



# The Beadworkers Guild – February News 2021

## Bringing Beadworkers Together

### CHAIRWOMAN'S CHAT

Hello everybody,

well, spring has truly sprung in my corner of south east London and the bulbs I planted in the autumn are now beginning to show themselves. In these otherwise rather gloomy times, they offer a little optimism. It puts me in mind of Ian Drury's song 'Reasons to be cheerful, Part 3'. He listed lots of reasons, but I am sticking with three:

1. I own more beads than I can ever expect to stitch together, but I love just opening the cupboard and looking at them!
2. I have worked out how to use Zoom to meet family and friends (especially beading ones).
3. The Beadworkers Guild continues to thrive and, indeed, to grow twenty-one years after we started out.

Please let us know your three reasons – it will help cheer us all up!

Happy Beading!

Liz



### MEMBERSHIP 2021/22 & DIGITAL JOURNAL

The clock is ticking down towards the new membership year, so if you haven't renewed yet and you don't want to miss out on all the Guild has to offer, get in touch!

The new membership year for 2021-22 begins on 1 April and all membership subscriptions need to be renewed long before then. We try to make it as easy as possible for you, offering you several options for paying your membership subscription. All methods are very quick and easy. Please remember that if you renew late, it causes a lot of extra work for us and your April Journal will be delayed, so please act now!

Details of all membership costs/options for the UK, Europe and the Rest of the World (including the USA), can be found on pages 4 & 5 of your January Journal, and on the membership form which was sent with it.

Whatever option you choose, as always, if you need any help just drop us a message via email to [enquiries@beadworkersguild.com](mailto:enquiries@beadworkersguild.com) or call on **07837 649 712** and we will do our best to assist.

As part of your Guild membership this year we are able to offer you the option of enjoying either the paper or the digital version of the Journal, or even both – the choice is yours.

Alongside this newsletter, you will have received a notification inviting you to view your January Journal digitally for free, with a full explanation of how to do so. This is the second of our free 'test issues' available to all members to enjoy ahead of the new membership year and you will be pleased to know that a print option has been added, enabling you to print a single page, a selection of pages or the whole Journal.

To ensure your membership continues to run smoothly, and of course to receive your April Journal on time, it is very important that we know your preferences ASAP. You can let us know your digital/paper preference by replying via email to [enquiries@beadworkersguild.com](mailto:enquiries@beadworkersguild.com), or by post to **The Beadworkers Guild, 4 Honor Oak Road, London, SE23 3SF** or call us on **07837 649712**. You can also log on to your LoveAdmin account with your email address and select the Journal option you prefer there.

The image below is a guide on how to confirm your Journal options on LoveAdmin.

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Date of birth if under 16

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### PATTERN TESTERS WANTED URGENTLY!

Do you have a keen eye for detail and some available time to spare?

If so, the Guild are looking for volunteers to test instructions for our upcoming Art Deco book.

If you are interested in assisting the Guild with our new venture, please respond ASAP with details of your skill level and beading stitch knowledge, to: [sylviafairhurst@beadworkersguild.com](mailto:sylviafairhurst@beadworkersguild.com)



## GBBS – Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> to Sun 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021

The Prime Minister has announced that alas we are not able to gather in Daventry again this year. We know this is incredibly disappointing for members, we feel it too, but it's more important that everyone remains safe.

However, do not despair - contingency plans are in progress and rest assured we **will** still be 'bringing Beadworkers together', albeit in a different way.

Everyone who has booked already will be contacted during the first week of March and we will update the full membership in the March newsletter, so watch this space.

For class descriptions and availability, please visit: <http://www.beadworkersguild.org.uk/the-great-british-bead-show-schedule-2021.php>



## SAVE THE PLANET WITH BEADS

Projects are starting to arrive, but the clock is ticking down and the finish line ever nearer, so if you would still like to take part in our annual challenge - '**Save the Planet – Bead it, don't bin it!**', you need to get a wiggle on!

