



# BSNM Newsletter

January 2021

The mission of this newsletter is to inform our members of the activities, events, and classes in the local beading community and to provide a forum where members can share beading knowledge and techniques.

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This newsletter welcomes new ideas from members and solicits articles and items of interest. Any special events taking place in your life (birthdays, anniversaries, condolences needed, new job, moving, births, weddings, awards, trips, transitions, etc.)? All manuscripts are subject to editing. The editor does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of information contained in the articles received. Please send all contributions for the newsletter to the editor in care of the Bead Society of New Mexico.

## From the President

Greetings Artisans and Welcome New Members,

The Bead Society is extremely proud and grateful to our BSNM members that are on the frontline helping battle this pandemic. Thank you for all you are doing. We send our love, well wishes, and hope to you as we enter 2021.

**BSNM's Annual Gala Fundraiser Raffle Party** will be held via Zoom on Monday, January 25, 2021 starting at 6:30 pm. Zoom set-up begins at 6:00 pm. Barbara Rosen, our Zoom administrator, will send you an email 2 days before the meeting that will have the words "**Zoom Link**" in the subject line. Open the email and click on the blue text before 6:30 pm on the evening of the meeting. **Here is what we are doing for the party:**

**Some of us are dressing for a Gala, some of us are decorating our faces and spaces and wearing a hat to put us in a Gala mood. Raffle tickets are \$5 each. All raffle tickets must be purchased online by January 20th (BEFORE the meeting) to give us time to make sure your tickets get to the correct raffle item.** Drawings for the items will be conducted during the Zoom meeting to see who the winners are for all those fabulous raffle items listed on the BSNM website. As each of you buys raffle tickets online, your name will be placed on the tickets and the number of the raffle item you wish to take a chance on. **We have been photographing and listing items on the BSNM website, [www.beadsocietynm.org](http://www.beadsocietynm.org), so you can buy your raffle tickets on the items you want beginning January 5. The night of the Gala you will not be able to buy raffle tickets.** You do not have to be present on the Zoom meeting to win a raffle item.

**BSNM needs your donations** of gently used, bead-related items or something you know members would love to have. **Contact Elizabeth Reisinger, Raffle Gala coordinator at (505) 977-3990 to arrange for a pick-up of your donations.** You may contact any BSNM Board member for information or pick-up of your donation at [beadsociety@gmail.com](mailto:beadsociety@gmail.com).

**Why donate to BSNM?** We are a nonprofit 501(c)(3) and are made up of all volunteers. However, BSNM does have annual expenses such as maintaining our website, P.O. Box (we are required by law to maintain a business mailing address), storage space, financial obligations that we must meet each month including licensing, and taxes to file. But most important of all is to fulfill our mission: To provide for the benefit and development of our members and the community at large through education, appreciation, and involvement in the field of beads and bead-related subjects.

**A friendly reminder to renew your annual membership.** We especially need your support this year for the future of BSNM. Instructions to renew your membership on the website:

- Click on the Membership menu item
- In the yellow box, click on "Edit your membership profile"
- Click on the green button "Renew to 01 Jan 2022"

**Or mail your \$35 check to:**

Bead Society of New Mexico  
Attention: Treasurer  
P.O. Box 91655  
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87199

**Inhale, Exhale, Prevail in 2021, Bead On...**

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## Upcoming Events

<b>January 6</b>	<h3 style="color: #00AEEF;">Bead Time</h3> <p><b>No Bead Time is scheduled for January</b></p> <p style="color: red;">This Bead Time session has been <u>cancelled</u> due to its nearness to the holidays. Please watch the newsletter and your email for more information about future Bead Time sessions.</p>
<b>January 13</b>	<h3 style="color: #00AEEF;">Board Meeting</h3> <p><b>Wednesday, January 13, 2021 11:30 am to 1:30 pm</b> <b>Zoom meeting</b></p> <p>The Board will meet via Zoom to conduct the business of the bead society. Board members, please plan to attend.</p>
<b>January 25</b>	<h3 style="color: #00AEEF;">General Meeting and Annual Party</h3> <p><b>Monday, January 25, 2020 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm</b> <b>Zoom meeting</b></p> <p>Please join us via Zoom! We will have a brief business meeting and then party and conduct our annual fundraiser raffle.</p> <p><b>Instructions on how to join a Zoom Meeting from an email link:</b> In order to use Zoom, it is recommended that you access the meeting from a desktop computer or laptop. Your computer needs to have a microphone and a camera. You may join the meeting using your phone, but it will be an audio only presentation...you will hear the entire meeting and we will be able to hear you...just no video. You will receive an email from Barbara 2 days prior to the meeting. (Please check your spam folder if you do not see the email.) In the email, you will see an invitation to the Zoom Meeting.</p> <p>On the day of the meeting, 30 minutes before the meeting, click on the Zoom meeting link in your email. This will open a browser window and load Zoom. Barbara will allow you access to the meeting after you click the link.</p>

## Reminder to Board Members

The Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church (on the corner of Academy and Moon) and North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center are both still closed to group meetings. Therefore, **the BSNM Board will be meeting on the second Wednesday of the month via Zoom meeting for the foreseeable future.** Reminders will be sent out. This situation will be re-evaluated monthly.

## Beaded Necklace Class

Liz Sands will be teaching the "Betsy's Song" necklace class for BSNM members in February. We don't know yet if this will be an in-person class or a Zoom class. More details to come!



