand** visits this year travelling across the UK to spread the news of the Beadworkers guild.



We have already made a start with two fairs in Essex. Next, we will be at the Jewellery Show in Colchester on 24th February 2019. Then, in March we will be moving on to the Essex Lacemaker & Quilters Fair. Please note that the Essex Lacemaker & Quilters Fair is on 17th March 2019 in Chelmsford, not the 12th March 2019, as shown in the January Journal.

Next is the Creative Craft Show in Glasgow on 7th – 10th March 2019. The Guild stand will also be at the Harrogate Beadwork Fair on 17th March 2019.

If you know of a bead fair or craft show which you think the BWG could attend, do let us know. It would be great if you or your beading group can join in on the stand too. Contact Ruth Vickery (Vickery.ruth@gmail.com) or Joan Newton (joan@zjbnewton.myzen.co.uk) with any ideas or offers of help.

### Countdown to The Great British Bead Show 2019

Start sorting through your shiniest seed beads and dusting off your biggest bead-on-it board because the **Great British Bead Show** is almost upon us! Starting on **Thursday 9th May 2019** and running through to **Sunday 12th May 2019**, the Great British Bead Show promises to be a brilliant bead bonanza.



From a talk on the Friday evening to get your design ideas going, to the challenge winner announcement, a masterclass with Fran Griffith and the great Bead Bazaar the weekend will be filled with beady banter and fun. And let's not forget the fabulous workshops! There are still a few places left on some of our workshops, so if you've not reserved your place yet, check out **our website** for availability.

### It's back! Great British Bead Show 'Social Saturday'

More good news about the **Great British Bead Show**! We've decided, after receiving several requests, to run a 'Social Saturday' again. Come along, bring your own bead work project and chat to other members. Swap ideas, pick up new tips, just don't forget to keep counting your rows.



The cost will be £45 per person. This includes am/pm refreshments, hot/cold three course lunch and room hire.

Contact Sylvia Fairhurst if you wish to sign up:

Tel: **01908 311243**

Email: [events@beadworkersguild.org.uk](mailto:events@beadworkersguild.org.uk)

### International Beading Week: Drum roll for exciting news....

Have we been working on some treats for you this year for **International Beading week**? We have come up with a fabulous **prize draw** (or two!) which we will reveal in the April issue of the Journal. So, keep that drum roll going for a while longer!



**International Beading Week** will take place on 27th July to 4th August 2019, so we hope you are thinking about what you will do this year. Start discussing it at the next meeting of your group. If you don't belong to one of our beading groups, then International Beading week might be just the time to join one or even start your own!

Why not try to break a beady world record, or teach some children how to bead? Hold an exhibition of your beadwork to raise money for charity or have a 24 hour beadathon?

### Art Deco pieces will make exhibition a roaring success

We have some beautiful pieces, but there's always room for more. This opportunity is open to all our members so if you would like to contribute an Art Deco piece, please contact Sylvia Fairhurst:

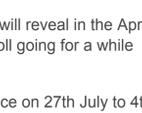


[events@beadworkersguild.org.uk](mailto:events@beadworkersguild.org.uk), and copy to [sylvia.snp@hotmail.com](mailto:sylvia.snp@hotmail.com)

We are still looking for venues too. If you know of a hall or exhibition space that has wall space for hangings and floor standing display cases for jewellery and 3D items, let Sylvia know, as we would like to take this exhibition on the road. When we have specific dates from venues we will of course let you know. Please send your contributions by the end of September if at all possible so that we can display your work at the Knitting and Stitching Show.

### Make a note: Changes to classes and groups

A new year has seen new contact details and even new names for some of the **Beadworkers Guild groups**:



'Bugle Pins and Needles' have had a name change. They will now be known as 'Bobbins Pins and Needles'. If you would like to join, contact details for this group, held at Roche Methodist Chapel, Chapel Road, Roche, Cornwall, PL26 8JE, are:

Christina Best: **07986 450869**  
Francis Thorne: **01726 858738**

There has been a change of email and address for the Gloucester Beaders. If you wish to get in touch with, please email: [joanne.witts@virginmedia.com](mailto:joanne.witts@virginmedia.com). If you wish to attend their meeting, it will be held at Longford Village Hall, Longford Lane, Gloucester, GL2 9EL.

Worcestershire Beaders has had a change of venue too. They will now meet at Crowle Parish Hall, Church Road, Crowle, WR7 4AZ.

Auld Reekie Beaders have had a change of contact details and address too. If you wish to get in touch, please contact Nima Rodrigues on **07923 008716**. Her email address is: [lourdes.dsouza@gmail.com](mailto:lourdes.dsouza@gmail.com) and meetings will be held at Edinburgh College, 50, Bankhead Avenue, Edinburgh, EH11 4EA.

And finally, Carmarthen Beaders have had a change of contact number, meeting date and time. Please now contact Julia Atkins on **07785 258201**. They will meet every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6.30pm - 9.30pm.

### Don't miss the posty: Update your email address

And talking of changes, make sure you let us know if you change your email address. It is important that we ensure our list of email addresses is as accurate as possible so that you get our fabulous newsletter that keeps you up to date with all the latest news and events at the Beadworkers Guild.



If you would like to use a different email address to the one you have received this newsletter to, please let us know by sending us a line at: [enquiries@beadworkersguild.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@beadworkersguild.org.uk)

### Dates for your diary

**Justine Gage** will be holding a 'Roses in Bloom' Workshop at Betchworth Beaders, Surrey, on Saturday 23rd March 2019. There are still some spaces available. The project is Roses in Bloom – a brand new design! - and the cost is £20 per head. If you're interested, do contact Ruth Vickery for full details – [vickery.ruth@gmail.com](mailto:vickery.ruth@gmail.com)



### Beading Festival 2020

Our next Beading Festival will take place on the weekend commencing Friday 8th to Sunday 10th May 2020 at Staverton Park Hotel, Daventry. So whip out your diary, sharpen that pencil and make sure that weekend is blocked off for beading.