



Bringing Beadworkers Together

## Beadworkers Guild September Newsletter

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### What's On

The Guild will be represented at shows marked with an asterisk \*

#### September

\*September 18th

Needlework Festival

10.00am - 4.00pm

Hamworthy Club, Magna Road,

Canford Magna, Wimborne,

Dorset BH21 3AP

Tel: 01202 625775

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e-mail: [fran@frangipanibeads.co.uk](mailto:fran@frangipanibeads.co.uk)

September 22nd - 25th

Craft Show

10.00am - 4.00pm

### Chairman's Chat

Hi everybody and welcome to our latest e-newsletter.

Well, I certainly enjoyed National Beading Week and hope you did, too. Lots of groups had organised special events or issued invitations for visitors, so I took myself off to some. On the first weekend I visited Betchworth Beaders in Surrey who had a very lively day of beading with traders there, too. And then on to Priory Beaders in Dorset who had set up their stand at the Mudeford Arts Festival to try and attract new beaders. On the second weekend I found myself admiring the superb exhibition of beadwork which Sylvia Fairhurst had organised in Milton Keynes. It was fabulous!

My next plan is to enjoy the few remaining weeks of summer with some beading (and eating!) outdoors. What could be better?

Enjoy the rest of the summer and happy beading,

Liz

### Membership

National Beading Week again gave a very welcome boost to membership numbers this year with 37 people either joining or renewing their membership prompted by the NBW buzz. But we are always on the lookout for new members, so please encourage all you know to join.

### Half-year memberships

At this time of year, we like to remind you that you can invite your friends to join the Guild for a half year. It's very easy to do through the website shop, which has clear 'half year' options, or they can call us on 07837 649712. For the new member it means that they receive the October and January Journals for just £16.50 or only £15.50 if paying by direct debit. They

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lyst St Mary, Exeter,  
Devon. EX5 1DJ  
Tel: 01425 277 988  
www.ichfevents.co.uk  
e-mail: jane@janebcreatives.co.uk

September 25th  
Bead Fair  
10.00am - 4.00pm  
Holiday Inn, Garforth,  
Leeds, West Yorkshire. LS25 1LH  
Tel: 01132 871 531  
e-mail: autumnbeads@ymail.com

## October

\* October 2nd  
Bead Fair  
10.00am - 4.00pm  
The Village Hotel,  
29 Pendwyallt Road, Coryton,  
Cardiff. CF14 7EF  
Tel: 01747 830 666  
www.westofenglandevents.co.uk  
e-mail: lynnfirth@stitchncraft.co.uk,  
stephenmobsby@btinternet.com

\* October 5th - 9th  
Knitting & Stitching Show  
10.00am - 5.30pm  
Alexandra Palace Way, Wood Green,  
London. N22 7AY  
Tel: 020 7688 6830  
www.theknittingandstitchingshow.com  
e-mail:  
Helenm@upperstreetevents.co.uk

\* October 15th  
Bead Fair  
10.00am - 5.00pm  
Sandown Park, Portsmouth Road,  
Esher, Surrey. KT10 9AJ  
Tel: 0800 435 553  
www.thebigbeadshow.co.uk  
e-mail: elizabeth@ashdown.co.uk

\* October 16th  
Bead Fair  
10.00am - 4.00pm  
National Motorcycle Museum,  
Birmingham. B92 0EJ  
Tel: 01747 830 666  
www.westofenglandevents.co.uk  
e-mail: lynnfirth@stitchncraft.co.uk,  
stephenmobsby@btinternet.com

October 20th - 23th

will also have access to the members' area of the website straightaway (well, as soon as we have processed their details) and there is so much there for members to enjoy - perhaps you should take a look yourself? Go to [www.beadworkersguild.org.uk](http://www.beadworkersguild.org.uk)

## 'Coral Sea' colour theme for the 2017/18 shows display

We hope you are thinking about your 'Coral Sea' piece for next year's show stand display and perhaps have even started beading it. These displays are really important to show the uninitiated how beautiful beadwork can be and to encourage them to have a go for themselves. When it's ready, please send your 'Coral Sea' contribution to Judith Bailey, 32 Goldsmiths Drive, Newport Pagnell, Bucks, MK16 8RS by the end of February 2017 - you don't have to wait until the last minute! Your work will be returned to you as soon as possible after the Beading Festival in May 2018.

