



The Beadworkers Guild – March News 2021

Bringing Beadworkers Together

CHAIRWOMAN'S CHAT

Hello everybody and welcome to our latest e-newsletter.

The colour scheme which comes to my mind for spring is yellow (daffodils and primroses) and blue (forget me nots and pulmonaria), with a hint of pink (bergenia), so I had been thinking of beading something in that mix. However, I now know that the deadline for our 'Oranges & Lemons' display is being extended to the end of April, so I'm going to have a go at that instead.

Please do so as well and help us to make a really sunny display for our stand at shows later in the year. I so look forward to seeing some of you then,

Happy beading,

Liz



MEMBERSHIP 2021/22 & DIGITAL JOURNAL

There are only a few days left for you to let us know your membership options for 2021/22, so if you haven't renewed yet and you don't want to miss out on all the Guild has to offer, don't delay any longer.

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.

To ensure you receive your April Journal on time, it is very important that we know your preferences no later than **Sunday 4th April**.

To advise us of your preferred option please email: enquiries@beadworkersguild.com and write 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.

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 or by phone using the details above and we will do our best to assist you.

FREE DIGITAL TEST JOURNALS

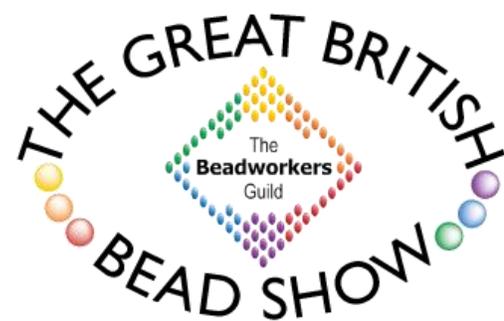
If you haven't had a chance to check out the FREE digital versions of your October and January Journals yet, don't delay!

You have until **Monday 31st March** to view and print any patterns you might like to keep before we switch off the free access ahead of the new membership year.

To locate your digital issues go to:

- www.beadworkersguild.org.uk
- Select Members' Area
- Type in your personal email address
- Type in the Guild password from pg. 5 of your January Journal.

If you have any queries regarding access please contact Karen Gibson-Brown at: karengibsonbrown@beadworkersguild.com



GBBS 2021 – Take 2!

For the first time in the Guild's history, The Great British Bead Show will be brought to you via Zoom!

As everyone knows, unfortunately the Government's Covid rulings won't allow us to come together for our event this year, but that is not going to stop us having a good time.

The best news of all, is that the introduction of Zoom has provided us with the opportunity to reinstate some of the previously cancelled

classes back into the programme, which are now available to book on our website at:

<http://www.beadworkersguild.org.uk/the-great-british-bead-show-schedule-2021.php>

It means that we have moved some of the dates around so that we can provide a full programme. The event is now spread over two weekends: **Thursday 6th to Saturday 9th May** and **Saturday 15th May** – please refer to the website to see which classes have been moved.

If you were contacted recently about classes that you had booked prior to these changes and we are still awaiting your reply, it is really important that you contact Sylvia Fairhurst ASAP at: events@beadworkersguild.com or give her a call on: **07834 767 644**, so that we know exactly who wants to attend what and when.

By swapping to an online event, it means that for the first time ever we are able to open up GBBS to all our overseas members too which is great news... and who knows, we may even be able to repeat some of the classes later in the year (depending on tutor availability), we'll keep you posted.

For full class descriptions, change of date information and availability, please visit:

<http://www.beadworkersguild.org.uk/the-great-british-bead-show-schedule-2021.php>

ORANGES & LEMONS

Thank you to everybody who has sent in items for the Guild's Oranges & Lemons display. We received four more parcels just in the last couple of days with multiple pieces in one – a great boost to the growing collection of work.

We will launch an online display of all your amazing projects in line with the Great British Bead Show and hopefully later in the year at bead shows around the country, depending on Covid restrictions.

To create a truly spectacular show display we would really appreciate more projects, so we are extending the deadline date to **Friday 30th April**. For full details please go to pg. 5 of your January Journal or contact Karen Gibson-Brown at: newseditor@beadworkersguild.com or call Karen on **07864 867 728**.

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



*Cellini Oranges & Lemons
Designed & stitched by Helen McIntyre*



ORANGES & LEMONS FREE PATTERN

Thank you to member Rebecca Holmes, who was so inspired by the Oranges & Lemons theme, that she created this lovely Peyote cuff for you all to enjoy.

This is Rebecca's first design for the Guild and hopefully it won't be her last. Rebecca said: ***"I have made this design in the hope that it will encourage more members to send in their beadwork for the Oranges & Lemons display. I had great fun designing and stitching it and I hope others will enjoy it too!"***

Rebecca's pattern is available to access immediately for FREE in the members only section of the Guild website at: www.beadworkersguild.org.uk/members-area.php and remember, please share pics of your bracelets or indeed any projects from the newsletter, Journal or Guild events on the Guild Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/beadworkersguild



DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

27th March

24th April

29th May

26th June

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 and chat.

Our online meetings are a great way to share beading tips, to socialise and make new friends from all around the globe, so why not try one now? To reserve a place at any of our future meetings, 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>



We had great fun during our recent **Meet, Mingle & Make: Fantastic Flowers** with Mairi Carlton and, as usual, some beautiful beadwork was produced.

