

# BEAD SOCIETY OF NEW MEXICO

• January 2010 Newsletter •

**Monthly meetings are held every month at 6:30 p.m. at Heights Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 8600 Academy Rd, N.E. Abq, Rm. 407**

**Don't forget our meeting is very early this month, on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**

## From the Board

Welcome new and renewing members. 2010 should be a great year for New Mexico Bead Society. Our program committee is already busy working on some interesting programs for our meetings.

The year starts with a bang! In January we are discussing the Bead Fest Classes and showing some projects made at 2009 Bead Fest. Giesela Happe from Interweave Press will give us some additional details about special class discounts. And the January meeting **ATTENDANCE DOOR PRIZE is \$100 TOWARDS A BEAD FEST CLASS.**

With that prize in mind it is probably a good time to mention that benefits of society membership are limited to members. As they say; "Membership has its rewards." Bead Fest class discounts for second classes are only available to members. Interweave has a list of our members and does not honor the discount for taking a second class to anyone who does not appear on our membership list.

We have a big event calendar in 2010. With our traditional "January" workshops scheduled for February and perhaps a Saturday in March, this year kicks off with 10 free classes. I'm not sure we ever offered this many classes or classes this diverse. If you've not already signed up for a class, there are a few slots still available. Look for descriptions later in this newsletter in the **Free Society Classes** article on our WEB site [www.beadsocietynm.org](http://www.beadsocietynm.org), and at the January meeting.

Another change in this year's schedule is that our board meetings have moved to 1:30 in the afternoon on the second Tuesday of the month. We meet at the church in room 104 (one of the smaller rooms on the right side of the hall on your way to our regular meeting room). Everyone is invited to attend.

With free classes to start the year, unveiling of our new logo, our Swap Meet in February, Tucson at the end of February and early March, Bead Fest in Santa Fe March 18<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup>, the local Mineral Club show April 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> at the Fair Grounds, Gem Faire June 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>, July workshops, Bead Renaissance November 19<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> and with all our local bead shops no one should want for beads or ideas in 2010.

What are you waiting for? Get to the meeting and start beading.

Don't let this be your last newsletter or society meeting. Renew your membership now to take free classes and participate in all the fun activities planned for 2010. Send your check (\$28.00-individual membership; \$38.00-family membership; \$48.00-business membership including newsletter ads; \$100.00 business membership including newsletter ads and business web link) to BSNM, PO Box 36824, Albuquerque, NM 87176

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## Free Society Classes

by Sandy Johnson

Be sure to thank your fellow members for volunteering to teach classes. It takes a lot of work to put together the class materials, supply lists, kits when offered, and the time necessary to teach the class. Remember they don't get paid. They do it for the love of beading and to share their expertise with members. Make sure you've paid your 2010 dues to take advantage of the free classes.



Linda Davis is sharing a beautiful, quick to work up spiral bracelet she learned last year. She has taught this class for a fee at the Wooden Cow gallery and is sharing it with us. She got permission to share this design from the designer and we're very thankful to add it to our repertoire. We thank you Linda.

Got Buttons? Beth Jones will show you how to put them to good use. Jan Bond was lucky enough to select Beth's Button Bracelet as her holiday gift at our November meeting and everyone wanted to learn how to make it. It is adorable and Beth has agreed to teach the class and share her expertise.



Pami Stangman is teaching us Beginning Polymer Clay. Pami does beautiful work and we are grateful that she is getting us started in such a interesting art from that will allow members to make their own beads. I don't foresee any of us putting bead companies out of business just yet, but there is always Etsy.

Working in new techniques is what the bead society is all about. Linda Alice-Reyes will teach members how to use the new resins. Linda tells us that they are safer to use and cure more quickly. I add with excellent results. I base that on the tiles and jewelry components I've seen at meetings made by members in resin workshops lead by Linda. You should be adding resin components to your jewelry



We again ask Marijane Oliver to teach us Kumihimo Braiding. She cheerfully agreed to teach a beginning class where we will complete a key chain. This class is so popular I think Marijane teaches each year. We thank her for her generosity and sharing the technique. Using it we can springboard into adding beads and making beautiful braided beaded jewelry.

Vicki Kay who won our \$100 Bead Fest attendance Prize last year took the Bead Fest beaded button class. She tells us it's really a miniature, portable, bead embroidery project that can be used not only as buttons but can also be combined into jewelry. Vicki's class is an example of why we offer such prizes. The society is a place where you can nurture your "addiction" in positive ways and bring new techniques back to the membership.





A new member, Charlotte Souter, wore a lovely crystal necklace to a meeting soon after joining and I went crazy for it. I don't even like crystals, but loved the suppleness and the look of snake skin of this design and ask her if she could teach it to us. She agreed to teach it in a bracelet form. Now we can all provide a Bead Society Stimulus to the Swarovski Company.

Geri Verble was asked to teach her popular Finishing Techniques class. It's especially timely since we have so many new members. Geri's learned to do professional finishing from many years of experience and taking lots of classes and experimentation. She is generously sharing what she has learned with us so our jewelry finishing looks professional.

Teresa Jones our resident Lampwork teacher and artist is again offer her popular Bling, Bling Charm Bracelet. In Teresa's class you will learn how to wire wrap using head pins and colorful lampwork beads to create a charm bracelet. She encourages you to stack beads and work in color combinations you might not ordinarily use. Follow her advice. Your Bling, Bling bracelet will turn out beautifully and look rich and expensive. The wire wrap technique you learn in this class is a fundamental building block in jewelry making.

Seed Beaders are in for a treat if they take Denise Falzone's Russian Leaves class. Denise is teaching us how to construct the leaves as earrings, but they are the leaf components of those detailed, colorful seed bead necklaces with all the dangling components. We had several entries in the State Fair completion this year that included bead leaves and they were beautiful. These Russian Leaves will make elegant jewelry pieces.



Speaking of seed beads, our own Marcia Ronquillo who we often call upon to teach a seed bead technique is teaching a lovely necklace that combines seed beads, stone chips, and a focal stone pendant. It is stunning project and she reports not too hard to learn and complete. You do have to know that no seed bead is too small for Marcia, but I've looked carefully at the necklace and while it uses two sizes of seed beads in a spiral it looks like I could do it. Marcia has taught me to do flat and spiral peyote. If anyone can teach you how to accomplish seed bead fundamentals, she can.

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Made in the Shade (Teresa Jones Lampwork beads)	10%
Mama's Minerals	15%
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**Lodi's** has updated class list see [www.lodisbeads.com](http://www.lodisbeads.com) for up-to-the-minute details

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*Details are subject to change.*

*Visit these websites for up-to-date contest details.*

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### Fire Mountain Gems Contests

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Art Clay, Wire Work, Metal Beads & Chains (deadline: 01/12/2010)

Seed Beads (deadline: 03/09/2010)

Glass (deadline: 03/09/2010)

Gemstones (deadline: 05/01/2010)

Pearls & Organic Beads (deadline: 07/01/2010)

### Bead Dreams 2010 Contest

Deadline 04/05/2010

<http://www.beadandbuttonshow.com/bnbshow/Default.aspx?c=a&id=200>

### Land of Odds Ugly Necklace Contest (2010)

([www.landofodds.com/store/uglynecklace.htm](http://www.landofodds.com/store/uglynecklace.htm))

### Rings & Things 2010 Jewelry Contest

([www.rings-things.com/contest/index.html](http://www.rings-things.com/contest/index.html))

2010 categories are glass & crystal, gemstones & pearls, mostly metal, metal clay, and found objects/miscellaneous. Too fancy? Sign up for their newsletter for details. In 2010, they will accept entries through January and February!