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Our tendency for these hot months is to skip the formalities and get right to the heart of things. So in the spirit of streamlining, I'll keep this greeting short and sweet. Hope you are enjoying everything summer has to offer. While the sun is blazing, humidity is steaming, sun tea is brewing, may you be enjoying your friends and family and beading whatever it is that your heart desires. I love the buttons Dee taught last meeting. She was absolutely right, you can't bead just one!

Make sure and bring your latest creations for show and tell in August. Hope to see some things from your greatest finds from the Gem Faire. What a spread they had at the fairgrounds. Hope you made it. We may try to combine our efforts next year and join our Salad supper with the Gem Faire.

Whether they travel from far and wide or whether they are found in your own neighborhood, let your vendors know how much you appreciate their efforts to keep us supplied for all the creative ideas for which we just have to have that perfect bead. Hats off to them!
Look forward to seeing you soon. - SB



The Beader's Calendar

Scheduled beading:

August 2nd 10am-3pm

Trinity United Methodist Church

3535 East Peoria

Are you interested in learning to Bead Crochet?

In August we will be making a Bead Crochet bracelet. Supplies to bring in August: a Size 9 or 10 steel crochet hook, White or Tan color of Gutermann Top Stitch or Jean Stitch Thread (no substitutes and no black thread please!!), and a safety pin. You will need 3, 5 or 6 colors of size 8/0 beads. **Please string your beads prior to coming to the meeting.** Your colors will be A, B, C, D, E, and F. If you are using 3 colors: string one of each A, B,C,A,B,C,A,B,C, etc. until you have enough inches of beads for a bracelet. If you are using 5 colors: string one each of A,B,C,D,E,A,B,C,D,E,A,B,C,D,E, etc. For 6 colors: A,B,C,D,E,F,A,B,C,D,E,F,A,B,C,D,E,F, etc. Make a slip knot and place on your safety pin to hold your beads on the spool. Do not cut your thread. Some people use flexible wire needles to string their beads onto the thread. When using size 8/0 beads, you can use a size 7 Quilt Basting Needle to string your beads onto Gutermann Top Stitch. The following chart is provided to give you an estimate on the number of beads to string prior to our meeting.

1 inch (finished) of size 11 takes 6" strung

1 inch (finished) of size 8 takes 5.5" strung

1 inch (finished) of size 6 takes 5" strung

The supplies listed are for ease in learning. You are welcome to try different size beads, crochet hook and thread if you are familiar with crocheting and have an idea of what you will feel more comfortable using. However, if you are uncertain, then it is recommended you go with the aforementioned supplies. Our one definite rule will be NO black thread!!! You will want to wait until you are more experienced in bead crochet before you use black thread.

FYI: Guterman thread is available at JoAnns (NOT at Hancocks) and is at the bottom of the display. The spools are not labeled "top stitch" but they are the 100% Polyester spools with 33 yards on them.

Warning: Bead Crochet is highly addictive!!!

A Special OBS thank you to Dee Schwanhauser for teaching us Sculptural Buttons at the June meeting.

Special thanks to Judith Bertoglio-Giffin, author of Bead Crochet Ropes, for her generosity in granting permission for Linda Miller to teach Judith's style and use Judith's handouts at our August OBS meeting. At our August meeting, we will be giving you information on how to obtain more of Judith's patterns. If you are an experienced bead crocheter and have your own patterns, you might be interested in Judith's call for submissions for her 2nd book.

Guidelines for submissions are listed in this newsletter.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance ..\$1990.53
Expenses.....\$9.91
Income.....\$109.00
Ending balance as of 7/08/03
.....\$2089.62

We currently have 70 members.

Respectfully submitted,
Dee Schwanhausser

Oklahoma Bead Society Agenda

Agenda for monthly meetings are as follows:

- Introduction – New members and present members
- Vice President/Programs
- Secretary Report
- Treasurer Report
- Newsletter
- Old Business
- New Business
- Librarian

B'ville Beaders

B'ville Beaders are off for the summer. They will resume their meetings in September.

BEAD IN! August 31st 1 pm-4pm @ Teresa Davis' home: 5144 New Haven Avenue, Tulsa (between Harvard and Yale off of 51st). Bring projects to work on and plenty of show and tell items. Food and drink will be provided. Please join us for tasty treats and a great time! We look forward to seeing you there. For questions and/or directions please contact Teresa.

"Bead Crochet Ropes" by Judith Bertoglio-Giffin

www.beadline.com/book/book.html

"Graphed Designs for Bead Crochet Ropes"

February 2004

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A second book in the bead crochet ropes series is in the works with a planned publication date of Feb. 2004. This book will be on graphed patterns for ropes.

I am seeking submissions for the gallery section of the book. The pieces must be original work and never have been published before. They may be done in any size beads, consist of at least 75% pattern work and can be any type of bead-crochet rope.

