

# December – February 2009

Volume 7 Issue 4



*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***

As I contemplate the waning days of 2008 and the beginning of not just a new year, but a spectacular New Year (in my admittedly biased opinion) I am filled with optimism. As new years seem like a fresh start, with the tradition of New Year's resolutions from cutting down on our bad habits or resolving to begin more positive ones, we begin 2009 with a board energized with new blood, eager to get right to work!

For the LBS, we celebrate 2009 as our 10th anniversary, quite a milestone! If you hearken back to September's meeting and the "Vision of the Society" survey, with all those sticky notes; well, they have been sorted, tabulated, counted and organized into all of the various categories. We have a veritable plethora of positively spectacular ideas from which to draw equally spectacular programs (please excuse the alliteration, I can't resist). You, the members of the Loose Bead Society have set a very high bar with all of your ideas! I have absolute confidence that the 2009 board will rise to the challenge. This coming year will be, to use the vernacular of a bygone time, *OUT OF SIGHT!*

Renee Corya - President

## **Renew Your Membership**

Kathy Willmering – Membership Coordinator

We're celebrating our 10th anniversary in 2009 and we want you to be a part of the celebration!

Renew your Loose Bead Society membership for 2009. These perks are available to those who renew now:

- Early sign up for our fabulous 2009 retreat
- 2009 Bead & Button show class registration fee waived
- 10% discount at many area bead stores

You must renew your membership for 2009 in order to get the "member price" for our Bead Retreat classes.

Update your information on the membership renewal form passed out at the October meeting or mailed to members who couldn't attend October's meeting. Mail the form and a check for your dues (\$24.00) to:

Loose Bead Society of Greater Milwaukee  
PO Box 35  
Brookfield, WI 53008-0035

Misplaced your renewal form? Just print your name, address, phone, and email on a piece of paper and mail that with a check for your dues (\$24.00) to the address above.



M.T.W.Th.F.S 10am - 5pm  
Sundays 12pm - 4pm

(262) 781-7670

[www.midwestbeads.com](http://www.midwestbeads.com)

15780 W. Capitol Drive Brookfield, WI 53005

## Calder Jewelry-A Book Review

By Brenda Schweder

Calder Jewelry (Yale University Press - ISBN 978-0-300-13428-5) is currently my most coveted book. I purchased it at the Milwaukee Art Museum with some Christmas money and it is the very best present I've selected for myself yet! Published by the Calder Foundation, it contains remarks by Calder's grandson Alexander R.C. Rower and essays by Mark Rosenthal and Jane Adlin.

Alexander Calder (1898-1976) was a sculptor and jewelry artist whose wearable pieces repeat the linear, three-dimensional qualities of his mobiles and wire sculptures. He used found objects (my hero) and non-precious metals that he hammered, shaped and composed into very simple, honest forms. Calder never succumbed to many offers to edition his designs, preferring instead to create each piece as its own unique work.

The book's 288 pages are replete with remarkable photographs (by freelancer Maria Robledo) featuring select pieces from the more than 1800 pieces of Calder created in his lifetime. Calder's inventory drawings and even the boxes he made to transport and store his jewelry are also documented therein.

A beautiful coffee table book to many, this lovely compilation will continue to be housed on my bench where I can borrow inspiration at arm's length.

## LBS Supports LBS (Loose Bead Society supports Local Bead Store)

Helen Dahms

Did you know that Midwest Beads, one of our corporate sponsors, has been periodically offering Open Beading in their classroom on Sunday afternoons? Neither did I until I noticed it mentioned in one of their recent email newsletters. Just shows what you can learn when you finally settle down and check out your inbox.

Not only were they offering Open Beading, but "our" Laurie Kestelman was going to be present as Bead Doctor on duty! Even though it was the day of the Packer/Bear game and I do love the Packers, I love beading more! Off I went with a few other bead loving LBS members: Adelaide Peterson, Gail McGuire, Carla Sikorski, Julie Miller and I met and enjoyed two hours of beading and talking, and, of course, stayed for another hour of shopping.