## Raffle Items Needed for January Party

by Elizabeth Reisinger

If you've been spending time going through your closets and workrooms, please consider donating your gently used treasures and passing them on to a new home for the BSNM Annual Gala Fundraiser. **Due to this year's fundraiser being conducted virtually, we ask that you make your donations prior to January 10th.** This will give us time to pick up your item, photograph it, and add to the web page. Elizabeth Reisinger is coordinating donations and can be reached at (505) 977-3990 to arrange for a pickup of your donation. Thank you and we are looking forward to another rollicking good time at the online Gala Fundraiser Raffle Party on Monday, January 25, 2021, starting at 6:30 pm!

## Membership Renewal

Your BSNM membership should be renewed by January 31, 2021 to continue receiving the full benefits from BSNM. Cost is \$35 for individual membership, \$45 for household membership, \$55 to \$200 for business membership (depending on desired level). You can renew with a credit card on our website, <https://beadsocietyofnewmexico.wildapricot.org/> or by sending a check to Bead Society of New Mexico, P.O. Box 91655, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87199.

## January Gala and Raffle

First of all, be sure to renew your BSNM membership for 2021 so you can continue to receive the full benefits from the bead society. 😊

**Raffle tickets will be on sale on the BSNM website beginning January 5 for \$5 each.** When buying tickets, you will be able to specify the item you are bidding on and how many tickets for each item. Please specify the number(s) of the item(s) you wish to bid on. **Tickets must be purchased before January 20th to give us time to make sure your tickets get to the correct raffle item.** Barbara Rosen will assign ticket numbers to members that go with the associated items (like the two-part tickets you would normally receive at an in-person meeting). She will let members know the ticket numbers for the items they are bidding on. You do not need to attend the January Zoom meeting to win a raffle item.

During the meeting, Elizabeth Reisinger will have the baskets/bowls/cups with the tickets and will draw the winning ticket for each item.

**Following are photos and brief descriptions of the raffle items we have so far.** Additional photos and descriptions will be on the BSNM website and Facebook page. **Also check the website for additional raffle items added after the publication of this newsletter.**



#1

**10-karat gold ring** with dark blue stone and side décor, size 7.5. Makers mark LCL copyright.



#2

**Sterling silver ring** with marcasite and 9 gemstones (garnet, citrine, peridot, and amethyst), size 7.



#3

**Gold plated heart ring**, size 7.25. Marked COP copyright 88.



#4

**Sterling silver ring** with dyed stone in 2 shades of blue, size 7.5. Marked JC.



#5

**Crushed turquoise and silver post earrings.** Maker's mark. Three quarters of an inch curve.



#6

**Opal charm on a 20-inch, 14k gold-filled chain.** Marked PPC, 10k gold Mexico. Opal does NOT appear to be a doublet.



#7

**Sterling silver and black stone bracelet.** 6 inches long. Marked AP Mexico. Pressure clasp.



#8

**Pre-1970s bracelet** with faux pearls and amber rhinestones. Marked Coro.



#11

**Stone bowl** (probably marble or jasper). 4 3/8 inches wide, 1 1/2 inches deep.



#9

**Group of four bracelets:** two memory wire wrapped in blue and purple with rhinestones, and two copper cuffs.



#12

**Relax and Recharge mini raffle basket**

Take a break and sip some soothing tea from your custom-designed, bead-themed mug (with the words "Bead Society of New Mexico") and nibble on some chocolates while you work on a jigsaw puzzle.



#10

**Mixed lot of charms and lockets,** mostly hearts. Plated metal and glass.



#13

**Bead Lover's Valentine raffle basket**

Some hearts (because we love beads) and various shades and styles of red beads (because red is the color of passion) are gathered in this collection of goodies. And if you simply *must* go to the store for more beads, you can bundle up in a warm red scarf while dangling your keys from a custom-designed, bead-themed keychain – and, of course, wearing your mask.



#14



**Clear glass chip tray and dip bowl** (2 pieces) by Tiara Glass. Pine bough pattern. Tray 12 3/8 inches in diameter; bowl 5 inches in diameter and 2 1/2 inches deep. Never used; in box.



#15

**Clear glass deviled egg tray** by Tiara Glass. Pine bough pattern. 12 3/8 inches in diameter. Never used; in box.



#16

**Empress Dusty Rose Jewel Box and Cover** (glass) by Tiara Glass. Flying bird of paradise pattern. 5 1/2 inches long, 3 1/2 inches wide, and 2 inches deep. Never used; in box.



#17

**"Meadow Fantasy" crystal vase** (sold by Tiara Glass). Etched floral pattern. Marked Handmade in Romania. 10 inches tall and 2 3/4 inches in diameter. Never used; in box.



#18

**"Premier Blue Lotus" bowl** by Tiara Glass. Color: Montana blue. 6 1/4 inches in diameter and 3 1/2 inches deep. Never used; in box.



#19

**Valentine Connected Hearts plate/candy dish**. White ceramic with red heart accents. Marked Lillian Vernon. 10 1/4 inches at widest point and 1 1/2 inches deep.



#20

**"Crystal Heart" clear glass vase** by Tiara Glass. 7 3/8 inches tall and 2 1/2 inches wide. Never used; in box.



#21

**Ruby Dewdrop Candy Dish** (covered) by Tiara Glass. Color: deep red. 4 1/4 inches in diameter and 7 inches tall (with lid). Never used; in box.

**#22 Decorated picture frame** handmade by Jill Bartel. Silver in color. (For photo, see website after Jan. 5)

**#23 Decorated picture frame** handmade by Jill Bartel. Gold in color. (For photo, see website after Jan. 5)



#24

**Five 16-inch strands of blue aventurine** (died) 10mm round stone beads. Matte finish. Donated by New Mexico Bead and Fetish.