## The Challenge 2016/17 - Totally Tropical

Have you started your 'Totally Tropical' piece yet? No? Well, it's amazing how quickly the time flies past and the deadline which seems ages away now comes round oh, so quickly! So please get your thinking caps on for 'Totally Tropical'. The main idea behind the Challenge is for people to push themselves as far as they can go with their beadwork, whatever their level of experience – to do the best they can and to be proud of it. That should be incentive enough, perhaps, but beadworkers can be timid folk and so we have made sure that there are some wonderful prizes to tempt you to take part, including the fabulous Founder's Award and the Groups Award. For full details of the rules and the entry form, visit the [website](#) or call on 07837 649712 to ask for copies to be sent to you.

## The Great British Bead Show 2017

The classes are now selected so if you haven't already done it, put the dates in your diary: **Thurs 4th May – Sun 7th.**

The fun starts on Thursday with a Masterclass by Jean Power. There will also be a few other classes on Thursday with well known tutors.

Over Friday and Saturday we have a varied and interesting selection of classes to offer you and on Sunday we have a fabulous bead bazaar. The information about how to book will be included in your October Journal and images will be posted on the BWG website.

## Knitting & Stitching Show

10.00am - 5.30pm

RDS, Simonscourt Pavilion,  
Simonscourt Road,  
Ballsbridge, Dublin.

[www.theknittingandstitchingshow.com](http://www.theknittingandstitchingshow.com)

e-mail:

[Helenm@upperstreetevents.co.uk](mailto:Helenm@upperstreetevents.co.uk)

October 23rd

Bead Fair

10.00am - 4.00pm

Pavilions of Harrogate,  
Great Yorkshire Show Grounds,  
North Yorkshire. HG2 8NZ

Tel: 01737 841 080

[www.beadwork.net](http://www.beadwork.net)

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mail: [paul@thecraftkitcompany.co.uk](mailto:paul@thecraftkitcompany.co.uk)

\* October 27th - 30th

Craft Show

09.30am - 4.30pm

SECC, Exhibition Way,  
Glasgow. G3 8YW

Tel: 01425 272 711

[www.ichfevents.co.uk](http://www.ichfevents.co.uk) Glasgow,

e-mail: [jane@janebcreatives.co.uk](mailto:jane@janebcreatives.co.uk)

## November

November 3rd - 6th

Craft Show

09.30am - 5.30pm

NEC, North Ave, Marston Green,  
Birmingham, West Midlands. B40 1NT

Tel: 01425 277 988

[www.ichfevents.co.uk](http://www.ichfevents.co.uk) Birmingham,

e-mail: [jane@janebcreatives.co.uk](mailto:jane@janebcreatives.co.uk)

\* November 5th

Bead Fair

10.00am - 4.00pm

Hamworthy Club, Magna Road,  
Canford Magna, Wimborne,  
Dorset BH21 3AP

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[stephenmobsby@btinternet.com](mailto:stephenmobsby@btinternet.com)

November 13th

Bead Fair

10.00am - 4.00pm

Millennium Grandstand,  
Rowley Mile Racecourse, Newmarket,  
Camb/Suffolk. CB8 0TF

Tel: 01737 841080

## London Workshops

There are still places available on the workshops with Melanie de Miguel on 15 October and Shona Bevan on 12 November. To book yours, please call on 07837 649712.



## Art in Action at Waterperry Gardens, Oxfordshire

Art in Action was a brilliant show and all but one of our classes sold out. We hope to have sparked an interest in some newcomers. It was also slightly sad as we knew this was the last of the shows by the current organisers. We hope that maybe someone will take over the organising and it will return with a new format in 2017 so fingers crossed.

