

## Board Members

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**There is not  
enough time in a  
day for  
beading...so  
forget dusting  
the house..**

## Cubes, hearts and crystals

Spring Greetings,  
The March meeting was very informative and a lot of fun !! Boy, did I ever see some great looking dragonflies !!! And the show and tell items gave me all sorts of neat ideas. THANK YOU to **Nancy Wilson** for teaching the Interlaced Bracelet. I hope to have mine completed before the next meeting, along with a matching necklance and earrings. Tall order, but somebody's got to do it! Ha-ha We had 21 members present and three guests in attendance.

I'm also looking forward to getting the new and revised, good looking, better than ever website up and running. **Steven Copley** is all set and working on it now. When **Terry Burress** and I had our meeting with him we found out that he used to do beading himself with his

Aunt. Just a little known fact about him that I thought I would pass along.

On March 12<sup>th</sup> we had our first (hopefully of many) field trip for 2006 to **Beads by Becky** in Chouteau. What a fun day !!! We met a Border's, piled into a car and set off down the road. The weather was cooperative, except for the wind. Don't know why I even bothered to do anything with my hair. Anyhow, we spent a good deal of time with Becky, got our bead fix and then headed over to Del Rio's for lunch. (My credit card was getting warm.) Throughout the day we laughed, talked about the bead society and things we would like to see, shared beading tips and discussed the June Salad luncheon. We also talked about another field trip and there were several ideas. More on that later. Made it back to

T-town around 2:30 in the afternoon....I don't know what the other girls did for the rest of the day, but I was definitely beading. Nothing like a field trip to light a fire under you !!!

One other thing I would like to bring up is....name tags. There are so many new faces at OBS now. Please design a name tag and wear it to the next meeting. Don't sit with your usual bead buddies....spread out and meet some new people. You never know what kind of the same interest you share unless you get to know your fellow bead members.

Looking forward to seeing you April 5<sup>th</sup> at Brookside Library. Don't forget Fuddrucker's for dinner before the meeting.  
Bead Happy.

Dee

There isn't a treasurer's report this month due to a death in the family. Please send your heart felt wishes and prayers to Angela Harshaw.

### Secretary Report

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday March 1, 2006 at the Brookside Library by Dee Schwanhausser.

We had a guest from the library Renaissance Fair Society asking OBS to participate in having a beading table from 1:00 – 4:00 p.d. at the Martin Regional Auditorium for the Renaissance Fair on Saturday June 24<sup>th</sup>. A sheet was passed around asking for volunteers to sign up.

Dee reminded us of other upcoming events in June: (1) the salad luncheon with be either the first or second Saturday and (2) Gem Faire will be June 16<sup>th</sup> thru 18<sup>th</sup>.

Dee reported

on the meeting that was held with Steven Copley and several board members regarding the website. There was a recommendation that OBS hire Steven Copley to build the website for \$ 600.00. The vote was unanimous to hire Steven Copley. There was also a recommendation that Steven Copley develop a logo for OBS for the website for \$ 90.00. The vote again was unanimous to have Steven Copley develop the logo.

It has been confirmed that Barbara Henthorn will be teaching her flower bracelet at the salad luncheon. The pattern for the bracelet can be found on the bead-

patterns.com website. The pattern # is 6614. Dee encouraged eneryone to already have the tube part of the bracelet completed before coming to the class.

A field trip to Beads by Becky in Chouteau has been planned. Anyone interested in going should meet on Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Border's Book Store on 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a,m,,

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m. The door prize drawing was won by Christa Thompson.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Burress

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### BOARD MEETING

April 5<sup>th</sup> at  
Fuddrucker's  
On Peoria  
5:30 PM

All members are  
welcome

## Programs: April, 2006

### Checkered Past from February 2006 Bead & Button page 94

Taught by **Dee Schwanhausser**

Supplies needed for **April** Program:

For Bracelet that is 8 ½ 'long

12 12MM 2-hole heart shaped beads

48 4mm bicone beads

4 mm cube beads

88 color A

88 color B

48 4mm daisy spacers

4-strand clasp

8 crimp beads, crimper pliers & wire cutters

Nymo B or Fireline 6 lb. test

Flexible beading wire, 014 - .015

**May's** program will be a **herringbone stitch bracelet** project taught by Betsy Edwards. This is in preparation (and a good project) for Barbara Henthorn's class in June.