#25

**Pearls and gold vermeil 22-inch double-strand necklace.** Valued at \$125. Donated by New Mexico Bead and Fetish.



#26

**Necklace made with blue chalcedony, black agate, rose quartz, and sterling silver.** Donated by New Mexico Bead and Fetish.

## Placitas Library Show

Placitas Community Library has invited BSNM members to show and sell their beadwork and mixed media artwork in May 2021 to celebrate the opening of their new Library wing. You are allowed to sell your work with 25% of any sales going to the Library and the rest to you.

**Our theme for the show is "Celebration of Color Fantasy."** The challenge for you is to create a piece that expresses your idea of a fantasy in color – a single color, all the colors of the rainbow, gold, silver – whatever color fantasy means to you! All beadwork/artwork must be able to hang on the wall. (The new Library gallery space does not currently have shelves or pedestals for standing/sitting items.) Beadwork needs to be secured on a board in a frame for hanging in the exhibit.

More details coming soon!

Keep Calm and Carry on ... and ease into a new routine gracefully in 2021, with help from your tried-and-true companions: your beads, your artwork, your fantasy artwork.

## November Door Prize Winner

Congratulations to Liz Sands for winning the drawing for four beadwork books: *Bead Weaving with Treasure Beads-Book 1*, *Bead Weaving with Treasure Beads-Book 2*, *Shaped Beadwork & Beyond* (by Diane Fitzgerald), and *The Complete Guide to Traditional Native American Beadwork*. These books were donated by Charlie Brinkman and are from the estate of Kenny Halstead. Liz was thrilled.



## Please Update Your Contact Info

Members: Please send your current email, phone number, and physical address to [beadsocietynm@gmail.com](mailto:beadsocietynm@gmail.com) so we can update our contact list. During a recent round of calling we discovered that many of your phone numbers are no longer correct. Thanks!

## A Word about BSNM Facebook Page

by Pam Troutman, Social Media Manager

**Facebook Tidbit:** Likes are nice, but if you post a comment on BSNM posts, you help keep our posts active and they are seen by more people. If you share Facebook posts, you can help us gather more members and keep the BSNM active. To see our Facebook page, go to [www.facebook.com/BeadSocietyNM](http://www.facebook.com/BeadSocietyNM)

## 2021 BSNM Calendar

The following is the calendar for BSNM meetings and events for 2021. Currently, due to COVID-19 restrictions, all meetings and Bead Times are conducted via Zoom. Dates and events are subject to change.

General meeting, 4th Mon. *, 6:30pm	Board meeting, 2nd Wed., 11:30am	Bead Time, 1st Wed.	Special events
Jan. 25	Jan. 13	Jan. – no meeting	Annual party
Feb. 22	Feb. 10	Feb. 3	
March 22	March 10	March 3	
April 26	April 14	April 7	
May 24	May 12	May 5	Fiber Arts Fiesta (cancelled)
June 28	June 9	June 2	
July – no meeting	July 14	July 7	Field trip?
August 23	August 11	August 4	
Sept. 27	Sept. 8	Sept. 1	State Fair?
Oct. 25	Oct. 13	Oct. 6	
Nov. 15	Nov. 10	Nov. 3	
Dec. – no meeting	Dec. 8	Dec. 1	
* exceptions are May and November due to holidays BSNM will participate in the Placitas Flea Market in Fall 2021.			

## COVID-19 Pandemic Updates

For the full article, go to

<https://www.ucihealth.org/covid-19/covid-vaccine-faq>

Two COVID-19 vaccines have received emergency approval for frontline healthcare workers and residents of long-term care homes. UCI Health infectious disease experts answer questions about these vaccines.

### Q. Why should I get the COVID-19 vaccine?

**A.** In addition to preventing infection and death by reducing your chances of getting sick, the COVID-19 vaccines also will prevent many long-lasting effects reported by COVID-19 patients. These include fatigue, shortness of breath, cough, muscle and joint pain, chest pain, difficulty thinking and concentrating (“brain fog”), depression, headache, and fever that comes and goes.

Some people also reported heart, lung, kidney, skin, teeth, and nervous system problems.

### Q. Can the COVID-19 vaccine give me COVID?

**A.** None of the currently developed COVID-19 vaccines have the live SARS-CoV-2 virus. These vaccines cannot give you or anyone else COVID-19, nor do they make you contagious.

### Q. Will I test positive for COVID-19 after being vaccinated?

**A.** No. The vaccine will not cause you to test positive on viral tests for COVID-19, such as PCR tests or antigen tests. However, the vaccine likely will cause you to test positive for antibody tests (also called serology) since the vaccine helps build antibodies to COVID-19.

### Q. What COVID-19 vaccines are now available?

**A.** Several companies are developing vaccines that work against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19. Two have been tested in large-scale clinical trials and have or are likely to be authorized for use in 2020 by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). They include Pfizer-BioNTech mRNA vaccine and Moderna mRNA vaccine.

### Q. Who will get the first vaccines and when?

**A.** The following two groups have first priority for the COVID-19 vaccine: healthcare personnel (e.g., hospitals, nursing homes) and residents of nursing homes, assisted-living and other long-term care facilities.

Combining the availability of both vaccines, 40 million doses are expected to be available in the United States before the end of 2020. This is enough to start two-dose inoculations in 20 million people by the end of December, with millions more to follow in 2021.

### Q. When will there be enough vaccine for most people to get the vaccine?

**A.** Vaccine manufacturing is moving at a very fast pace. Hopefully, COVID-19 vaccines will be widely available for the public by mid-April 2021.

In addition to the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, several others are in current trials that will finish in early 2021. Furthermore, vaccine trials in children under age 12 have also begun.

