

## Board Members

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT Helen Vaslavsky

Hello BEADERS,  
As I promised you last month, I would report back about the retreat at Tulakogee in January.

You've heard...what goes on in Vegas stays in Vegas!!!  
Now, we've added What goes on at a BEAD RETREAT...stays there too! (*except THAT woman walking around with her camera.... may lead to some questions.*)

We have much talent among our Oklahoma beaders with wonderful ideas on how to make this the BEST BEAD SOCIETY in the USA.

Lots of NEW things came from our meetings and from just talking and throwing ideas around in general while beading, eating and taking nature walks...*well, maybe not exactly walks...more like fast trots in 20 degrees and hard blowing winds to the chow house 3 times a day.*

We were able to plan most of 2009 and lay foundations for future years.

Like I said, we have a strong tentative schedule for beading events and lots of NEW projects for the year!

We're bringing in some fun projects that may be 'out of the box' for the purist BEADER but should prove to be inspiring! Another *goal* has been to bring in a national teacher...I think this will be the year! We're tying her into May's fieldtrip. Details are still being completed but it's pretty certain to happen! More info to come...

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday fieldtrips for "beading" was a GREAT success (thanks to Diana Foster) therefore it's back on the calendar! Many of the Bead Shops welcomed us back again making the calendar fill up fast.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual BEADBLAST in April is already starting to take shape and should be a huge success (thanks to Deb Massey and Pat Boudreaux) and all their committee people.

Which reminds me. We still have some *fun* committee spots available that need filling!

If you're 'new' to **OBS** please don't hesitate to get involved!!!

THIS IS WHERE THE FUN and FRIENDSHIPS really begin!!!

"Happy Valentines remember...

**BEADS have 0 calories! Indulge!**

C U at the fieldtrip Feb 21.

Helen

## **New New New**

Meeting Location  
For the Oklahoma  
Bead Society is

Herman & Kate  
Kaiser Library  
Located in  
LaFortune Park  
(off Hudson)  
499-5400

**DOORS OPEN 6pm**  
**Meeting starts**  
**at 6:30pm**  
First Wednesday  
of Month

**February 22, 2009**  
**Field Trip**

**THE BEAD MERCHANT**  
*See details inside*

*NO Official carpool...*  
*Meet at the shop*  
*15<sup>th</sup> and Delaware*

## **SECRETARY REPORT by:** Mary Summers

### **Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

### **New Business**

There was no new business to discuss. 38 were in attendance at this month's meeting. Debbie Trevino and Rachel Wallace were guests and six new members joined OBS. Welcome to everyone. We hope to see you next month. If you have any questions regarding OBS, please feel free to visit with one of the officers.

### **Committee Reports**

The Third Annual Bead Blast will be on April 18, 2009 at the East Side Christian Church located at 15th & Harvard. The "public's" hours are 10am to 5pm. Committee members include Deb Massey, Pat Bourdeaux and Barb Bellatti. Volunteers are needed for various duties - please see one of the committee members if you are interested in participating. BEAD BLAST Advertising Flyers will be available to hand out SOON. Booth rental for vendors is \$50. Volunteers are needed to help SET-UP the area prior to the Bead Blast. Set-up will begin at 7am on Saturday morning. CLEAN -UP is also needed. If you are interested in teaching/demonstrating bead working please contact Deb ASAP.

***Be sure to invite your friends for the BLAST!***

### **Field Trip**

February 21st we will be visiting The Bead Merchant located at 15th & Delaware from 10am to 2pm. The project is a butterfly chain bracelet. See details below

### **March's Project**

We will be making a covered button ring. The buttons and ring guards will be available for sale at the meeting for this project. Members need to bring seed beads, crystals, charms, etc.

### **Bead Jar**

March's contribution will be "findings."

### **Door Prizes**

February's winners were Helen Williams, Shirley Williams and Rachell Donahy.

The meeting was adjourned and work began on the Heart Earring Project.

## **TREASURE REPORT by:** Peggy Toops

January beginning balance: \$2966.85  
**Deposits**  
(paid dues) \$880.00  
(name tag) .25  
**Withdrawals**  
(Supplies for officers) 47.73  
(supplies for newsletters) 45.83  
(USPS - Stamps) 42.00  
Steven Copley 211.52  
(Website upkeep)  
January ending balance \$3500.02

### **BEAD JAR:**

**Ronda Walker "BEAD-KEEPER"**  
***of the BEAD JAR!!!!***  
***For March bring "Findings"***  
***EACH bag will earn u a ticket***  
***per bag for the drawing!***

### **DOOR PRIZE WINNER:**

CONGRATS !!

***Helen Williams***  
***Shirley Williams***  
***Rachael Dohahy***

### ***♪ February Birthdays ♪***

6<sup>th</sup> Shirley Williams  
16<sup>th</sup> Paula Hebb  
17<sup>th</sup> Gin Sholar  
20<sup>th</sup> Betsy Edwards  
25<sup>th</sup> Loretta Nelson

### **REMINDER!**

2009 DUES are \$20.00.  
Application is available on  
[www.okbeadsociety.com](http://www.okbeadsociety.com)

Special Reminder....  
ALL MEMBERS need to wear a  
*name tag* for the meetings or  
be fined 25 cents!!! ;-)



Here are some tips on tools for new beginners to have on hand for class projects.

