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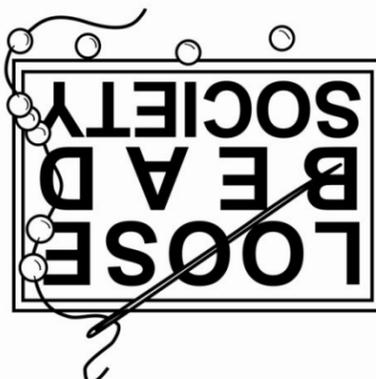
December Program

The programming committee has decided to act on several of the suggestions put forth in the past few weeks. Rather than focusing on receiving we decided that giving fit the season much better. Please begin gathering finished pieces, beads, tools, magazines, books, etc. that can be donated to a local charity. Several good charities have already been put forth and a final decision will be made in the coming weeks.

We have also decided that the December program needs to be more than a chance to eat and socialize. As such, we will be hosting an open beading night where everyone can work on those frantic last minute projects and gifts. To assist with any projects that are stuck or sickly we will be administering Vitamin Bead shots. We will have several Bead Doctors available to assist with instructions that are less than clear or to give advice on finishing and answering questions in general.

Cindy Collins

Meeting Dates
November 17
December 15
January 19



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The Loose Bead Society of Greater Milwaukee is a fellowship of kindred spirits that began in 1999 with the purpose of sharing and promoting the creation of beautiful beadwork.



Letter from the president

It is the smell in the air; that crisp, wakeup smell; the smell of change! This is the most exciting, energizing time of the year; we are right in the middle of it! Take a walk outside, close your eyes, and take several slow deep breaths. On a cool day, or evening, you can almost feel those very fine hairs inside your nose sit up at attention, all excited; it is fall, the best season of change and opportunity! The perfume of this season is the blending of crisp leaves waiting to drop to the ground; Sumac, with flaming fuchsia leaves, and the last few lawns mowed short readying everything for the long winter sleep. Over all of these smells the unique nose-tickling scents of wood smoke as people start those first fires in fireplaces! Falls spicy fragrances; this is our future! A change that opens the doors on unimaginable possibilities! This is what faces us; we are standing on the edge of such potential it is breathtaking!! I know we are ready for this limitless future!

This month we stand tall and cast out ballots; making our choice to stand still, continuing with the same'ol same'ol; or take that leap of faith into a wondrous future. With your help the Loose Bead Society has a limitless horizon in which to grow. So, members, tie on your fastest track shoes, and we will hit MACH; bringing this society into the twenty-first century.

I have been an LBS member for quite a few years, and for all those years we conducted business as usual. But NO MORE! We are a society of the members, by the members, and for the members! With a future as bright and limitless as ours it is up to everyone to make this the magical adventure it can be. It rests on every members shoulders, no more mine than yours.....one member is not enough, nor is two; but if we all band together, the future of the Loose Bead Society stands strong! We just have to reach out and grab that GOLD RING that is within out reach! So, reach out, reach way out, and we will have a society to be envied by all.....it is ours to take!

October is the gate way to change, sharpen your pencils and cast your vote on the road to tomorrow! Oh, don't forget the program that follows the elections; it will have you wired for the future!

See everyone at the elections!

Renee E. Corya
President

The Wonderful World of Books

At the August program we asked everyone to bring their favorite books. The results were fantastic. The range of topics was great and many people could not choose just one but brought stacks instead. Listed below are all of the books shared that night complete with title, author and ISBN number when available.

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Book	Author	ISBN
World Beads	Janet Coles & Robert Budwig	1845970012
Bead Fantasies I	Takako Samejima	4889961283
Bead Fantasies II	Takako Samejima	4889961984
Bead Fantasies III	Takako Samejima	4889961887
Bead Fantasies IV	Takako Samejima	4889961283
Phillips Crystal Lace Patterns	Sandra D. Halpenny	0973797304
Bracelets Buttons & Brooches	Jane Davis	0896895815
Beading Her Image	Margie Deeb	0967096413
Bead Knitted Bags: 10 Projects for Beaders and Knitters	Julia S. Pretl	1589232895
Fiber-Wire Beads and Jewelry	Vann, Lisa	0873494458
Creative Cloth Doll Beading: Designing and Embellishing with Beads	Patti Medaris Culea	1592533116
Micro-Macramé Jewelry, Tips and Techniques for Knotting with Beads	Joan R. Babcock	0977305201
Beading with Cabochons: Simple Techniques for Beautiful Jewelry	Jamie Cloud Eakin	1579907180
Bracelets, Buttons & Brooches: 20 Projects Using Innovative Beading Techniques	Jane Davis	0896895815
Coraling Technique: Step-by-Step Instructions For Making Ten Original Design Necklaces, Bracelets And Earrings In The Most Popular Russian Beading Technique	Konstantinov, Varvara	5766802137
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The Art & Elegance of Beadweaving: New Jewelry Designs with Classic Stitches	Wells, Carol Wilcox	1579905331
Beadwork: A World Guide	Stallebrass, Pam	0847825132
The Illustrated Bead Bible: Terms, Tips & Techniques	Geary, Theresa Flores	1402723539
50 Nifty Beaded Cards	Rankin, Chris	1600591469
The Artist's Way: A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity (Inner Workbook)	Cameron, Julia	0874776945
Those Bad Bad Beads	Virginia L Blakelock	
Creative Bead Weaving: A Contemporary Guide To Classic Off-Loom Stitches	Wells, Carol	1579900801
Jewelry Concepts & Technology	Untracht, Oppi	0385041853
An Illustrated Dictionary of Jewelry	Newman, Harold	0500274525
Metropolitan Jewelry	McConnell, Sophie	0821218778
Bead Romantique		

NEW PRODUCT REVIEW – BEADALON'S TACKY BEAD MAT

I was roaming the aisles at Michael's on a recent evening (to see if there was anything I wanted to buy with my 40% off coupon), and found the *TACKY BEAD MAT* by Beadalon hanging on an endcap display. It is a 4.25" square sticky mat, blue in color. The material looks like the same thing that the gel window cling decorations are made of. The package describes it as a sticky surface that holds small parts, leaves no residue, and can be cleaned with water to "recharge". Since I was about to be a passenger on a car trip to Michigan, it seemed like a good time to purchase one and try it out. I chose to do a bangle bracelet (from the new Bead & Button issue), which is made with size 15 and 11 seeds, and size 11 triangles. I spread a few beads out on the mat on my smallest bead tray, held it up vertically, and not a single bead moved! There really is no residue left on the beads, even though the mat feels gooey. The beads leave a little imprint in the mat; I'll be anxious to see if those disappear when the mat is washed – I haven't done that yet. I highly recommend this little gadget for travelling, or for beading in bed, if you don't want to do the "Princess and the Pea" (or bead) routine! It was \$4.99 (minus 40%) well spent.

Sue Stachelski