Midwest Beads always has plenty of treasures from which one can choose, and their helpful staff always takes time to show shoppers what's new and how those new items can be used. We all loved the bead frames that with the addition of a crystal and a little wire become an instant pair of adorable earrings. I particularly loved the Packer beads; maybe it was out of guilt at missing the game, but I just had to have those green and gold beads with matching crystals and perfect little gold footballs to accent the piece. What a perfect gift for my Packer loving friends.

Right now would be the time to be sure to get on the Midwest email list, so you don't miss out on getting their weekly updates. You can find the link to sign up on their website, [www.midwestbeads.com](http://www.midwestbeads.com). When I checked this week, I found out about a *free* class, some interesting future classes, and saw some absolutely adorable earrings ideas to make even more cute gifts! Hopefully, there will be more Open Beading in the future, and we'll be able to meet more of you there.

## New Store, New Discount, New Opportunity!

Helen Dahms

Last May Donna Zaidenberg and Jessica Lundevall opened a fabulous new bead store called Studio Beads in downtown Deerfield, Illinois. Donna and Jessica are creating a schedule of classes which will include artists such as NanC Meinhardt, Marcia DeCoster, and Sherri Serafini. These were a few of the names mentioned when I met Donna in early November. I was at Studio Beads taking a Laura McCabe class with fellow LBS members Carla Sikorski and Amy Smith, and past (soon to rejoin!) member Rebecca Halsey. All of us were more than pleased with the classroom space, lighting, and atmosphere and the ten percent discount we were offered.

More than that, we were thrilled when Donna and Jessica offered the Loose Bead Society a special shopping day! Get ready for a road trip in 2009! They also said that if anyone wanted to visit them before a group shopping expedition is organized, they'd offer the discount with a membership card. They provide the discount on seed beads only, but they have a great selection of sizes and colors, and we all thought the prices were reasonable.

Along with the discount and the promise of a special shopping event, ideas were shared as to how The Loose Bead Society and Studio Beads might work together to develop workshops taught by nationally known artists. Hopefully, we'll be able to plan a special workshop with them later in 2009. Studio Beads is easy to find; it's about an hour from the College exit Park N Ride and two blocks away from the Deerfield Metra stop. The shop has big comfortable work tables which Donna said are available for "open beading" as long as there is not a class being held.

What a find! Good shopping, great classes, and good people, all brought together by our love of learning and beads. Check out their website: [www.studiobeads.com](http://www.studiobeads.com). Just don't go there for the Kim Stathis Pearl Mound Bracelet; make your reservation for that class when it's offered at the Loose Bead Society retreat in March!



### ***Bead&Button Magazine Requests Society Input***

by Brenda Schweder

The Society has enjoyed a partnership with Kalmbach Publishing Company for some years during the magazine's Bead & Button Show, but I was recently pleased to be asked to assemble a focus group of LBSers to help in a different way. Editor Ann Dee Allen invited this group to join her and the *Bead & Button* staff for a discussion on jewelry trends for 2009-10. Among the topics discussed were directions in jewelry design and artistry; the path of our work in both technique and inspiration; the role of the artistic community in our work; finding, establishing, and building beading communities; and online beading workshops.

I was proud to be among such a professional and well-versed group of women hobbyists representing us to Kalmbach as a niche of jewelry makers nation-wide.

If you would like to weigh-in on any of the topics discussed, please email me ([b@BrendaSchweder.com](mailto:b@BrendaSchweder.com)) and I'll be happy to pass your input along!

Photo (LtoR): Tea Benduhn (Associate Editor), Julia Gerlach (Managing Editor), Amy Smith (well, Amy's hair) (Website Coordinator); Helen Dahms (LBS VP-Special Events Elect), Lynne Soto (Associate Editor), Lora Groszkiewicz (Editorial Assistant), Anna Elizabeth Draeger (Associate Editor), Ann Cook (LBS Treasurer).