Just to confirm once more the box sizes for your challenge pieces are as follows:

- **Challenge in a Matchbox:** open to all beaders of every level. The brief is to make a piece of beadwork that will fit into a standard size matchbox (maximum size **120 x 67 x 27mm**).
- **Other individual entries:** the work and packaging must fit into a package no larger than Royal Mail Small Parcel (**45cm x 35cm x 16cm**). However, the package may contain elements of a piece which, once assembled, is larger than the parcel in which it is delivered.
- **Group entries:** the work and packaging must fit into a package no larger than Royal Mail Small Parcel (**45cm x 35cm x 16 cm**). The overall display size of the work should not be more than **60cm high x 60cm wide x 45cm deep**.

The challenge is open to all levels of ability from beginner to advanced, so if you would like some advice about entering please contact Stephney Hornblow, who is ready to give you guidance and encouragement. Please call **Stephney** on **01283 713 050** or email: [stephneyhornblow@beadworkersguild.com](mailto:stephneyhornblow@beadworkersguild.com).

You can download the revised rules and an entry form from our website or call Alison, the Guild Administrator on **07837 649 712** or email: [enquiries@beadworkersguild.com](mailto:enquiries@beadworkersguild.com) to request copies to be sent to you, free of charge. The deadline for entries is **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2021**.

## ORANGES & LEMONS

We have received some beautiful beadwork to create the Oranges & Lemons colour display for 2021, but we still need more, so please keep your projects coming.

Even though we may not be able to get together in Daventry this May, we have plans to photograph and display your wonderful Oranges & Lemons projects on our soon to be launched new website. Then, hopefully later in the year as restrictions are lifted further, we can share your amazing work with the nation... so our display boards do need to be filled!

All beadwoven items are very welcome, from basic to advanced and they do not need to be new makes – if you have something in your collection that fits the colour theme, please send it in. If they are pieces that you have made from a pattern in a Guild book or Journal, even better.

Please send your contributions by **28<sup>th</sup> February 2021** to **BWG Oranges & Lemons Display, c/o Karen Gibson-Brown, Corner House, 11 Hallgarth Court, Newsham, Richmond, DL11 7RN.**

Please, please, 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)
- any additional information (e.g. where instructions can be found if in a BWG publication/Journal)
- value of the materials used so that the piece can be covered under our insurance policy

And finally, please protect your pieces safely in robust secure packaging and not just in a bit of kitchen roll in an ordinary envelope... it does happen!

If you would like to see the wonderful work that we received for our 'Red' display this year, please visit our website: <http://www.beadworkersguild.org.uk/red-display-stand-work.php>

## DATES FOR THE DIARY



### Bead for free with the BWG

Our free Drop-in meetings for both members and non-Guild members will continue throughout 2021 and the next three meetings are scheduled as follows:

**27<sup>th</sup> March**

**24<sup>th</sup> April**

**29<sup>th</sup> May**

There are two sessions per day at **10.00am to 12 noon** or **5.00 to 7.00pm (GMT)** on the last Saturday of the month, to bead or just to chat.

If you haven't joined in with one of our online meetings before, what are you waiting for? It's a great way to share beading tips, socialise and meet new friends from all around the globe. To reserve a place at our next meeting, please go to the Guild website shop and make your booking: <http://www.beadworkersguild.org.uk/shop.php#!/BWG-Monthly-Drop-In-via-Zoom/c/51135353/offset=0&sort=normal>



## NEW - Free Distance Learning Programme - Stitch Workbook Social

Members requested a social group to work through the Stitch Workbooks with some beading company. If you are working through one of the workbooks and/or would like to start, why not sign up and stitch along with others?

Available to book now, these sessions will run alongside the free monthly Drop Ins, but must be booked under the Stitch workbook option by visiting:  
<http://www.beadworkersguild.org.uk/shop.php#!/Stitch-Workbooks-Members-Social/c/79482014>



### NEW - Free Beginners Beading course

Starting **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**, the Guild are launching an eight-week tutored bead course, which will run over two four-week periods from **7.00 – 9.00pm (GMT)**.

Covering the most popular beading techniques, the course has been designed for those either just starting on their beading journey or for those wishing to brush up on a forgotten stitch – everyone is welcome.