We will need print or digital photos by September 15, 2003. Selected pieces will need to be mailed to me by October 1st. I will need the selected pieces for 4 to 6 weeks so as to have them photographed.

Feel free to contact Judith or Cathy Lee with any questions.

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Secretary's Report

JULY'S MEETING MINUTES

INTRO- NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS

PROGRAMS

JULY 2ND –SCULPTURAL BUTTONS WITH DEE
AUGUST 2ND- BEAD CROCHET BRACELET /
LINDA MILLER

SATURDAY @ TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH. **LUNCH PLANS: POTLUCK!** SUPPLIES ARE LISTED ON THE PROJECT CARDS AS WELL AS THE NEWSLETTER. **RESOURCE LIST CAN BE FOUND IN JULY'S NEWSLETTER.** ALL BEADS WILL NEED TO BE PRE-STRUNG PRIOR TO THE MEETING. CONTACT DELORES AZARY/EMAIL WITH ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PROJECT. DELORES HAS CONTACTED THE DISTRIBUTOR OF A BOOK ENTITLED "BEAD CROCHET ROPES" BY JUDITH BERTOGLIO-GIFFIN AND GOT A TREMENDOUS DISCOUNT ON THE PRICE IF WE ORDER IN BULK (ORDER WENT IN JULY 3) THERE WILL BE A COPY OF THIS BOOK IN OUR OBS LIBRARY.

JUDITH BERTOGLIO-GIFFIN, THE AUTHOR, IS A NATIONAL INSTRUCTOR AND HER BEAD CROCHET BOOK IS ALREADY IN ITS SECOND PRINTING. LINDA MILLER IS ONE OF JUDITH'S STUDENTS AND HAS A BEADWORK BRACELET INCLUDED IN THIS BOOK. LINDA IS ALREADY DOING SOME RESEARCH FOR JUDITH'S SECOND BOOK. KUDOS TO JUDITH AND LINDA FOR SHARING THEIR BEAD AND LITERARY SKILLS. WE ARE GREATFUL TO BE ABLE TO HOST LINDA AS THE AUGUST GUEST INSTRUCTOR.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

FRENCH BEADED FLOWERS / KIM HAGAN

KIM IS A TALENTED NEW MEMBER THIS YEAR AND HAS JUMPED INTO OBS WITH BOTH FEET. HER RECRUITMENT EFFORTS AND ENTHUSIASM FOR OBS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MORE OF HER TALENTS SOON IN SEPTEMBER.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

BEADED ORNAMENT / JUDY BROTTON (& KATIE?)

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DO NOT KNOW THEM, JUDY AND KATIE CONTINUALLY CHALLENGE ME WITH THEIR PROLIFIC BEADING SKILLS AND ARE GREAT INSTRUCTORS. JUST WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE THEIR BEAUTIFUL ORNAMENTS. YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS PROJECT. TRADITIONALLY, WE HAVE GONE TO BARTLESVILLE FOR THE BEADED ORNAMENTS PROJECT.

WE APPRECIATE THE TRAVEL TIME THAT OUR BARTLESVILLE MEMBERS TAKE TO MAKE OUR MONTHLY MEETINGS AND SO WE'D LIKE TO RETURN THE FAVOR AND JOIN THEM IN THEIR HOME TOWN. JUDY MAY BE ABLE TO TELL US A LITTLE MORE ABOUT THE PROJECT WHICH USUALLY INVOLVES THE PURCHASE OF A KIT AND AN INSTRUCTIONAL BOOK

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH

DIANNE AULTMAN WILL BE TEACHING A PYTHON NECKLACE. DIANNE'S BEADING TALENTS ARE SUPERB AND CONSISTANTLY SHOW GREAT ATTENTION TO DETAIL. WE LOOK FORWARD TO HER INSTRUCTION ON THIS PYTHON PROJECT.

THE NECKLACE WAS FEATURED IN BEADWORK'S DEC '02/JAN '03 MAGAZINE. AS A COURTESY, THE ARTIST HAS ASKED US TO PURCHASE THE MAGAZINE TO OBTAIN HER INSTRUCTIONS. BARBARA LOLLIS HAS JUST FILLED AN ORDER FOR REPRINTS OF THIS MAGAZINE AND IF WE HAVE A LARGE ENOUGH INTEREST WE MAY REORDER AGAIN THIS FALL IN PREPARATION FOR THIS PROJECT. THERE WILL BE A COPY OF THIS ISSUE IN THE OBS LIBRARY IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PREVIEW THIS PROJECT.