## Friends of LBS

Show your LBS membership card at the following stores to receive a 10% discount on your purchases (subject to store rules). ~ *Be sure to thank them!* ~

Acme Bead Company  
41 W Maple St  
Sturgeon Bay, WI  
920-559-7446  
www.acmebeadcompany.com

Indus Beads  
1148 Williamson St  
Madison, WI  
608-251-2323  
www.indusbeads.com

Midwest Beads  
15780 W Capitol Dr  
Brookfield, WI  
262-781-7670  
www.midwestbeads.com

Bead Bin  
402 Westgate Mall  
Madison, WI  
608-274-0104  
www.beadbinmadison.com

Izora's  
9114 State Hwy 42  
Fish Creek, WI  
920-868-4222

\*\* Corporate Member  
Northwest Beads  
N88 W16741 Main St  
Menomonee Falls, WI  
262-255-4740  
www.northwestbeads.com

Bonjour Beads  
6424 Monona Dr  
Madison, WI  
608-222-9570  
www.bonjourbeads.com

JSM Bead Coop  
931 N 8th St  
Sheboygan, WI  
920-208-2323  
www.jsmbeadcoop.com

Nottingham Beads Gemstones &  
More  
630 Milwaukee St  
Delafield, WI  
262-646-8535  
www.nottinghambeads.com

Eclectica  
18900 W Bluemound Rd  
Brookfield, WI  
262-641-0910  
www.eclecticabeads.com

\*\* Corporate Member  
Kaleidoscope Beads  
8624 S Market Pl  
Oak Creek, WI  
414-762-6088  
www.kaleidoscope-beads.com

Perfect Beads  
10354 Bella Vista Lane  
Ephraim, WI  
920-854-6472

Funky Hannah's Beads & Art  
324 Main St  
Racine, WI  
262-634-6088  
www.funkyhannahs.com

\*\* Corporate Member  
Meant to Bead  
1264 W Main St  
Sun Prairie, WI  
608-837-5900  
www.meant-to-bead.com  
(15%)

Planet Bead  
710 N Milwaukee  
Milwaukee, WI  
414-223-4616

Giralte Beads  
W62 N580 Washington Ave  
Cedarburg, WI  
262-375-5501  
www.giraltetegemsandbeads.com

Midnight Moon  
184 W Main St  
Stoughton, WI  
608-877-1577  
www.midnightmoon.biz

Studio Beads  
816 Waukegan Road  
Deerfield, IL  
847-607-8702  
www.studiobeads.com

### **Corporate Sponsor:**

KALMBACH PUBLISHING CO.  
Publisher of Bead&Button, BeadStyle, and Art Jewelry  
magazines  
P.O. Box 1612, Waukesha, WI 53187

Turtle Island Beads & Gallery  
674 W Mulberry St  
West Baraboo, WI  
608-356-8823  
www.turtleislandbeads.com

### **Corporate Members:**

MIDWEST BEADS - Alice & Gary Lauber  
15790W. Capitol Dr., Brookfield, WI 262-781-7670

KALEIDOSCOPE BEADS - Suzanne Leberman  
8624 S. Market Place, Oak Creek, WI 53154 414.762-60-88

## Special Events Retreat Committee Report The Retreat

By Brenda Schweder

I am so very proud and pleased to report that our busy-bee committee (Becky Conrad-LaMere, Helen Dahms, Laurie Kestelman, Judy Ludwig, Gail McGuire, Jan Mueller, Carla Sikorski, and myself) has created yet another wonderful retreat get-away:

2009 Bead Retreat  
Radisson Hotel Racine Harbourwalk  
Friday-Sunday  
March 13-15, 2009

Mark your calendars, 'cause you ain't gonna' want to miss this event whether you are new to beading and want to learn the basics or improve your already fabulous skills and take classes from nationally-ranked beading and jewelry instructors! We'll also continue open beading in the Harbourview Room and our all-attendees luncheon in the Zephyr Room, both overlooking beautiful Lake Michigan!