### Q. What is an mRNA vaccine?

**A.** Many types of COVID-19 vaccines are in development. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are both made with mRNA, or messenger ribonucleic acid, that can instruct your body to make a specific protein (the spike protein) found on the surface of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

When your body makes this viral protein, it is recognized as not human, and your body develops antibodies to it. These antibodies protect you if you encounter the virus later.

After making the protein, your body destroys the mRNA, which does not mix with your genetic code or stay in the body. mRNA vaccines have been used effectively in the past for flu, rabies, CMV (cytomegalovirus) and Zika viruses.

### Q. How many doses do I need?

**A.** Both the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are a two-dose series. This means that you must receive both doses to achieve the 94% and 95% protection levels seen in the trials.

- The Pfizer vaccine is two doses given 21 days apart.
- The Moderna vaccine is two doses given 28 days apart.

### Q. Am I protected as soon as I receive the vaccine? Can I stop wearing a mask?

**A.** No. The protection provided by the vaccine starts 7 days after the second Pfizer dose and 14 days occurs after the second Moderna. Until then, you should assume you have no proven benefit from the vaccine.

Even after you are vaccinated, all policies, protocols, and public health orders related to COVID-19 will remain in place until you are notified otherwise.

### Q. Can pregnant, breastfeeding, or immunocompromised persons get the vaccine?

**A.** Pregnant, breastfeeding, and immunocompromised persons were not enrolled in the mRNA vaccine trials so there are no data currently available to make a recommendation.

While awaiting further data and guidance, we understand that pregnant or immunocompromised persons are at higher risk for more serious disease and may make the personal choice to receive the vaccine.

### Q. Who pays for the vaccine?

**A.** At this time, the two mRNA vaccines are free because the U.S. government has purchased millions of doses. In the future, this may change: The government may purchase more doses, your insurance may cover the cost, or you may be able to pay out of pocket.

## Remember . . .

**Each person's job is to: Stay home except for the essentials. Wear a mask when you must go out. Avoid all groups, gatherings, and indoor activities. Abide by public health restrictions and shop alone when you must go out. Wash your hands often.**

## The One Thing You Shouldn't Do Even If It's Allowed, Says Dr. Fauci

by Michael Martin, Tues., December 29, 2020  
for the complete article, go to

<https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/one-thing-shouldnt-even-allowed-133108642.html>

COVID-19 vaccines are rolling out nationwide, and many Americans are feeling optimistic about what 2021 will bring, compared to this pandemic year. **But there's one thing you can't afford to do right now, said Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's leading infectious disease expert: You cannot give up on public health measures.**

Speaking to BBC Radio 4 on Monday, Fauci reiterated his prediction that coronavirus vaccines will be available to the general public this spring. But he said that prevention efforts such as mask-wearing and social distancing will be necessary until the vaccine is available worldwide. He warns:

**We need more consistency between states:** Fauci also criticized the lack of a fully coordinated national response to COVID-19. Since the early days of the pandemic, states have been left to set their own policies on preventing and mitigating the virus. "What we've had was a considerable disparity, with states doing things differently in a non-consistent way," said Fauci.

**We're really at a very critical point:** On Sunday, Fauci warned against a potential rise in cases, driven by the recent holidays. "We very well might see a post-seasonal—in the sense of Christmas, New Years—surge," said Fauci.

**How to survive this pandemic:** As for yourself, do everything you can to prevent getting—and spreading—COVID-19 in the first place: Wear a face mask, get tested if you think you have coronavirus, avoid crowds (and bars, and house parties), practice social distancing, only run essential errands, wash your hands regularly, disinfect frequently touched surfaces, and get vaccinated when it's available to you.

## Dr. Fauci Just Made a Scary Admission about the COVID Surge

by Kali Coleman, Tues., December 29, 2020  
for the complete article, go to

<https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/dr-fauci-just-made-scary-220402404.html>

The promise of a COVID vaccine has put many people at ease—but that may not be a good thing. After all, the United States now has more than 326,000 deaths as a result of COVID, and a record-breaking 65,000-plus were seen just this month. Even Anthony Fauci, MD, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), has sounded the alarm, saying the current COVID surge is "out of control." Dr. Fauci says:

- The current COVID surge is no longer manageable.
- The surge has put the country in a "difficult situation."
- Efforts to reduce traveling during the holidays didn't work
- January may be worse than December if more containment efforts aren't made now.

## Italian Weavers Create Luxury Face Mask Out of Gold

from In the Know, Mon., December 7, 2020

The Tela Umbra Workshop in central Italy is putting their 200-year-old looms to work to create luxury face masks out of gold thread. This workshop has been weaving since 1908. They use a process called "Umbrian weaving," which has been around since the 15th century. The fabric is coated with a special paste to make it more resistant to the stress of the loom. The final results are truly remarkable. Each mask is sold for 25 euros (about \$30).

To view a short video on the weaving process and to see a picture of a finished mask, go to <https://www.yahoo.com/lifestyle/italian-weavers-create-luxury-face-184831397.html>

## Writing Prompt: What Does Your Mask Say?

by Liz Copeland, member of Wednesday Writing Group,  
OFFCenter Community Arts

There are all sorts of COVID-19 masks out there. There are the really artistic ones that look like they came embroidered from Mexico, and all of the wonderful colored prints of flowers that so many women wear. There are puns and masks that make the wearer look like a kitty or a bunny or a dangerous wolf or devil.

As for me, my mask is very simple, a red print, made by a friend, and it says, not in words, but what I am saying when wearing it: So, I have a mask. Yes, I have one.



