



# **Beadworkers Guild - June Newsletter**

## **Bringing Beadworkers Together**

### **CHAIRWOMAN'S CHAT**

Hello everybody and welcome to our latest e-newsletter.

As Karen reminds us in her editor's introduction below, The Beadworkers Guild has been going for twenty-one years. I have been in and around the Guild for even longer, being one of the small group of people that Jill Devon brought together to talk about the possibility of starting an organisation to 'Bring Beadworkers Together'. It has been a huge part of my life and I have played several roles in it, being the first membership secretary, secretary to the main committee, Journal editor for three years and now chairwoman for an unbelievable ten years.

I am very proud of what has been achieved and that we continue to spread the word about beadwork far and wide. And that we find new ways to maintain contact with all our beading friends in these difficult times, as we Zoom and Houseparty around the world.

Take care, and keep busy beading,

Liz

### **HAPPY 21<sup>ST</sup> BIRTHDAY**

The Beadworkers Guild has come of age and is celebrating its 21<sup>st</sup> birthday this year.

Launched in 1999, the Guild has grown from strength to strength and we now have a membership covering twenty-two countries, truly fulfilling our aim of 'Bringing Beadworkers Together'.

Our aim has never stood more true than in current times, as we have been able to bring together members from all over the world by keeping them actively beading with recent online events, the Mini Person Beadalong, our Keep Busy Beading page, the Journal, e-Newsletter and social media. So, let's work together to build on that and enjoy many more years of joyful beading together, as one big beading family.

Let the 21<sup>st</sup> celebrations begin!



### **AGM 2020**

As the Bead-In at Daventry in May had to be cancelled this year because of the Covid-19 outbreak, we were unable to hold our AGM in its usual format. So, your Trustees decided instead to hold the AGM digitally.

Members with email addresses should have received The Notice for the AGM, The Minutes of last years' AGM, The Annual Report for 2019, A copy of the Accounts, and the Company Secretary's report on the Accounts.

Members can send any questions on the Accounts to Liz Alford and vote on the resolutions on the link given in that email. Details will also be posted on the BWG website. If you have not received the email, please contact [treasurer@beadworkersguild.org.uk](mailto:treasurer@beadworkersguild.org.uk)

## 21<sup>st</sup> BIRTHDAY 3D POD

You know we love to share free patterns with you, so in celebration of our special birthday trustee volunteer Ann Bourke has charted this three-sided pod, that represents the Guild logo and the twenty-one years we have been sharing our love of beading with our members.



Ann has charted this pattern to go with a general Pod design, which is available for free, on the internet. You can add a beaded tassel and a loop to hang it up by, which would make an ideal decorative hanging for any craft room or a tree.

You can access Ann's chart and free stitch instructions 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). Do please share your finished pod on the Guild Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/groups/beadworkersguild](https://www.facebook.com/groups/beadworkersguild)

## COLOUR BOARDS 2021/22

The Guild's online 'RED' display has had a great response. It has meant that for the first time, ALL members have been able to see the full collection of work displayed in one place, which will hopefully inspire others to submit pieces for next year's colour boards.



We have had many queries as to what next year's colour theme will be and how you can get involved - It really has you pondering, but you will have to wait just a little longer, as all will be revealed in your July Journal.

If you still haven't had the chance to take a look at the 'RED' exhibits on our website visit: [www.beadworkersguild.org.uk](http://www.beadworkersguild.org.uk)

*Pssst... a little bird tweeted to say the new colour theme is based on a nursery rhyme song - but keep that to yourselves!*

## INTERNATIONAL BEADING WEEK 2020 – Sat 25<sup>th</sup> July – Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug

As part of our 21<sup>st</sup> birthday celebrations, we hope you will join us in making IBW an especially good one. We already have a fabulous cast of IBW Ambassadors waiting in the wings to entertain you with their gorgeous designs e.g. Diana Balogh, Patricia Ferrier, Diane Fitzgerald (see pic below), Melanie De Miguel, Cath Thomas and more. How's that for an opening act?