**Course 1**  
**Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Peyote stitch**  
**Weds 17<sup>th</sup> March - Spiral staircase**  
**Weds 31<sup>st</sup> March - Dutch Spiral**  
**Weds 7<sup>th</sup> April - Right Angle Weave (RAW)**

**Course 2**  
**Weds 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Brick stitch**  
**Weds 16<sup>th</sup> June - Herringbone stitch**  
**Weds 30<sup>th</sup> June – Netting**  
**Weds 7<sup>th</sup> July – Bezelling**

Due to the type of event places are limited, so to avoid disappointment, please book early by visiting:  
<http://www.beadworkersguild.org.uk/shop.php#!/Beginners-Beading-Course/c/78050048> For further enquiries, please contact Sylvia Fairhurst at: [events@beadworkerguild.com](mailto:events@beadworkerguild.com)



### Meet, Mingle & Make

Your next MM&M event is: **Fantastic Flowers:**

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2021, 10.00am – 4.00pm (GMT)** with Sylvia Fairhurst & Karen Gibson-Brown.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2021, 3.00 – 9.00pm (GMT)** with Carole Cowie & Mairi Carlton.

Each event is **£10.00**, bookings need to be made by the Thursday before each session and both members and non-members of the Guild are welcome, so why not invite a friend to join you?

Upon receipt of your booking, you will receive a list of requirements which will outline the type of beads you will need for the day. On the day before the event, you will receive a pattern booklet with a selection of designs from a variety of designers, which are suitable for beginners and those with a more advanced skill set.

In order to make sure you have everything you need to enjoy your day, please book early by visiting:

<http://www.beadworkersguild.org.uk/shop.php#!/BWG-Local-Meet-Mingle-and-Make-Open-to-Members-and-Non-Members/c/37696272>

## ONLINE BEAD GROUPS

Whilst lockdown continues many bead groups around the UK have taken to Zoom to meet each other regularly, as a way of maintaining relationships with their beading pals.

If you are not a member of one of those groups/clubs and in need of some like-minded company and beady inspiration, then why not link up with one of the groups below - please email the organisers directly for further information. Have fun!

### Weekly

Day	Time	Contact	Location	Email
Monday	7.00 - 9.00pm	Mairi Carlton	Scotland	<a href="mailto:mecarlton@tiscali.co.uk">mecarlton@tiscali.co.uk</a>
Tuesday	7.30 - 9.30pm	Sylvia Fairhurst	Milton Keynes	<a href="mailto:sylvia.snp@hotmail.com">sylvia.snp@hotmail.com</a>
Friday	2.00 - 5.00pm	Justine Gage	Woking	<a href="mailto:justine.gage49@gmail.com">justine.gage49@gmail.com</a>
Saturday	1.00 - 3.00pm	Mairi Carlton	Scotland	<a href="mailto:mecarlton@tiscali.co.uk">mecarlton@tiscali.co.uk</a>
Varies	7.00pm	Giulia de Cesare	Reading	<a href="mailto:giulia.decesare@gmail.com">giulia.decesare@gmail.com</a>

### Two Weekly

Thursday	10.00am - 1.00pm	Karen Jarvis	Norwich	<a href="mailto:norwichbeadgroup1@gmail.com">norwichbeadgroup1@gmail.com</a>
Thursday	12.30 - 2.30pm	Chloe Menage	Hants	<a href="http://www.pinkhot.co.uk/pinkhot-beaders">www.pinkhot.co.uk/pinkhot-beaders</a>

### Two to three weeks

Sunday	2.00 - 4.00pm	Mairi Carlton	Scotland	<a href="mailto:mecarlton@tiscali.co.uk">mecarlton@tiscali.co.uk</a>
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### Monthly

Saturday	10.00am – 12.00noon	Sylvia Fairhurst	Milton Keynes	<a href="mailto:sylvia.snp@hotmail.com">sylvia.snp@hotmail.com</a>
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For further information regarding the above meetings, please contact the hosts directly.



## BWG RECYCLING PLANS

As you will know from previous newsletters, Guild Newsletter Editor Karen has been liaising with a charity which recycles waste fishing line to see if the Guild can link up with them in any way, so that we can dispose of unwanted plastic-based items, eg. Fireline etc., plastic spools/bobbins, poly bags and plastic bead tubes.

An online meeting was planned for January, but unfortunately due to current circumstances plans for further talks are on hold for the moment. In the meantime, Canadian member Lori Finney contacted us to say that a similar scheme to collect and recycle waste fishing line is also happening in her neck of the woods and she is investigating this further.