## What Have You Been Doing While Staying at Home? Part 9

Here are some more creative endeavors by our members while staying at home during the COVID-19 restrictions. To share your work in the newsletter, please send a photo and description by the 20th of the month to [beadsocietynm@gmail.com](mailto:beadsocietynm@gmail.com).

Member Nan Card has a story to tell: "During our November Zoom meeting I related the story of the 'Santa Baby' bracelet and was asked to tell the tale for the Newsletter. I made this 3-drop peyote bracelet in the Bead Group of the Embroiderers Guild of America (EGA), Sandia Mountains Chapter. It's just adorable with the beaded pom-pom as part of the toggle closure. In the early summer of 2016 I was asked to make a bracelet for the EGA National Seminar; they had a live auction that year as a fund-raiser and each EGA Region was providing beaded bracelets for it. I decided to make another "Santa Baby," proceeded to do so, and turned it over to our Rocky Mountain Region representative. The Region Director, Nan Windle, loved it the minute she saw it and was determined to have it.

"The EGA National Seminar was held in September of 2016 and the auction was a much-anticipated event. When the auction got to the bracelets, the bidding was brisk and exciting! There were 12 bracelets that were auctioned in a group. Bids were taken and the top 12 bidders won; each bidder got to choose a bracelet with the top bidder having first pick. Nan Windle was the top bidder at \$500 and she snapped up 'Santa Baby' happily!

"Our EGA chapter meets monthly on Zoom, just as BSNM does. For our December meeting we wore holiday hats, had some food with us (our usual December meeting is a pot luck lunch), Show and Tell, and then our program which was "What is Your Favorite Handmade Holiday Ornament?" Nan Windle, though she lives in Colorado, is a member of our chapter and attended the Zoom party. When it came to her turn she said her favorite handmade holiday thing wasn't an ornament but was a personal decoration - her 'Santa Baby' bracelet!"



Treasurer Deb Cole made a necklace and earrings of rhodochrosite (donut, leaves, and rounds), glass beads in a matching color, and silver.



Social Media Manager Pam Troutman "loved the articles in the December 2020 Bead Blast on the chevron children's book and on the woman's lapis tartar in her teeth. These are amazing historical finds and really get me excited. So in honor of these articles, I present my latest creations: a lapis and labradorite necklace and earrings; a burgundy African-themed necklace with Kazuri beads and lost-wax-technique, gold-plated Abija beads; and a chevron necklace with focal beads from Baskets of Africa and Stone Mountain Bead Gallery."





President Pat Verrelle continues her love affair with interesting color combinations and all things sparkly. She made a necklace and earrings using green and burgundy round shell beads, burgundy shells, pale burgundy Austrian crystal disco balls, and pearls, as well as earrings using vintage 14mm faceted blue beads and clear Austrian crystals.



Newsletter Editor Jill Bartel made snowflake ornaments out of different sizes of deconstructed clothespins and a little paint. She gave several to family and friends as gifts.



“Method is more important than strength, when you wish to control your enemies. By dropping golden beads near a snake, a crow once managed to have a passerby kill the snake for the beads.”

— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

“Life is short, be sparkly!”

— Margot Potter

## From Our Business Members

**A Few of My Favorite Beads:** Call (505) 974-1645 or come by to see our latest beads.

**Baskets of Africa:** At this time our shop is only open by appointment, and only while it's approved to do so. Appointments are available Mon. through Fri. 10am to 3pm. To set a day and time, call 505-323-2315 or go to [info@basketsofafrica.com](mailto:info@basketsofafrica.com).

**The Beaded Iris:** Current store hours are Mon. through Thurs. 10am to 5pm; Fri. through Sat. 10am to 4pm. We will be glad to make an appointment if these hours do not accommodate your schedule or special needs. To schedule an appointment, call 505-299-1856 or email us at [beadedirisstore@aol.com](mailto:beadedirisstore@aol.com).

We have in-store services, as allowed by the Governor's safety rules. Bead groups are still unfortunately suspended.

Happy Holidays, and as always, thank you for your business, loyalty, and support. Dannelle

**Mama's Minerals:** Phone orders welcome. Free curbside pickup. Free shipping on orders over \$49 (within the U.S.; excludes equipment). We are [NM Safe Certified](#) and we made the NM Safe Promise. For the latest store information, sign up for our email at [www.MamasMinerals.com](http://www.MamasMinerals.com).

**Meltdown Studio:** We are closely following the governor's COVID-19 mandates, and as we re-integrate, our classes will be taught in smaller sizes so that students can distance themselves safely and comfortably. Frequent studio cleaning and disinfecting practices are being implemented to ensure the safety of our students and instructors. Face coverings are required. Check out our current classes at <https://www.meltdownstudio.com/group-classes-1>.

**Santa Fe Jewelers Supply:** Open 9:00am to 5:00pm. Curbside pickup, mail order, or visit our showroom today! 505-988-9157. Order on our website at [www.sfjs.net](http://www.sfjs.net) day or night.

**Stone Mountain Bead Gallery:** As allowed by the governor, we're open Mon. through Sat. from 11am to 6pm; Sun. 12:30pm to 4:30pm. Call 505-385-2200 to arrange contactless pickup. **30% off on larger glass beads, magazines, and books for BSNM members. Back issues of Bead&Button magazine are also available.**

Beads (and jewelry) now for sale on Etsy: [www.etsy.com/shop/TNTGarcia](http://www.etsy.com/shop/TNTGarcia). Just look under the Stone Mt. Bead Gallery section in the shop!

**Thomason Stone Supply:** Hours are Mon. through Sat. 9:30am to 5pm. You can place an order by calling us at 888-353-9934 or 505-268-9934, or by filling out a contact form on our website, <https://www.thomasonstonesupply.com/>.