### ONLINE EVENTS

In view of current social distancing restrictions, we have organised twelve online events, to truly unite everyone around the world and to fulfil the Guild's aim of 'Bringing Beadworkers Together'.

These sessions are open to all and completely free, allowing members and friends to join us to bead together and chat. All sessions will focus on the free patterns available on our IBW website, kindly donated by a bunch of super talented designers and there are plenty to choose from.

May Basket Pin/Pendant  
© 2002 Diane Fitzgerald



Our IBW programme of online events includes both AM and PM sessions, so that we can include our overseas members too. We shall be hosting two sessions per day at **10am – 12noon** and **7pm – 9pm** (British Summer Time). Dates are as follows:

**Sat 25th July**

**Sun 26th July**

**Tues 28th July**

**Thurs 30th July**

**Sat 1st Aug**

**Sun 2nd Aug**

Places are limited, so please book early to save disappointment. You can book in advance by contacting: [events@beadworkersguild.org.uk](mailto:events@beadworkersguild.org.uk), specifying the date and the session(s) you would like to attend eg: am, pm or both. You should receive an acknowledgement within 48hrs, but if not, please call **Sylvia Fairhurst** on **01908 311 243**.

### MEMBER RECRUITMENT PRIZE DRAW

How would you like to win 'Osiris', a beautiful necklace and pendant kit, designed and donated by trustee Mairi Carlton?

To be in with a chance to win, all you have to do is introduce a friend to the Guild during IBW, **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July** through to **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**.

The more people you recommend, the more times your name will be entered into the prize draw, but your name must be on the application forms to qualify. This also applies for online entries too. The new member will also be entered into a prize draw for a chance to win a free membership for next year. The competition ends midnight, **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August** from which one lucky winner will be chosen at random and announced in the August newsletter. Good luck!



## 2020 COMPETITION

Winning designs mean prizes! 'Design a Key Fob' and you could win a goody bag full of beady treats.



Enter as many times as you wish. The more you enter, the more your name will be added to our prize draw, from which winners will be chosen at random. Winning entries and names of the designer's will be posted on Facebook, **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**. For further information see page 30 of your April Journal – issue 85 or visit: [www.nationalbeadingweek.co.uk/competitions.php](http://www.nationalbeadingweek.co.uk/competitions.php)

## FREE PATTERN WITH EVERY PURCHASE

Thank you to Dora Davies who has designed this beautiful bracelet called Tantalising Triangles, especially for IBW.

A FREE pattern for this geometric beauty, will be yours with any purchase made via the BWG website: [www.beadworkersguild.org.uk](http://www.beadworkersguild.org.uk) from **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July** through to **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**.



***BWG pennant  
stitched by  
Rebecca Holmes***

## IBW GLOBAL BUNTING PROJECT

News of new group flag designs and donations of BWG flags are filtering through. Thank you to A1 Bead Club members: Rebecca Holmes for beading not one, but two BWG pennants to add to our bunting collection and Esther Fletcher and Charmian Gallagher who are busily making two more. The new pennants will punctuate the group flags perfectly.

We would also like to thank our first overseas volunteer, Valerie McLory from Utah, USA, who has pledged to make a flag to represent where she hails from, so we very much look forward to sharing that with you all during the IBW celebrations.

All group flags will be displayed online on our IBW website for the duration of the event from **Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July** through to **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August**, to link our members together from all around the world. This will be followed by an actual display of the bunting, at The Great British Bead Show 2021.

For flag charts and information, please go to the IBW website: [www.internationalbeadingweek.com](http://www.internationalbeadingweek.com), click on 'Free Goodies', then click on the 'IBW Global Bunting Project' link.

## SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL TRADER

Last, but not least, please support your local traders. Their bricks and mortar shops may currently be closed, but they need you more than ever this year.

Keep an eye on the 'Events' page of the IBW website for all the special offers from traders during IBW, and if you're nervous about buying online, just pick up the phone and ask for advice. Bead traders are incredibly knowledgeable and always happy to help.