Supplies needed:

One large focal point bead

Size 11 seed beads to match focal bead. (up to two colors)

Flex wire and crimps

Bead covers

Clasp

Usual stitching tools.

### Other neat stuff...websites to visit

[www.schoolofbeadwork.com](http://www.schoolofbeadwork.com) by Carol Wilcox Wells (enuf said)

[www.toocutebeads.com](http://www.toocutebeads.com) great ideas and kits

[www.shebeads.com](http://www.shebeads.com) by Sheilah Cleary

[www.bead-patterns.com](http://www.bead-patterns.com) great ideas and lots of free stuff

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Ok, I KNOW I don't have enough diamonds, but why not think crystals !!! Wear some for the April meeting. Let's all sparkle !!!!

The Diamond is the birthstone of April and the anniversary gemstone for the 10th and 60th years of marriage. Diamonds were discovered in India in 500 B.C., and the name "diamond" comes from the Greek word "Adamas" which means unconquerable -

suggesting the eternity of love. Since ancient Greece, diamonds and diamond jewelry have been the traditional symbol of love, and the ancients believed they were hardened dew drops, splinters from the stars or crystallized lightning. A diamond is the

hardest substance known to humankind, and is made of a crystallized carbon that has unique powers of light reflection. Since diamonds are composed of a single element, they are the purest of all gemstones.

## An Oldie but a goodie

Fun, Fun, Fun....

We're going to re-instate the bead jar, but with a little twist. Some of you remember the old "bead jar" days, but we have a lot of new members who have no idea what it is. **Tina Birch** has volunteered to start it out and be the keeper of the bead jar for the next calendar quarter.

Here are the rules:

This coming meeting (April) will be the starting month and the drawing will take place at the July meeting. Whoever wins the bead jar in July becomes the new keeper of the bead jar for the next calendar quarter. The bead jar keeper must attend the meetings or have a substitute "keeper" if she/he will be out of town, due to illness or (heaven forbid) another commitment..

**You must be a member of OBS** and you can participate in two ways. One by bringing a bead and two by buying tickets. All proceeds go to OBS.

All of you have been to a bead store

where they give you those plastic ziplock bags for your loose beads. For the APRIL meeting we will do **SIZE 8 BEADS**. Take a plastic ziplock bag and place ONE HEAPING TABLESPOON of size 8 beads in it...any color you like.

Bring the bag to the meetings and receive 2 tickets for the drawing. You can bring as many bags as you like.. but they must all be different colors.

If you forget your ziplock bag and still want to participate then you can buy two tickets for a one dollar bill. In May, we will do a different bead. And then another different bead in June. So you see the bead jar can get pretty full in a short period of time. The bead jar keeper gets to select what kind of beads to bring each month, which means the jar will be different each quarter.

This is a fun and neat way to build up your "stash".

**Membership Form – Give and/or Mail to Angela Harshaw,  
Treasurer**

1812 S. 125th East Ave., Tulsa, OK 74128

**Such a  
deal....only  
\$ 20.00 a year  
!!! ”**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**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, function and technical aspects of beads. The Oklahoma Bead Society also serve s to promote the education and appreciation of the fine art of creating beaded jewelry, clothing and other beaded items.

**Membership**

Membership dues are \$ 20.00 per calendar year (Jan-Dec). Members received 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.

**Scheduled Meetings**

Meetings are held at Brookside Library located at 4515 South Owasso, Tulsa (45<sup>th</sup> and Peoria) at 6:30 PM on the first Wednesday of the month.

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*“Come have fun and  
bead with us !!!”*



Oklahoma Bead Society

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We're on the Web!

*See us at:*

**[www.okbeadsociety.com](http://www.okbeadsociety.com)**

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