## New Mexico Bead and Fetish

After over 25 years, New Mexico Bead and Fetish is closing their Old Town store – last day is December 31, 2020. However, they are looking to move to another location that will have better traffic and parking. In the meantime, they are offering BSNM members a deep discount on their stock (wholesale or below) – stone beads, seed beads, fetishes, crystals, and more! Call (505) 243-2600 through the end of January to make an appointment to shop. All products are listed online: <https://www.nmbead.com/>.

## Mama's Minerals



The staff at Mama's Minerals wishes their customers Happy Holidays!

## Rio Grande Jewelry Supply

**We're Discontinuing Our Print Catalogs:** We published our first catalog in 1977. For decades, your enthusiasm inspired us to make each one better. We could not have done it without you! But recent responses to our catalog have affirmed that we need to make a change. Discontinuing our printed catalog is something we can do right now to act on our shared commitment to sustainability.

It takes approximately 1.3 million pounds of paper to print our catalogs. That's enough to fill 30 semi-trucks! And transporting the finished catalogs from the printer requires an additional 11 semi-trucks. This change will help conserve water consumed during paper production, reduce solid waste and air pollution, and offset transportation-related carbon emissions.

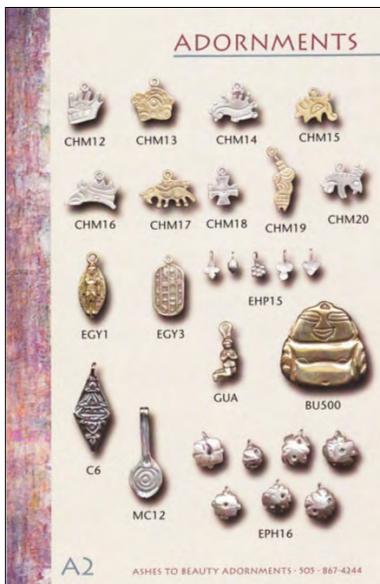
We also want this change to have a positive impact on your business. Enhancements to our site will make it faster and easier to find what you're looking for. A new support team will be happy to answer your product questions and offer specialized service Monday–Friday, 8:00 am–5:00 pm MST, by chat or at 800-545-6566.

Thank you for making jewelry with us, and keep creating.



## Ashes to Beauty

Ashes to Beauty Adornments have a catalog that you can order from. The catalog is \$15. Established in 1989, owners Rene and Len Chock provide reproductions of old, ancient, and ethnic pieces such as clasps, charms, pendants, and buttons. All pieces are cast in white and yellow bronze and sterling silver (.925). All the items in the catalog are photographed at actual size. Method of payment: Visa, MasterCard, Discover, check, or cashier's check. There is a \$50 minimum for mail orders, so you may want to combine your order with your bead buddies. They sell wholesale if you have a resale license and you must send them a copy of your license for their records in order to receive wholesale prices. If you do not have a resale license, you can purchase at retail prices plus NM State Tax. Their address is: Rene & Len Chock, 115 Camino de las Huertas, Placitas, NM 87043, Phone & Fax 505-867-4244, [ashestobeauty@comcast.net](mailto:ashestobeauty@comcast.net). Following are a couple of pages from the catalog.



## The 7 Best Online Jewelry-Making Classes of 2020

by Lauren Thomann, The Spruce Crafts,  
updated 12/09/20

(submitted by Barbara Rosen)

The editors of Spruce Crafts independently research, test, and recommend the best products, including classes. Following are their top picks for jewelry-making classes:

- **Best Overall:** [Skillshare](#)
- **Best Budget:** [Beaducation](#)
- **Best Class Options:** [Udemy](#)
- **Best for Trendy Jewelry:** [Creative Live](#)
- **Best for Fine Jewelry:** [Jewellers Academy](#)
- **Best for Businesses:** [New York Institute of Art and Design](#)
- **Best for Jewelry Designers:** [Ashworth College](#)

The classes range from beginner to experienced, from free to for a fee, from beading to wire work to metal stamping to silversmithing.

(Spruce Crafts may receive commissions on purchases made from their chosen links.)

## Attention Bead Collectors

submitted by Barbara Rosen

If you are interested in bead collecting, especially African beads (either trade beads or beads made in Africa), you might be interested in the Bead Collector Network (<http://beadcollector.net/index.html>), an online discussion forum for collectible beads. The website also has articles about collectible beads (such as Venetian chevrons) and their imitations.



## Gem of the Month – Rose Quartz

A silicon dioxide mineral, rose quartz is one of the most common and popular varieties of the quartz family – and is often the first to be collected. Rose quartz is mostly opaque, although some clearer polished pieces appear translucent. This mineral is usually found in the cores of granite pegmatites. The name is derived from the stone's soft rose color, which ranges from very pale pink to deep reddish-pink and is due to trace amounts of titanium or manganese, or sometimes iron, in the massive material. The color of rose quartz is very stable and will not fade with heat or direct sunlight.



Rose quartz is found in abundance around the world and occurs in massive form, with no crystal faces, edges, or terminations. For years it was thought that rose quartz, in rare cases, also formed in clusters of small prismatic crystals that were labeled as crystalline rose quartz. However, mineralogists in the 1990s discovered distinct differences between common rose quartz and the rare crystalline specimens. They proposed that the massive form still be called as rose quartz, while the crystal variety should be referred to as pink quartz. However, you may see rose quartz carved into pointed crystals or double-pointed wands. Rose quartz also contains microscopic fiber inclusions of rutile (a mineral that creates sparkling specks in the stone) or a borosilicate similar to dumortierite (that can occasionally produce a cat's eye or "star" effect when polished into cabochons or spheres).