For full details of all IBW activities go to: [www.internationalbeadingweek.com](http://www.internationalbeadingweek.com) or for further enquiries email [ibw@beadworkersguild.org.uk](mailto:ibw@beadworkersguild.org.uk) or contact Sylvia Fairhurst on 01908 311 243.



## MEET, MINGLE & MAKE EVENTS

Our first online regional event, Meet, Mingle & Make – East on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June, was well attended and pics of finished projects have already been posted on the Guild's Facebook page.

Everyone really enjoyed the experience and whilst it was predominantly a UK East event, we had members from as far as Germany joining in. Here is what they had to say when asked what they enjoyed the most about the event:

*"Meeting with everyone from different locations"*

*"Being able to see everyone and learn new patterns"*

*"Interesting patterns and it was good to see and hear everyone"*



*Beads stitched by Marion Dearlove and kindly donated to the Guild's beaded bead necklace.*

*Original designs: Little Cube by Justine Gage & Honeycomb Jewel by Dora Davies.*

## MEET, MINGLE & MAKE – NORTH & SOUTH

We are pleased to announce that we have confirmed two more online local events, with more in the pipeline. The first two cover the North and South of England.

- **Meet, Mingle & Make South – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2020** with Jane Marie Griffin & Sylvia Fairhurst
- **Meet, Mingle & Make North – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020** with Karen Gibson-Brown & Sylvia Fairhurst

Both events will run over two sessions: **10am-1pm** and **2pm - 5pm** and each session is **£7.50**, which must be booked by the Thursday prior to the event (Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> August or Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September). Each booking includes a Beaded Bead 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 has limited spaces, so don't delay, make your booking today via the Guild shop at: [www.beadworkersguild.org.uk/shop.php](http://www.beadworkersguild.org.uk/shop.php)

## BEAD IN 2020 – FREE PATTERN

Lockdown may have prevented the Guild from holding the Beading Festival at Daventry this year, but plenty of you really got into the spirit of attending our Egyptian themed online event and are still producing some lovely projects, with regular postings on Facebook for all to enjoy.

A big thank you goes out to Caroline French who very kindly donated her Scarab Beetle Fridge Magnet project to the Guild. The project is made using a mix of bead embroidery and beadweaving and Caroline has provided both written instructions and step-by-step photo's, to make the pattern easy to follow.

You will find Caroline's pattern 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).



*Scarab Beetle Fridge Magnet by Caroline French*

## GROUP ACTIVITIES

Zoom and other online meeting platforms have been an absolute lifeline for many of our members during lockdown. We know that many bead groups and clubs have used this medium as a way of keeping in touch and for some clubs, have even grown their membership numbers.

The Guild is here to help - did you know that your group could have a Bead In event hosted by us? Scottish based group Beadwildered are doing just that, **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 10.30am to 1.00pm and 2.00pm to 4.30pm.**



Like all groups, Beadwildered's meetings have been cancelled due to the pandemic, but that hasn't stopped them from organising a fun online Egyptian themed event instead.

Places are limited, but you are very welcome to join them. All bookings **must be made in advance** and you may book for either session(s). This event is FREE to all and there is an accompanying Egyptian themed pattern booklet available for purchase via the Guild shop, for just £7.50 full of lovely designs. Plus, the 'Wesekh Collar' pattern kindly donated by member Cath Thomas, is available for purchase too for £10.00. Both items can be accessed via: [www.beadworkersguild.org.uk/shop-php](http://www.beadworkersguild.org.uk/shop-php)

The event also offers its own personal shopping experience. If you are looking for help in selecting beads for the day, you can contact Sarah, at Mrs Magooty at: [info@mrsmagooty.co.uk](mailto:info@mrsmagooty.co.uk)

To make your booking for this fun day contact: **Mairi Carlton** at: [mecarlton@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:mecarlton@tiscali.co.uk) or call on **07946 462 720.**

If your group needs a well-earned boost and you would like some information about organising your own Bead In, we have a variety of themes available. For further information please contact our Events Co-ordinator, Sylvia Fairhurst at: [events@beadworkersguild.org.uk](mailto:events@beadworkersguild.org.uk) or call: **01908 311 243.**

## UNIVERSAL NEBULA DRESS PROJECT UPDATE

Cate and Chris Venn's Universal Nebula Dress Project (U.N.D.) was put on hold during lockdown, but they are now very eager to accept contributions once more. Due to the unprecedented interest and sheer volume of contributions received to date, they have decided to pull the deadline forward, so that they can make a start on construction in order to have something to use for promotional purposes.