DECEMBER'S HOLIDAY PARTY/ TBA

JUDY BROTTON AND BARBARA LOLLIS WILL BE PLANNING THIS EVENT AND GIVING US MORE DETAILS AS THE DATE DRAWS CLOSER. LAST YEAR WE GOT A SNEAK PEAK AT THE JENK'S AQUARIUM AND HAD A GREAT TIME. THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN EVENT TO LOOK FORWARD TO-JUST ONE MORE OBS EVENT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS YEAR! WE WILL BE HAVING GIFT EXCHANGES – ONE FOR HANDMADE GIFTS AND THE OTHER FOR PURCHASED GIFTS. **(DUE TO THE CROWD RESPONSES WE WILL BE VOTING ON THIS ISSUE – MY ORIGINAL THOUGHT AFTER LAST YEAR'S PARTY WAS THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED THAT THE HANDMADE AND PURCHASED GIFTS BE SEPARATED. HOWEVER, THAT IDEA DIDN'T SEEM TOO POPULAR AT THE JULY MEETING SO NO PROBLEM-WE'LL TAKE A VOTE LATER.)** BE THINKING ABOUT YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE GIFT EXCHANGE. IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START MAKING OR SHOPPING FOR THAT PERFECT GIFT.

OLD BUSINESS
BEAD SWAP

IN ORDER TO BE FAIR TO ALL MEMBERS WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE BEADSWAPS, WE ASK THAT MEMBERS WHO SIGN UP FOR FUTURE BEADSWAPS BE PRESENT FOR THE EVENT OR FORWARD THEIR BEADS TO THE ORGANIZER BEFORE THE EVENT. IN THE FUTURE, MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT PRESENT AND HAVE NOT FORWARDED THEIR BEADS BY SWAP DAY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THAT SWAP. MEMBERS WHO SIGNED UP FOR THE JUNE SWAP BUT DID NOT PARTICIPATE THAT DAY ARE RESPONSIBLE TO PROVIDE THE OTHER SWAPPERS WITH THEIR PORTION OF BEADS WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. THE ORGANIZERS OF THE SWAP WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE TO POLICE THOSE RETURNS. HOWEVER, IF WE FIND THAT SOMEONE HAS COLLECTED BEADS BUT NOT FORWARDED THEM TO OTHERS THEY WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM FUTURE SWAPS UNTIL THAT PERSON MAKES GOOD ON THEIR IOU STATUS. THIS WAS INTENDED TO BE, AND PLEASE MAKE SURE IT CONTINUES TO BE, A FUN EVENT FOR ALL MEMBERS INVOLVED AS TRADES HAVE BEEN MADE IN GOOD FAITH.

BYLAWS

**QUORUM WAS NOT PRESENT-UNABLE TO VOTE ON BYLAWS
POSTPONED TILL AUGUST**

THE BYLAWS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND THE INITIAL READ THROUGH WITH REVISIONS WAS IN MAY. MEMBERS WERE REQUESTED TO SUBMIT PROPOSED CHANGES BY THE END OF JUNE SO ADDITIONS COULD BE REVIEWED AND PRESENTED FOR VOTING IN THE JULY MEETING. TODAY WILL BE THE FINAL READTHROUGH. WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO FIRST IS POST THE BYLAWS AND PROPOSED CHANGES, READ THROUGH THE DOCUMENT AND VOTE ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES. IF AN ITEM DOES NOT PASS AS WRITTEN, AFTER THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN READ THROUGH, WE WILL COME BACK TO THOSE UNPASSED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION IF NEED BE TO MAKE APPROPRIATE AND AGREEABLE CHANGES.

NEW BUSINESS

OKC/NORMAN ROADTRIP OCTOBER 24-25 AND/OR 25-26 FOR THE BEAD RENAISSANCE SHOW. MEMBERS INTERESTED PLEASE SIGN UP SO WE CAN DISCUSS MAKING CARPOOL AND ROOM RESERVATIONS FOR THE GROUP. THE SIGN UP LIST WILL CIRCULATE AGAIN IN AUGUST. CONTACT ME FOR FUTHER QUESTIONS/CONCERNS. THERE IS A LISTING OF REGIONAL BEADSHOWS POSTED ON THE EVENT BOARD IN CASE WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE MORE THAN ONE ROADTRIP. HOUSTON, DALLAS, AND KANSAS CITY ARE ALL HOSTING EVENTS IN THE NEXT FEW MONTHS.

BEAD-IN VOLUNTEERS-SEE TERESA'S INVITATION IN THE JULY NEWSLETTER.