Prized in the ancient world for its powers of physical beautification, facial masks of rose quartz have been recovered from Egyptian tombs. The stone was thought by the Egyptians and Romans to clear the complexion and prevent wrinkles. It was also a stone honored by the Tibetan and Oriental cultures, and continues to be one of the major carving stones of

China. However, the crystalline structure of rose quartz is often flawed, creating cracks or visible fractures, and this makes it challenging to cut.

Called the heart stone, rose quartz may have been used as a love token as early as 600 B.C. and is still an important talisman of relationships. It is said to be effective in attracting new love, romance, and intimacy, or in developing a closer bond with family or friends. Rose quartz is said to support connections within groups and community, and carry a high spiritual attunement to the earth, universe, and the divine. It is also purported to help with allergic reactions, cancer support, eating disorders, improve fertility, relieve headaches, skin issues, anxiety, calm dreams, and forgiveness!

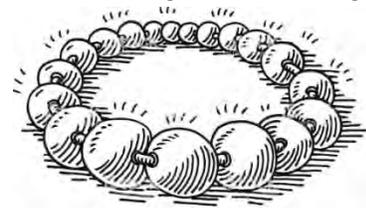
Holding rose quartz is said to be an effective tool for dealing with emotional stress, and a piece placed under the pillow is said to improve the quality of sleep.

Rose quartz is one of the birthstones for January, as well as a gemstone for the zodiac sign of Pisces. It is found in Brazil, India, Madagascar, and the USA.

## A Circle of Beads

According to *An Illustrated Encyclopedia of Traditional Symbols* by J. C. Cooper, a circle of beads represents continuity, perpetuity, and endless duration. So what does a gathering of bead lovers and collectors represent? A continuing love of beads, an interest in learning how beads have endured as a source of currency and ornamentation, and a desire to perpetuate this fascination by sharing it with others in the community.

Working together, we can make the Bead Society of New Mexico all these things in the coming year.



Happy New Year!

## Preserving Beaded Artwork

The new Museum of Beadwork in Portland, Maine is featured in the January/February issue of *Beadwork* in Bead Buzz, the last-page article by Debbie Blair. *Beadwork* is excited about this addition to the beading community and is happy to share this sneak peek with readers. In addition to workshops, classes, and other community events, the Museum of Beadwork will include an exhibit space that shows how beads are made and explores the art form throughout human history.

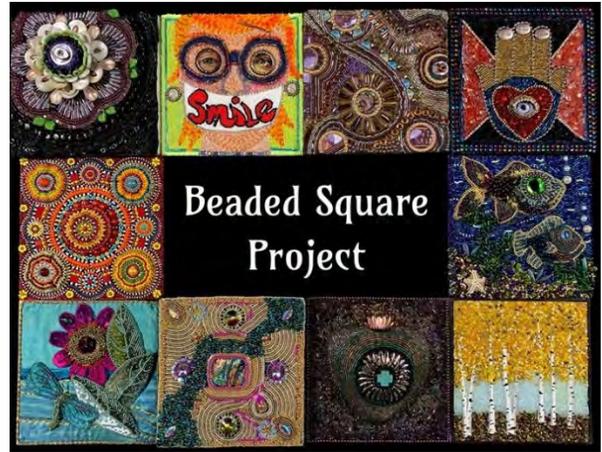


*Affinity Gown* by Jan Huling.  
(photo courtesy of the artist)

The opening of the museum has been delayed due to COVID-19, but fundraising projects are in the works, including The Beaded Square Project. "One of the best aspects of this project has been hearing how important it has been to the participants. Many people have used their squares to mourn a loved one, to express hope, or as a cathartic process to manage their stress and anxiety. We love hearing all their stories," says Kristina Skillin, director of the museum. The individual squares and the final installation will be one of the museum's first exhibitions and will be part of the permanent collection.



## Beaded Square Project



The Museum of Beadwork invites you – no matter your experience, style, or technique – to make a square of beadwork and send it to them and be part of this group installation. Click on the following link to learn the details about this project:

<https://www.museumofbeadwork.org/pages/beaded-square-project>

**The Museum of Beadwork announced the official extension of the Beaded Square Project to March 19, 2021.** This date, the one-year anniversary of the first U.S. shelter in place decree, will mark an entire year of change to ourselves and to our communities, both local and global, due to COVID-19. The virus first started in key hotspots and spread with varying degrees of notice and acceptance into other places. Now, the entire world is grappling with it, which makes this project more poignant as the situation continues.

The one-year mark gives the project a distinct end point rather than an arbitrary date. It will be one year since we started this project. It is a discreet measure of time. Where we will be then is a mystery, but we will all need to look back and take stock of what this year has meant.

We want this project to be open to whatever it needs to be for people: grief, struggle, hope, relief, anxiety, beauty... all of it. The politics that have surfaced should also have a place in this project if people feel so inclined. The point of this project has always been to create together while sheltering separately something that signifies our experiences in this bizarre time. Every experience is valid and we want you to share them.

We are also hoping that by extending the project through the winter we can offer a creative outlet for those feeling isolated by public safety measures. Please continue to use our Facebook group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/285077762509242/>) as a place to confer and communicate. We may be separated, but we are not alone. Be safe, be well, and bead on.