These are the basic beginner needs.

1. Flat nose pliers
2. Chain nose pliers
3. Crimp tool
4. Round nose pliers
5. Wire cutters
6. A small pair of sharp scissors

***PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE put your name on your tools and supplies***

I have seen some mini-tool sets that work fine for keeping together and taking up a small space in your carrying tote.

A beading tray with low sides, cover the bottom with suede (felt will catch on your needle) or beading pad. These are good for home work. Beading pads found at the bead shops are great. These roll up and can be carried easily in your tote.

Triangle pan scoops are easy to use with your fingers in collecting your small beads.

Beading Needles, the smaller the needle, the bigger the number:

- #10 use with 6 to 11 size beads
- #12 use with 8 to 13 size beads
- #13 use with 11 to 15 size beads
- #16 use with 16 to 24 size beads

I have found #15 works well with delicas. There are also long needles that can be used. Small "big eye" for tight spots, Twisted wire for stringing and tight spots.

The "Big Eye" for macramé and transferring beads.

### About Thread

There are different diameters and strengths. The smallest diameter gives you the least strength. Read those labels before buying your thread. Trim the end of your thread on an angle using sharp scissors, stretch your thread with both hands and wax it. Wax-haven suggested. This is called conditioning the thread and relaxes the thread from kinks and curls, making it easier to use.

This is a good basic start-up for a beginning beader.

Companies have come out with different colored silamide threads and consider this if you don't want that black or white thread showing.

*Pretty Beading,*

*Diana Foster*

*Program Chairwoman*

*The Oklahoma Bead Society is Your club!  
It's YOU the members that make things happen.*

*We are looking at 2009 with lots of enthusiasm for making your club  
Outstanding for learning new ideas,  
Be-friending other beaders to learn more and  
Serving the Community.*

***BUT WE NEED Your Help***

*The list of the committees that are vital to keeping the club running is printed.  
We ALL have special talents and a niche that we enjoy doing. Plus, working and fellowshiping  
with others is how we make acquaints into friends!  
Please start thinking this over and find your calling of service.*

***If your 2009 Membership dues are NOT paid by March 30<sup>th</sup> 2009  
we will assume you DO NOT want to renew.***

***April you will be dropped from the OBS membership and email list.  
You will NO longer receive Newsletters or OBS discounts  
from the participating stores.***

***Don't bead left out!***

OoooOh

## THE BEAD SCOOP around town.....

Check out your favorite bead store, many are having great sales right now. If they are not having a 'sale', shop for that unique bead you have been looking for.....I always do. While you're there check out the class schedule and see what's new to learn~!!!

Remember the MONTHLY MEETING LOCATION was changed Sept 2008!!!!

To: NEW LIBRARY inside LaFortune Park Doors open at 6 pm and meeting starts at 6:30 pm Always the 1st Wednesday of the month.

A special thanks to **Charlotte Colberg** who volunteered to be our "Sunshine Lady." She'll be responsible for sending cards, etc. whenever members need a message of encouragement from their friends at OBS. Please contact her at 836-7495 if you know someone in need.

### NEW "CHANGE" PROJECTS TABLES !!!

If you're going to bead the monthly project this evening please sit at these SPECIALLY marked TABLES so we can ALL work on the same project together! It will be **easier for the instructor** if everyone at the table is working on the same project. But, if not doing the monthly project and want to work on your own special project or want to just fellowship...please feel free to sit anywhere else.

Bead Tip! If you are having trouble picking up spilled beads, try to use a piece of tape. The beads will stick to the tape. Comes in handy for those pesky 'rolling' beads. If you have a favorite tip, let me know and perhaps it will be put in the next newsletter. Barbara Bellatti
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Visit or Call all your local **bead shops!** They all reported having lots of **Classes for 2009!!!**

**Goal:** Take 1 new class per month and learn something "BEadlicious"...then bring to OBS meeting and show off!!! Everyone LOVES to see new PRETTIES!

### The following list is a RESOURCE for all of our members

#### Websites and Bead shops of Interest: some offer OBS specials!

Alouette~ 91<sup>st</sup> & Memorial Square~Tulsa ph 918 615-3555

Beads By Becky~ 1 block n of Hwy 412, Chouteau 74337 918-476-6100

BusyBee-dz~401 W. Broadway, Muskogee 74403 ph 918 869-1143 (ShadowWood Mall)

Island Dreams Bead Shop~ 1408 South Harvard, Tulsa ph 918 712-3237 [www.islanddreambeads.com](http://www.islanddreambeads.com)

Just Bead It 29 E Broadway Sand Springs, 246-9680 E-mail bclayKarla@aol.com

The Beadles Bead Shop~ 114 W Dallas, Bkn Arrow, ph 918 806-8945 [www.beadlesbeadshop.com](http://www.beadlesbeadshop.com)

The Bead Gallery~1304 N Elm Pl. BA 259-1277

The Bead Merchant~ 2745 E 15<sup>th</sup> St Tulsa 747-3636

The Hole Bead Shop 317 SE Delaware in Bartlesville,ph 918 338-2444 [www.theholebeadshop.com](http://www.theholebeadshop.com)

Supernaw's~ 111 N Broadway, Skiatook 74070 918-396-1713

If you have any items for this OBS Newsletter please contact

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