



Heart of Illinois Bead Society

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Our Purpose is to encourage and promote interest and enjoyment in beads and beadwork

September, October & November Programs

Mary Winters-Meyer will be out of town in September, and undergoing surgery on her ankle in October, which will leave her on crutches through November. So unless someone comes forth with a presentation or class they wish to teach, these three months are going to be "stitch-in" meetings, where Society members gather to work on bead projects and enjoy each other's company. Members are encouraged to bring projects they are having trouble with to get advice from other members.

If you have any projects that you think the rest of us will enjoy, or know of someone who might be interested in teaching a class or giving a presentation, please let us know. Remember, our email address is hoibs@beadartistry.com.

Member News

Sadly, we are bidding farewell to two of our most enthusiastic members, who have helped to shape the Society as President. We wish them well in their new locations, and hope they return to visit us often!

Cindy Gotham has moved to her dream home in Florida, where she will undoubtedly continue to work on her great tan! The following is from a note she sent before leaving:

"I also want to thank all the members of the bead society for allowing me to be the president, I've really enjoyed it. And for tolerating me while I've tried to learn how to teach some of what I've learned in beading. It's been great getting to know our most regular members and I know I won't forget anyone. You never know, there may be a beading vacation class in our future. Don't hesitate to keep in touch by e-mail or other ways and don't hesitate to look me up if any of you are in the Pensacola/Navarre/Ft. Walton Beach area.

I also feel Lois deserves a really big THANK YOU for starting it all. I've never had the opportunity to be involved in anything like this before and it's been really fun and I'll look for the bead society in Florida because of my experiences here.

I want to wish everyone good luck in all their future bead projects and where ever these projects may lead.

*Thank you all for everything,
Cindy Gotham"*

Lois Hartwig is also leaving us for a new life in Arizona. She is already exploring ideas for teaching beadwork at a university there. I'm sure she'll bring her enthusiasm to all the lucky beaders in sunny AZ! You've all probably already seen Lois's farewell note, but I'll repeat it here in case anyone missed it.

*"Just a note to let all of you know that I've finally **sold my home** in Illinois and will be relocating to Arizona in early September. Yeeee! Haaaa!*

*This e-mail address, actually the whole computer, **goes off-line August 17th** and won't be up again with a new e-mail address until I get around to it in my new location. Renting for awhile, so it may even be a few months before I bother to unpack this thing and get on-line again - no sense doing all that twice as I will be looking for a house to buy.*

If you have really big news, snail mail still works quite well and will be forwarded from this address:

*Lois Hartwig
522 Woodland Drive
Congerville IL 61729*

Hugs to everyone . . . and yes, I do have hard copy of your e-mail addresses in case this thing croaks in transit.

Wish me luck! Lo"

We will miss both of these wonderful ladies, but wish them all the best in their new homes. Of course, this means that **we are once again without a President and need a volunteer for this position**, which mostly involves preparing for the meetings and handling mail sent to the Society. Of course, any ideas for increasing our membership or involving more people in our mission of teaching and sharing our love of beads is always welcome! Please let us know if you would like to volunteer to help guide the Society into the next year!

In other news, **Mary Winters-Meyer** reports with great excitement that she has received confirmation that she will be teaching at least two classes at the 2004 Bead & Button Show next May. Both classes are projects that use her linked chain stitch technique. She's still awaiting news for the other two classes she submitted.



Our Sponsor

The Bead Parlor at 1007 S. Fell, Normal IL 61761 (309-452-2421) is open on Mondays from 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Wednesdays from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. and by appointment.

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We need your input!

There have been a lot of comments lately at meetings because although we have close to 20 members now, we are not seeing a lot of people at the monthly meetings. We want to know why, and what we can do to help everyone get the most out of their membership! The most common speculation has been that either the meeting place or the meeting time was not good for people. But we can't know if this is the case without your input.

So we've done some research on possible alternate locations for our meetings, and we've put together another survey. We ask everyone to please respond so we know what we need to change! In order to make sure we get complete input from everyone, we will be sending a paper survey to those who don't or can't answer the email version. You'll find the survey on the last page of this newsletter. Email your responses to hoibs@beadartistry.com or mail to P.O. Box 13, Congerville, IL 61729-0013.

Society Mailbox

Here's a letter we recently received from *Lapidary Journal*:

"Dear Bead Society Members:

Please join us for the Northeast's premier bead event – *Lapidary Journal's* Bead Fest 2003 – at the Fort Washington Expo Center in Fort Washington, PA on October 10, 11, and 12. We would like to invite members of your society to demonstrate at our show. Last year we offered a variety of demonstrations including lampwork bead making, seed-bead weaving, polymer clay, and other popular techniques. This is an excellent way to share and stimulate interest in beading for all ages, so we're looking to you and hope you'll consider sharing your knowledge and expertise. Please contact us and let us know if you would like to participate in this opportunity.

We're also looking for volunteers to help us with Bead Fest this year. Not only are we hosting over 100 classes and vendors, we are expecting a fabulous turnout! If you know of anyone who might be interested in volunteering, please let us know. Volunteer opportunities might include classroom

monitor, information assistance, and attendee validation, to mention a few, and will not span more than a two-hour time frame. Volunteers are welcome to sign up for as many hours as they like.

Thank you for all you contribute to the bead arts. To help your society, we'd like to make a free space available for distributing literature regarding membership or an upcoming event you're sponsoring. Please send all materials no later than 9/30/03 to: "Lapidary Journal, Attn: Bead Fest Literature Table, 60 Chestnut Avenue, Suite 201, Devon, PA 19333-1312.

If you have any questions regarding Bead Fest demonstrations, volunteering, or society space, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached by phone at (610) 964-6318 or by e-mail at Tamara.Honaman@Primedia.com.

Sincerely, Tamara Honaman
Managing Editor, *Step by Step Beads*
Step by Step Editor, *Lapidary Journal*"

While I suspect that we won't be taking advantage of the free society booth due to the distance involved, it was worth sharing this as there just may be someone planning to travel in the PA area that might be interested in the other possibilities. While it doesn't say so in the letter, I suspect that in exchange for volunteering, you get a free pass to the show.



Survey

Do you regularly attend the monthly meetings? Yes No

If your answer is No, why not?

Four horizontal lines for writing an answer.

Please number the following locations in order of preference. (Only mark locations you wish to consider.)

- ___ Continue in current location, Saturday 10-2, fee split among those attending
___ Continue in current location, different time:
___ Bead Parlor (Diane's house), Monday night, no charge
___ Bead Parlor (Diane's house), Tuesday night, no charge
___ Bead Parlor (Diane's house), Wednesday night, no charge
___ Bead Parlor (Diane's house), Saturday day, no charge
___ Hobby Lobby in Bloomington, can't guarantee a time each month, no charge (they close at 8PM)
___ Michael's in Bloomington, Monday night, charge of \$1 per person attending the meeting
___ Michael's in Bloomington, Tuesday night, charge of \$1 per person attending the meeting
___ Michael's in Bloomington, Wednesday night, charge of \$1 per person attending the meeting
___ Michael's in Bloomington, Thursday night, charge of \$1 per person attending the meeting
___ Michael's in Bloomington, Friday night, charge of \$1 per person attending the meeting

Other comments:

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