## Keep in Your Thoughts

Indea Sanchez, who has been undergoing treatments for gall bladder cancer

Pamela Armas, owner of Gypsy Raven, who recently had double cataract surgery

Barbara Butcher, former owner of Beading Heart of Santa Fe, who is undergoing heavy chemotherapy and is having a difficult time

Bobbie Yockum, an instructor at The Beaded Iris, who is a caregiver to a family member

Patti Farley, who is in a wheelchair while she awaits hip replacement surgery in February

Teri Lawson, who is undergoing chemo and radiation treatments for breast cancer

Pat Verrelle, whose husband will be receiving additional cancer treatments in December, and whose brother-in-law has COVID-19

## Happy Birthday

Barbara Lewis – January 11

Susan Hostitler – January 15

Marsha Ronquille – January 18

Vonnie Martin – January 25

Jessica Dowell – January 25

If your birthday isn't listed here, please let us know at [beadsocietynm@gmail.com](mailto:beadsocietynm@gmail.com) so we can wish you a Happy Birthday!

## BSNM Financials Available on Website

The monthly and annual financial reports for the Bead Society of New Mexico are now available in the "Members Only" section of the BSNM website. Go to [www.beadsocietynm.org](http://www.beadsocietynm.org) and log in to the website (click on "Log In" in the upper right corner of the homepage; you may need to register first if you haven't done so before). Hover over the "Members Only" section on the right end of the categories bar with your mouse and click on "Financials" in the drop-down menu. Then click on the document you want to read. (You may need to temporarily disable your pop-up blocker since the documents may open in a new window or tab).

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Deb Cole, who just found out she is going to be a great-grandmother – in about 8 months.

## Donations Requested

Member Mary Ellen Merrigan is requesting donations of necklaces, bracelets, and earrings to benefit the charity Personalities Plus. You can donate new jewelry that you've made. Or you can donate old or broken jewelry you no longer want. Mary Ellen takes the old and broken jewelry and makes new necklaces, bracelets, and earrings! Thanks in advance for your support. You can contact Mary Ellen at [me@maryellenbeads.com](mailto:me@maryellenbeads.com).

## Get More Information on the BSNM Website

■ **Classes:** For classes taught by our business members and other non-BSNM-sponsored classes, go to

<https://beadsocietyofnewmexico.wildapricot.org/Bead-Time> for dates, times, and descriptions.

To review class details and to register online, log in to the BSNM website with your email and password and go to the event page

<https://beadsocietyofnewmexico.wildapricot.org/Meetings-Classes-and-Events>.

■ **Craft Shows and Other Events:** To see upcoming shows that our members are involved in, go to the Members Art Shows listing at

<https://beadsocietyofnewmexico.wildapricot.org/Art-Shows>. Also, if you have an art show you are participating in, don't forget to send Teresa Kenyon (at

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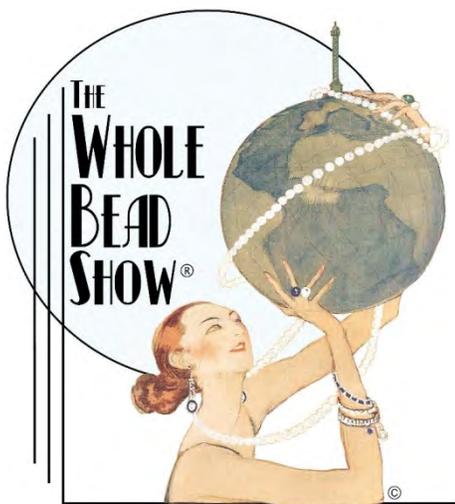


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Dear Bead Family and Friends, as 2020 comes to an end and we prepare for 2021, which is going to be uncertain and difficult for our industry. I wanted to send a quick note to let you all know that you are in my thoughts every day. The Whole Bead Show will be doing strictly virtual events for now. I am hoping that we will be able to resume in person show in May 2021. Our "penciled in" schedule is as follows:

- Las Vegas May 28–30
- Honolulu June 25–27
- Denver September 16–19
- New York in October
- Oakland in November, if not sooner
- Santa Fe won't be possible until March 2022

Of course, all of this is dependent on what happens with COVID and the vaccines. In the meantime, I am doing everything I can to keep the lights on and to support the bead community in any way that I am able. I have some fun plans for a virtual Tucson event. More details to come soon. Please stay safe and take care of each other. I'll be in touch soon.

If you would like to order, please email your request to [avamotherwell@aol.com](mailto:avamotherwell@aol.com)

Holiday blessing to you all, with much love – *Ava Motherwell*



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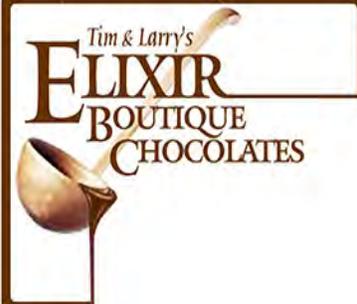
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Producing a quality monthly publication as well as maintaining an up-to-date website and Facebook page is not an easy task. We have three people who work hard to ensure that our members have the most timely and accurate information possible. But these tasks take lots of time and can't be done properly without the assistance of our members. Please remember to follow these procedures when submitting information to be shared with the general membership:

- Send all information to [beadsocietynm@gmail.com](mailto:beadsocietynm@gmail.com)
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- Please send complete information. The members of the Communications Committee are not mind readers. ☺ Please provide full names of persons, full addresses and contact information, dates and times, etc.
- Information to be included in the monthly publication, either the Newsletter or Bead Blast, MUST be received no later than the 20th of the prior month. Information received after that date will be shared via social media and on the BSNM website, and used for the following month's publication if appropriate.

## 2020 Board of Directors

Due to the New Mexico governor's COVID-19 restrictions, The Board of Directors has been meeting on the second Wednesday of the month at Pat Verrelle's house, and as of October 2020 has been meeting via Zoom. (Normally, the Board of Directors meets on the second Monday of the month from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center.)

*All members are welcome to attend.*

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