Carole Cowie will be hosting a repeat of this event on **Saturday 10th April 2021** at the later time of **3.00 – 9.00pm (GMT)** so that our overseas beading family can join in and have some fun too.

This event is **£10.00**, bookings need to be made by **Thursday 8th April** and is open to all. 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.

To make sure you have time to organise or order 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>



*Design by Ann Bourke
Stitched by Rowena Henderson*



Image courtesy of Cath Thomas



Our new Beginners Beading Course got off to a fantastic start with two fully booked sessions demonstrating Basic Peyote, followed by St. Petersburg.

This eight-week free tutored bead course runs until early July on a two-weekly basis from **7.00 – 9.00pm (GMT)** and places have booked up so fast that we now only have a few spaces left for our Brick stitch tutorial on **Wednesday 2nd June**.

There have been lots of enquiries about availability, so if you have booked a place and are unable to attend, please could you let us know ASAP, so that we can offer your place to somebody else. Plus, if you want to join one of the events which is already fully booked, please let us know so that we can add you to our reserve list.

Please contact Alison at the Guild office at: enquiries@beadworkersguild.com or contact Sylvia Fairhurst at: events@beadworkersguild.com



*St. Petersburg samples stitched by
Samantha Willows.*

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>



BEAD ZOOMING!

Are you fed up beading alone? Would you like to meet up regularly for a bead and chat with other Guild members?

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 and to make new friends. If you are not lucky enough to be a member of a Zoom group and would like to socialise online with others, a selection of bead groups invite you to join them – see below for details:

Weekly

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

Two Weekly

Thursday	10.00am - 1.00pm	Karen Jarvis	Norwich	norwichbeadgroup1@gmail.com
Thursday	12.30 - 2.30pm	Chloe Menage	Hants	www.pinkhot.co.uk/pinkhot-beaders
Saturday	11.00am – 1.00pm	Karen Gibson-Brown	Nth. Yorks	a1beadclub@gmail.com

Two to three weeks

Sunday	2.00 - 4.00pm	Mairi Carlton	Scotland	mecarlton@tiscali.co.uk
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Monthly

Saturday	10.00am – 12.00noon	Sylvia Fairhurst	Milton Keynes	sylvia.snp@hotmail.com
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If you would like further information regarding any of the above meetings, please contact the hosts directly.



SAVE THE PLANET WITH BEADS

The postman has been kept busy making deliveries of the submissions for this year's annual challenge - **'Save the Planet – Bead it, don't bin it!'**.

That said, it would be great to receive yet more entries, so if you haven't had a chance to post yours yet, please do it soon. Entry deadline is **Saturday 3rd April**, so there is just enough time to put the finishing touches to your projects before popping them in the post.

If you have any queries please contact our Challenge Administrator Stephney Hornblow on **01283 713 050** or email: stephneyhornblow@beadworkersguild.com

You will realise by now that the Guild like to keep you all connected and your fingers busy. With online events, members challenges and the bead display to get involved in, there is plenty to keep you occupied in these quiet times.

We really like to hear what you have all been up to, so please get in touch to say "hello", to ask a question or to share a tip or two.



- **Hello Beadworkers Guild,**

I want to say a huge thank you to Mairi Carlton for her generosity and excellent hosting skills in encouraging Guild members who are not in her own groups, to join in with her Zoom sessions. They have been a real lifeline for me.

Thank you Mairi - Annie Cole

Glad to hear you are enjoying your beading with some like-minded company. Mairi is a great host and always makes everybody feel so welcome.

The following two messages are from two ladies who attended last week's St. Petersburg Basic Stitch tutorial:

- **Thank you to everyone who is involved in organising this course, and for remembering those who are beginners or less confident beaders.**

See you at the next class, Pam Airey

- **Thank you for all you do. I am so enjoying taking part in the projects the BWG are running.**

Kind regards, Jenny Barker

Glad you are enjoying your beading time with us. We were unsure as to what the uptake of the Basic Beading sessions would be, but they have been a huge hit and we are looking forward to sharing more stitch knowledge with you over the coming weeks.

If you haven't tried one of the Guild's online events yet, why not start with one (or both) of the FREE Drop-in sessions this Saturday - **27th March 10.00am – 12.00 noon or 3.00pm – 5.00pm?** To make your booking go to:

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

... and FINALLY,

Oh boy, where does the time fly? I can't believe it is a year since the first lockdown began and our lives changed forever... who knew Zoom would be our saviour!



I don't know about you, but I have really enjoyed meeting up on the Guild's regular online events and as someone said during a recent meeting, 'being able to see where everybody beads - a bit like peeking into a lit window on a dark night'.

Personally, I think of it as the opening of my front door to a group of friends and welcoming them into my home for a few hours, to share a few laughs, a cuppa and a chat whilst doing what we love most... beading. I guess that is what is now known as 'the new going out'!

Whatever you call it or look upon it, I hope that you can join us soon on another online event and remember, please share pics of your newsletter, Journal or Guild makes on the Guild Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/groups/beadworkersguild

Here's to more doors opening and shared beading moments together.

Stay safe everybody and happy beading,

Karen x

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Coming soon in your April Journal...

- *New BWG website launch*
- *IBW 2021 announcement*
- *Beady hugs from Justine Gage!*