

Oklahoma Bead Society

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From the President

New Year's Resolutions and other such stuff

Greetings Fellow Beaders,

I always know when the holiday season is truly over when the tree gets put up in the attic along with all the other trimmings. Then I start thinking about the new year and friends are talking about resolutions. Dieting, doing yoga (which my body is telling me "What are you thinking, girl?"), quilting, master gardening or making other more important changes in their lives like finding a new job or buying a car. Well, mine turned out to be quite simple. Finish all (I mean ALL) of my beading projects!!!! I think this is a resolution that I can keep. Who knows what might happen around the next corner....but I will be styling with a finished project!!! ha-ha.

Janury's meeting was great! We had 23 people present and even got a couple new members!! A big beady welcome to Dianna Foster and Barbara Bellatti. This meeting was jammed packed with info and yet we had time for a quick flat even count peyote lesson. With all these new members it is hard to do programs which will fit in with "us oldies" and the "newbies". Trying to getting in much teaching of the basics done and also interest the others with new and exciting projects is a challenge. We already have projects lined up through April.

February's meeting will be fun! It's the dragonfly. Liz Linquist will be teaching.) Liz has done at least five dragonflies and they all look wonderful. I never knew that dragonflies come in all different colors and sizes until I went to google and started checking them out. Red, green, blue,

orange....all these different and beautiful colors. And the wings are just as interesting. So pull your stash out and start putting great colors together. The skies the limit!

Since I am planning on keeping our business meetings before doing a program short (like half an hour) input from you is important. Feel free to contact me about anything your little heart desires. I am always open to any ideas or constructive criticism that would make OBS a better place to come have fun and to learn.

I wish thank in advance, our Board Members for 2006. Betsy Edwards and Maureen Casteel for heading up programs. Terry Burress for taking on the secretarial duties. Angel Harshaw for stepping up to the task of treasurer and Deb Massey for doing publicity and putting our name out to the general public.

Dianna Foster has volunteered to chair our June Salad Luncheon. I'm sure she could use some help...any volunteers? Anyhow, Barbara Henthorn (a published teacher from OKC) has been contacted to come and teach. We are also planning of having some local vendors come to sell their wares. More info to come at a later date.

On a final note, Dianna is also in "shopping mode" for our monthly meeting door prizes. Also remember to wear you name tag so you can get to know each other.

Talk to you later, and happy beading,

Dee
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Programs:

I am excited about becoming your Program Chair for the coming year and strongly believe that this is just not my responsibility, but that every member has to be a part of program development. I need to know what your interests are and my interests may not be yours.

I am counting on every member to support the Oklahoma Bead Society by being a part of the program, not the bump on the log. Please share any ideas with Maureen and/or Dee until I get my Oklahoma E-mail set up..

See you at the next meeting.

Betsy

February program :

Dragon Fly Pins

Materials needed:

356 size 11 seed beads

8 size 8 seed beads

7 size #2 or #3 bugel beads

2 faceted # 3 or # 4 mm round

1/2" pin or Magnet

34 gauge beading wire

If you can not find 34 try 32 gauge beading wire

Gem Tac glue

I have some pins for those of you who would like to use pins

Tools

wire cutters

We can use our fingers to smooth and guide wires. These Dragonflies are fun to make and to wear and not much fuss

Liz

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday January 4, 2006 at the Brookside Library by Dee Schwanhausser.

Several new members and 3 visitors joined us for the evening along with these members: *

Upcoming programs for the next several months were discussed by the membership. February's project will be a dragonfly pin designed by Arlene Baker which is found in the August – September 2005 issue of Beadwork Magazine on pgs 36 – 37.

March's project will be the Interlaced Loops Bracelet designed by Dottie Hoeschen which is found in the June 2005 issue of Bead & Button Magazine on pgs 76 – 78.

Other possible programs were discussed and are still pending, i.e., bead challenge in April with a provided kit and an ugly bead challenge in July.

Awards were handed out the winners of the library displays at Helmerich Library and the Brookside Library. They were as follows:

Helmerich Library – Cynthia Hubbard – First place & \$40.00 for her Indian feather fan Shara Mattern – Second place & \$30.00 for her frog amulet bag Nancy Wilson – Third place & \$20.00 for her light blue cube bracelet

Brookside Library –

Helen Edge – First place & \$40.00 for her necklace, bracelet and earring set of chain, peridot and assorted crystals

Teresa Davis – Second place & \$30.00 for her netted peach necklace

Dee Schwanhausser – Third place & \$20.00 for her poinsettia necklace and bracelet

Plans for the June salad supper meeting were discussed. The committee is working on bring in an instructor for this meeting and having area vendors set up booths.

Meeting was adjourned to work on the peyote tube bracelet.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Burress

Treasurer's report:

Beginning balance: \$ 2,485.92

Deposits: \$ 384.50

Expenses: \$ 409.24

Ending balance: \$ 2,461.18

Angela Harshaw

Membership fees of \$ 20.00 are due by the end of February.

Other Events:

3rd Saturday B'ville Bead In

For those of you planning to attend we will meet at Border's (21st and BA Expressway) at 9:am so we can car pool. This months program is a Frangiapani bracelet. You will need the following supplies:

size 11 seed beads or delicas

size 14 seed bead or delicas

60 4mm beads

clasp or ½ inch button

size D nymo or fireline

usual other supplies (beading needles, scissors etc.)

Visit: <http://bvillebeaders.tripod> for more info.

Show and tell for February meeting:

This month is all about the mighty amethyst. Amethyst is the purple variety of quartz and is a popular gemstone. If it were not for its widespread availability, amethyst would be very expensive. The name "amethyst" comes from the Greek and means "not drunken." This was maybe due to a belief that amethyst would ward off the effects of alcohol, but most likely the Greeks were referring to the almost wine-like color of some stones that they may have encountered. Its color is unparalleled, and even other, more expensive purple gemstones are often compared to its color and beauty. Although it must always be purple to be amethyst, it can and does have a wide range of purple shades.

1. The color purple is traditionally the color of royalty and amethyst has been used since the dawn of history to adorn the rich and powerful monarchs and rulers. Today, amethyst is a lovely and affordable gemstone that is fortunately available in a wide variety of cut and uncut stones that we can all possess and admire.

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at Brookside Library at 6:30PM.

P.S. This is my first official newsletter and it has a long way to go until I get comfortable with it, so bear with me. Any comments would be most appreciated,.

.....Dee

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