

# Bead Society of New Mexico

## May/June 2009 Newsletter

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

### Notes from the Board

We've had some great meetings lately. Everyone had a good time mixing it up with Fiber. Thanks to Cindy Chavez's generosity, we all learned some new techniques, new supplies and more importantly that there are no RULES.

Ron Lowery is a real HOOT and knows all about Turquoise. He kept us laughing and learning all evening long. Even if you made it to the meeting, you will want to go back and see more of the Museum. The displays are so educational. And you might be surprised to learn more about Sleeping Beauty Turquoise that we all love.

If the pictures did them justice, you will be stunned when you see the Fiber Arts Entries. **Don't forget to bring in your entries May 9<sup>th</sup> to the Beaded Iris Annex.** Judging will be done soon thereafter and the anticipation is great to see how all our members entries.

**Volunteers Needed** - The Fiber Arts Committee is still asking for volunteers. Please send an email to the group account if you'd like to help. We especially need someone to sell books and memberships from 5:00 – 7:00 on Thursday and Friday nights. Demonstrations are a great deal of fun too. Just bring along what you are working on and the people attending the fiesta crown around you to see how it's done. Parking and entry Passes are available to volunteers. This is a great show and you will not want to miss it. See the Web for a complete list of vendors, guilds, and other attractions. Don't forget to volunteer to sell books or do demonstrations. You know you're going to be there anyway.

**Board Meeting Details** - Our next Board Meeting is May 13 location to be announced. Members are always welcomed, we will send an email to give you the location.

### Christmas Ornament Results

Holiday cheer was everywhere at the Turquoise Museum as members brought their beautiful ornaments to the meeting. Nine ornaments were collected and all had their entrance fee paid by the society. On Tuesday the ornaments not delivered to the Turquoise Museum were taken in at the Beaded Iris.

### Meeting News

#### May 18th Meeting

#### 6:30 PM, Mama's Minerals On the Rocks

Laura Randolph, owner and president of Mama's Minerals, started selling crystal gemstones and geodes at arts & crafts fairs around the Southwest in 1985. Since then Mama's has vastly expanded its products into such areas as lapidary supplies and rock tumbling equipment. Mama's provides classes for all ages in rocks and minerals, jewelry-making, beading, and has made the store available for school and club field trips that enchant students and teachers alike. She now holds birthday parties and has created a vibrant mail order and online business to better serve you. She will discuss geodes, minerals, and how the "business of selling rocks and beads" works. BRING A CHAIR and be prepared to have fun.

**Bring your July Workshop checks if you have not already sent them in.**

#### June 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting

#### 6:30 PM, The Beaded Iris (annex)

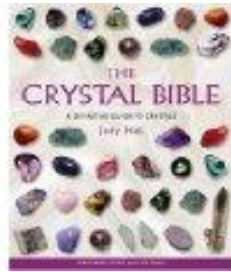
**Rio Grande Jewelry Supply presentation on "Bronze Clay"**. Again bring a chair and learn something new.

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## Book Review The Crystal Bible -A Definitive Guide to Crystal

By Judy Hall

If you've ever wanted a little tidbit to spice up the sales story for your gemstone jewelry, this might be the reference book for you. It tells all about the healing attributes that each stone is purported to have. So if your client is looking for a get well gift for their favorite aunt, who is suffering from shingles, you might select a fluorite piece which is supposed to minimize the pain from that malady. And aquamarine might be a good choice for a timid high school graduate afraid of heading off to college. It is supposed to reduce stress, quiet the mind and bring courage.



Whether or not, you believe the attributes associated with these stones, many people do. And those that don't still seem to enjoy the story behind their stones.

## Got gold or Silver???

Susan Ryan visited the Gold Exchange in the New Mexico Bead Trader and was pleasantly surprised to find she had a small fortune in a shoe box of old broken silver jewelry stashed in her garage.

She found the owners of the exchange to be former students of hers and besides getting a nice check she had a fun time reminiscing. Susan recommends the Gold Exchange in the New Mexico Bead Trader. They are open just a few days a week so call before heading to Bernalillo to make sure of the hours.

## Beading Discounts

One of the nicest benefits of being a NMBS member is the bead store discounts. Present your NMBS membership card before your purchase is rung up and enjoy big savings!

Beads & More	15%
Bead World	10%
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The Beaded Iris	10%
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(Nora Farnsworth, Nina Kersten  
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