Lori spoke with the Canadian based company and she is going to try to persuade some of the bead stores (when open) to put displays in their windows, plus free merchandising materials and containers to collect the plastic beading waste, which will be shipped to Berkeley to be recycled into useable objects.

Lori is going to keep us posted, but here is the link that she originally spotted.

[https://www.barrietoday.com/local-news/lure-of-healthy-environment-sparks-recycled-fishing-line-project-3307341?utm\\_source=Email&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=Email](https://www.barrietoday.com/local-news/lure-of-healthy-environment-sparks-recycled-fishing-line-project-3307341?utm_source=Email&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Email)



***Bead embroidered garment by  
Harriett Cook.  
Courtesy of Hand & Lock.***

## HAND & LOCK EMBROIDERY COMPETITION

Member Ruth Vickery contacted us to let us know about an annual competition held by Hand & Lock, embroidery house extraordinaire.

The annual Hand & Lock Prize for Embroidery was established in 2000 to give new designers interested in embroidery (including bead embroidery) the opportunity to showcase their talents and gain vital exposure and experience. The competition is open to anyone who uses embroidery in their work, including students, and anyone can enter a piece into either the fashion category or textile arts category. Entrants are invited to work towards a brief entitled 'Digital Doppelgangers in a Virtual Universe' and asked to consider the aspects of your personal identity, both shown and those which are hidden in changing contexts and through the medium of embroidery, to celebrate, champion or critique your chosen online or offline communities.

Registration for the 2021 competition is open until 28th March, and the entrants will have up until July to work on their piece and submit images for the judges to view at that time. The judging process will then begin to see who will make it through to the next stage of the competition, during which a mentor programme will run, with whom the finalists will work to finalise and perfect their work, before the final prize giving event in November.

Read more online about the brief here: <https://handembroidery.com/the-prize/2021-brief-digital-doppelgangers-virtual-universe/>

Read more about how to enter here: <https://handembroidery.com/the-prize/how-to-enter-the-prize/>



## MEMBERS' CORNER

Have you got something you would like to share with the Guild and/or your fellow members? If so, this is your chance.

Starting this month, we are introducing a section in the Guild newsletter to share your news or views, starting with a message from Amy Bryce that arrived over Christmas:

*I just wanted to say how totally wonderful and fantastically inclusive I thought the news of a Zoom session on Xmas day is. Whilst I have my partner and my sons to feed it is so sad to think of many on their own.*

*I have had many occasions to be grateful for, and impressed by, the Guild since I joined in 1999; but never more than now.*

*Thank you and wishing you a very Happy Christmas, Amy x*

Thank you for your lovely message Amy. The event was in fact the brainchild of trustee Mairi Carlton, who hosted the Zoom meeting on Christmas morning – a fantastic idea and enjoyed by many. Christmas 2020 was such a time of uncertainty and loneliness for many and we congratulate Mairi whole heartedly for bringing some festive joy to her fellow Guild members.

*Re BWG online Drop-in - It is always fun to see everyone and see what we are all doing.*

*If one good thing has come from this pandemic, it is that the world has become smaller and our friendship circle has grown larger.*

**Sue Dulle USA**

Hear, hear Sue! We certainly feel the same way and are really glad that you are enjoying taking part in our online events.



*Image courtesy of Kathleen Gibson*

*Hello all,*

*Attached are the spirals I made after attending Helen McIntyre's Spirals workshop on 23<sup>rd</sup> January. I thoroughly enjoyed the day and would highly recommend the Zoom classes.*

**Kathleen Gibson**

Lovely work Kathleen. Glad to hear you had such a fun day and we look forward to seeing you at a future event!

If you have something you would like to share with us either in the newsletters or our Dear Journal page, please email Karen at: [newseditor@beadworkersguild.com](mailto:newseditor@beadworkersguild.com) or Journal Deputy Editor Beth, at: [deputyedito@beadworkersguild.com](mailto:deputyedito@beadworkersguild.com)

And last, but by no means least, member Jane McHarry contacted us regarding a query around code numbers/descriptions for Patricia Verrier's Saturn Box project (October Journal - issue no. 87):