## National Beading Week

A huge thank you to all our members and traders who got involved with NBW. One of the main aims of National Beading Week is to help bring members together.

This was another brilliant week and the NBW buzz was tangible. There was a great flurry of activity by members across the country, with tea parties, drop in beading sessions and exhibitions. Liz

Thornton took some of Sugar Plum's friends on tour. Traders made lots of special offers and some offered prizes for our competition for which we are most grateful. The prize winners were thrilled too.

Visit the [NBW website](#) for more information about what went on. NBW 2017 is from 29th July until 6th Aug so if you intend to organise something for next year do let us know as early as you can so we can publish on the website and help get your event noticed.



## Members' project – Summer and Winter squares

We have been busy mounting the squares into small groups of artwork. There are 8 prizes to be raffled. You will be able to see some of them at Alexandra Palace in October but unfortunately we won't have space for

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10.00am - 5.30pm  
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Kings Road, Harrogate. HG1 5LA  
Tel: 020 7688 6830  
www.theknittingandstitchingshow.com  
e-mail:  
Helenm@upperstreetevents.co.uk

November 27th  
Bead Fair  
10.00am - 4.00pm  
Nantwich Civic Hall,  
Market Street, Nantwich,  
Cheshire. CW5 5DG  
Tel: 01782 850 108  
www.beadyfairs.co.uk  
e-mail: mail@beadyfairs.co.uk

## Pass it on

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all of them as our stand is quite small. You may buy your raffle tickets at any time, just contact the office or buy at the BWG stand at any of the bead fairs we are attending.

## Shows update

A big thank you to all our members who have helped with the shows this year, this has meant that we have been able to have a presence and many members love to have the opportunity to come along and say hello!

The BWG stand also made impromptu appearances at some of the NBW events such as the Betchworth Bead In, where we were delighted to be joined by Sugar Plum Fairy!

Forthcoming shows are listed on the left and one big one to look forward to is Sandown on October 15th. We are also at the Knitting and Stitching Show at Ally Pally for 5 days so, if you are there, come along and say hello.

## Social media

Currently we have almost 3,300 likers & followers on the Facebook page, which is simply amazing so thank you for liking, following, sharing and joining in the fun.



Talking of online fun, we really hope that you have enjoyed the activity over the recent weeks, particularly during #NationalBeadWeek. This included the Sugar Plum Fairy & Friends daily blog post and the live interactions with Sian Nolan, Jean Power & Chloe Menage which all surpassed the scheduled hour long chat we had planned (in fact they ran to at least double that time-frame).

We have loved seeing your bead groups, your latest makes, competition & village show entries, so please do continue to use the page as we have several members who are admins. If you are ever lacking in beading mojo, in search of inspiration, need a virtual round of applause for your latest make or perhaps a virtual hug because you dropped your beads on the carpet then hop online and share your beading moment with our virtual beading community.

You may also have noticed that during National Beading Week we opened an Instagram account, which for those who aren't aware Instagram is an

online photo-sharing, video-sharing and social networking site. If you would like to get social with us on Instagram search for @beadworkers

### And finally.....

It has been quite a summer and I have been gripped by the efforts of our Olympians and an urge to complete some of those unfinished projects. But, in between working out how we can bead the next Olympics I have also been giving some serious thought as to how I can get over the hurdle of entering my first Challenge. I have been beading for a few years now but, as I have a full-on job it is a spare time activity. So, despite feeling quite inferior I find that I am suddenly in the same category as the great and the good and those with a lot of time on their hands. But, I am going to go for it. My entry will not be the best, will not be the greatest, but will have stretched me artistically and, hopefully, will tick off one of the boxes on my "things to do in my 60th year" challenge.

I hope that others will also feel inspired to go for it because they know that at least one other person is entering for their personal challenge rather than the glory of winning. For myself, the challenge will be to complete something, in time, and not too shabby.

Happy beading

Sandra

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