WE WOULD LIKE TO VOTE ON OUR NEW BOARD MEMBERS IN SEPTEMBER SO THEY CAN JOIN THE 2003 EXECUTIVES FOR THE UPCOMING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER MEETINGS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE CONTINUITY AND EASE THE TRANSITION INTO 2004. THE BOARD WILL BE ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR CANDIDATES AND INQUIRIES FROM INTERESTED PERSONS. WE PLAN TO FOLLOW UP ON THOSE DURING THE JULY AND AUGUST MONTHS. ONE OF THE THINGS I APPRECIATE ABOUT THE OBS BOARD IS THE COMRADERIE AND SUPPORT WE HAVE FOR EACH OTHER BECAUSE WE SHARE RESPONSIBILITIES AND HELP EACH OTHER OUT IF THE JOB SEEMS TO BE TOO BIG FOR JUST ONE PERSON. PLEASE CONSIDER SERVING OBS BY RUNNING FOR OFFICE.

REGIONAL BEAD SHOWS 2003

October 3-5 in DALLAS, TX
International Gems, Beads & Jewelry Show
Details @ (800) 662-0411
www.intergem.com

October 10-12 in HOUSTON, TX
International Gems, Beads & Jewelry Show
Details @ (800) 662-0411
www.intergem.com

October 24-26 in DALLAS, TX
Whole Bead Show
Westin Park Central- 12720 Merit Dr.
Details @ (800) 292-2577
www.wholebead.com/calendar.html

October 24-26 in NORMAN, OK
Holiday Inn, Norman- 1000 N. Interstate Dr.
Details @ (505) 894-1293
www.beadshow.com

October 31-November 2 in KANSAS CITY, MO
Holiday Inn, Olathe
Details @ (505) 894-1293
www.beadshow.com

November 7-9 in HOUSTON, TX
Houston Bead Society's Annual Bead
& Jewelry Show
Details @ (409) 938-0393
www.houstonbeadsoc.org

Officer Bio

Lori Belknap: I was born and raised in the San Fernando Valley, a suburb of L.A. My husband & I moved to Tulsa five years ago for his work. We have five kids, two of which are still at home, two crazy cats, and a California King snake. I have always loved making and creating things with my hands. I taught myself cross stitch, and embroidery. I also love to crochet, scrapbook, and sew. About four years ago a little bead store named "Beaded Sisters" opened for business across the street from where I, along with a couple of my buddies; Danette Barr, Brenda Johnson & Farria Ellis, worked. Brenda and I went in there one afternoon at lunch and we drooled over all the pretty beads, we had never seen such a thing! We immediately signed up for the Garden Bracelet class. Farria did some investigative work and found the OK Bead Society. The four of us attended a bead-in at Joyce Sandifer's apartment (she was the OBS president at that time), and we were forever hooked! There are just so many things about beading that stimulate the senses; the vast array of colors and shapes, the smooth coolness of Delicas after they have been linked together with a peyote stitch, and the sheer fun of getting together with your buddies and "playing" beads. I know that beads will be with me forever.... They are in my very soul!

Member Bio

Chris Fornell: I began beading about 17-18 years ago when a friend taught me to make earrings. I made about a million pairs, and went on to try to obtain one hank of every seed bead available. After conquering that, as well as the bugle beads, I discovered there were actual uses for beads bigger than size 10's. Now I continue my search to locate and obtain at least a dozen of every bead made larger than a 10.... thank heavens they only make 6 or so colors in Delicas, cuz that's next!! I own a drapery workroom, and have for 10 years. My chosen 'career' tends to take an inordinate amount of time from beading and other hobbies, however, I do still find time to buy beads... luckily they store in rather small spaces. I'm originally from Florida. How I got to the bead state of Oklahoma is anyone's guess, but the beading is good here.



OKLAHOMA BEAD SOCIETY

MEMBERSHIP DUES COUPON: **ANNUAL** DUES AMOUNT: \$20*
PAYMENT DUE: JANUARY 1, 2003

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP _____
PHONE _____ WORK PHONE _____
E-MAIL _____

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: OKLAHOMA BEAD SOCIETY

MAIL TO: Dee Schwanhausser DATE PAID _____
 2890 EAST 51ST ST. #K AMOUNT PAID _____
 TULSA, OK 74105 CHECK NUMBER _____

*Dues will be prorated to \$10 for the remainder of the year.

About Our Organization...

Statement of Purpose

The Oklahoma Bead Society is an organization of bead artists who have joined together to enhance their skills and further their knowledge of the cultural, historical, functional and technical aspects of beads. The Oklahoma Bead Society also serves to promote the education and appreciation of the fine art of creating beaded jewelry, clothing and other beaded items.

Membership

Membership dues are \$20 per calendar year (Jan. – Dec.). Members receive first priority for shows and classes; non-members pay a slightly higher fee. Participating bead stores offer a discount to OBS members when they show their membership card.

Regularly Scheduled

Meetings are normally held the first Wednesday of each month; 6:30 p.m. at the Brookside Library, located at 4515 S. Owasso Ave., Tulsa, OK. There is not a minimum age limit as long as a parent accompanies children.