*Hi,  
I've just received the beads I ordered (Spellbound Beads) for the amazing Saturn Box from the shopping list on page 20 October Journal. One of the items was "Silver lined dark taupe", code DB0184 which was correct on the invoice. The beads received were "Silver lined bronze" and the code on the packet is also DB0184 – the code as given in the shopping list. Could you check this out?*

*Many thanks, Jane McHarry*

Liz Thornton double checked the code numbers against Patricia's original pattern and confirmed it was indeed the correct bead code, which we relayed back to Jane, who contacted us again to say:

*I rang Spellbound this morning and evidently Miyuki always define a colour by the code and suppliers decide how best to describe the colour. This means you order beads by the code and not by the supplier's description.  
Best Wishes, Jane*

Thank you for sharing this Jane. We're sure others will find this information most helpful, especially those new to beading. We look forward to seeing your finished box.



*Saturn Box designed by  
Patricia Verrier.*



**Image courtesy of Sylvia Fairhurst**

## ICHF CREATIVE CRAFT SHOW

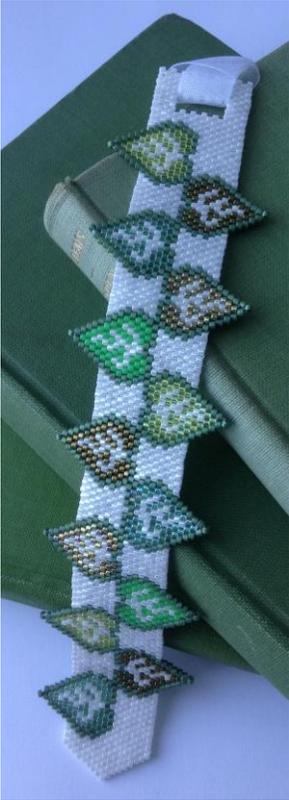
ICHF contacted the Guild a few months back to invite us to take part in a live online event, an opportunity we just couldn't refuse. So, last Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> February, Event organiser Sylvia Fairhurst stepped up to the challenge to demonstrate her beautiful Tudor Bracelet design – a two needle Right Angle Weave project.

Everything was prepared, rehearsed and recorded (in case of any wi-fi issues on the day), but with only minutes to go catastrophe struck and part of Sylvia's equipment broke - eek! Sylvia said: **"I was in such a panic but with only minutes to spare a temporary fix was in place, I was able to carry on and a great day was had by all... phew!"**. There has been some great feedback since Saturday and here are just some of the comments:

- *Thank you for your demo on Saturday. I haven't tried beading before, but this has inspired me to have a go! Many thanks Jan*
- *Loved your demo on Saturday. Anne*
- *I haven't used the two-needle method, so I look forward to having a go! Cheers Margaret*
- *I really enjoyed watching your demonstration. Thank you so much for giving us your time and experience and thank you for the instructions so we can make our own. I really appreciate it. Rosie*
- *Thanks, thoroughly enjoyed it, have now ordered beads to try to make one. Wendy*
- *I loved the Tudor bracelet demonstration. It was easy enough for a beginner to like myself to follow.*

**Have you tried one of the Guild online events yet? If not, what are you waiting for?**

**Book today at:** <http://www.beadworkersguild.org.uk/shop.php#!/BWG-Monthly-Drop-In-via-Zoom/c/51135353/offset=0&sort=normal>



### ... and FINALLY,

It is such a privilege to live in the country and be able to look out onto an ever-changing landscape. Especially at this time of the year, when snowdrops bob their delicate heads, new green shoots pop up and buds appear in a variety of colourful green shades.

This abundance of fresh growth was the inspiration for my pattern for you this month – a bookmark aptly named ‘New Beginnings’, which to me signifies the hope of positive change to our lives and the environment in the months to come.

I hope you enjoy following my pattern which is available to access immediately for FREE in the members only section of the Guild website at:

[www.beadworkersguild.org.uk/members-area.php](http://www.beadworkersguild.org.uk/members-area.php) and remember, please share pics of your bookmarks or indeed any projects from the Journal or Guild events on the Guild Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/groups/beadworkersguild](https://www.facebook.com/groups/beadworkersguild)

Here's looking to more sunny days and shared beading moments together.

Stay safe everybody and happy beading,

*Karen x*

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*Coming next in your March newsletter...*

- *New website update*
- *New workshop dates*
- *GBBS Take 2 – the BIG announcement!*