*Image courtesy of Chris Venn.*

If you would still like to contribute, please post your pieces to: **U.N.D Project, 42 Foxhunter Drive, Oadby, Leicestershire, UK, LE2 F52**, by **31<sup>st</sup> August**. They are hoping to produce a companion book that charts the progress of the dress in its development, so please include a note with your contributions to let Cate and Chris know who you are and where you're from, as they would like to be able to credit everyone who contributed to the project. The Journal team will be reporting back to you next year, to share with you the finished piece in all its glory.

You can find the U.N.D Facebook group online at: [www.facebook.com/groups/407429180211398](https://www.facebook.com/groups/407429180211398)



### 'CLAP FOR CARERS' RAINBOW BROOCH GIVE AWAY WINNER

We are delighted to announce that the winner of the free give away from the May newsletter is Jackie Jacobs, Salisbury.

Congratulations Jackie, we hope you have fun making up your 'Clap for Carers' Rainbow Brooch, kindly donated by Kathryn Halfpenney. Your bead pack will be winging its way to you shortly.

The charted pattern and stitch instructions are still available to download from the members only section of the Guild website at: [www.beadworkersguild.org.uk/members-area.php](https://www.beadworkersguild.org.uk/members-area.php).

### CAN YOU HELP?

Last month we put out a request of help for somebody to make a replica of a belt (see picture right), for a lady called Natasha.

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).





## NEWS & VIEWS

I would like to say a BIG thank you for all the lovely emails I received last month in response to the change in format to the May newsletter. It appears that it was a huge hit, so the Guild have decided to continue with this format for the foreseeable future. Here is what some of you had to say:

*“The PDF is fine, I'm just grateful that you are still able to produce the Journal too and post it to us. My thanks go out to all our committee members for all*

*their hard work behind the scenes.*

*Many thanks, Chris”*

*“Thanks for the interesting newsletter as always. I don't usually get in touch, but I thought I'd drop you an email, as I actually prefer the newsletter in this format (as a pdf attachment) than the usual style. As someone who reads it on a phone it was much easier to read*

*Keep up the excellent work, Sarah”*

*“Thank you for such a great newsletter. Don't know how you have time to bead as well as producing this. Really enjoyed it and will be going to most of the contact links. It has cheered me up as I am shielding, so will be unable to go out for a while yet.*

*Once again, many thanks, Maureen”*

It's so good to know we are keeping you informed and your hands and minds busy during these unwarranted times.



***Peyote ribbons  
designed and stitched  
by Christine Fisher.***

### ... and FINALLY

Speaking of being busy, my own bead club continue to meet regularly via Zoom and everyone has been very productive stitching up the '**Keep Busy Beading!** Peyote ribbon charts, plus designed and beaded some of their own rainbow designs too, which is fantastic to see.

I can't wait for the day when we all meet up again, so that we can stitch them all together like a paper chain to symbolise our reunion. I think a special toast will be in order that day – non-alcoholic of course!

As we are still a relatively new bead club, I also got to work designing a beaded flag and we are very much looking forward to viewing it online during International Beading Week. If you are a new group and haven't started yours yet, don't delay. IBW is only a matter of weeks away.

That's all from me this month, so please stay safe and enjoy some precious beading time.

Best wishes,

Karen x

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### *Coming up in next month's Journal...*

- *Meet Julie Ashford from Spellbound Bead Co.*
- *Learn the art of bead embroidery*
- *Make a beaded box with Queen of Beads, Katie Dean*