We are pleased to host:

Kelly Russell -- PMC, BRONZclay, polymer clay, etc. - 3 days;  
Kim Stathis -- a lovely stitched pearl bracelet - 3 hours;  
Jill Erickson -- transfers on polymer clay - 3 hours;  
Sue Ripsch -- graduated chainmaille - 3 hours.

*Get your registration in early!* One new twist this year is that we will give LBS members first chance at registration, but then open the retreat to other like societies and the public in early January in order to fill our classes and encourage new members!

Amanda Paffrath of Funky Hannah's Beads and Art has also invited us back for events on three consecutive days! She's such an awesome Racine partner and friend!

Please see our website for more details on the whole shebang. You can even print an invitation via the site to reserve your space!

We've also reserved a block of hotel rooms at the Radisson at a discounted rate for those who want a true getaway from the real world!

*The retreat committee meets on an as-needed basis. If you'd like to get involved, we'd love to have your help. Please contact Brenda at 414.313.0234*

## Come Celebrate the Holiday Season with LBS

WHEN: Monday, December 15, 2008 at  
7:00pm

WHERE: New Berlin Public Library

FEATURING: Fun & Food with "Have  
You Had Your Vitamin "BEAD" Today?"

WHAT TO BRING:

- A project for open beading. We encourage you to bring a project that you would like some help with and one of our "Vitamin BEAD Dr's." will be happy to help you with it.
- A dessert to share, if you wish, and the recipe; Rondelle Sandwiches and beverages will be provided
- Beads or stringing supplies to donate to our special project (see related article by Lisa Phillips)

\* \* \* \* \*

## COME "BEAD IN" THE NEW YEAR WITH THE LBS

On Monday, January 19, 7:00pm, the LBS will "BEAD IN" the New Year with Hannah Braun-Allen, the designer and owner of "**THE BEAD TRADE GAME**". Hannah, who lives in Manitowoc, will spend the evening with us, leading us in playing "**THE BEAD TRADE GAME**" in several creative ways. Bring a handful of beads for the "bead pot" and make sure to bring your ugliest bead for a special round of play. Don't worry, if you forget your beads, there will be some available for you. At the end of the evening there will be drawings for games (Hannah has donated 2 sets), and of course, there will be some available for purchase. Be prepared for a fun evening to kick off the 10th Anniversary Year of the LBS!

Sue Stachelski – VP Programming

**2008 Officers**

President: Renee Corya  
corya53@netscape.net  
414-962-5785

Vice-President Programs:  
Sue Stachelski  
sjstach@earthlink.net

Vice-President Special  
Events: Brenda Schweder  
b@brendaschweder.com

Secretary: Julie Miller  
juliem@execpc.com  
414-257-0232

Treasurer – Ann Cook  
anncookc@earthlink.net

Membership – Kathy Willmering  
kwillmer@mail.com

Webmaster – Amy Smith

Newsletter: Cindy Collins  
wolfpack92bsme@yahoo.com  
414-248-2654

## Special Project – Reaching Out to Others

Lisa Phillips

The Loose Bead Society will be participating in a project at the Social Development Commission's Family Support Center. The Center provides emergency shelter for homeless families as well as the tools needed for the families to regain an independent life style.

In December, we will be collecting supplies that can be used for basic stringing projects: beads, crimps, beading wire, basic tools, etc. We will be using these supplies and helping the women and young girls at the Shelter make something beautiful for themselves. On February 14 (Valentine's Day!!) members will be have the opportunity to go to the Center and participate in this exciting teaching and learning event!

Please join us in our efforts by contributing something "pretty" at our December meeting. And THEN, please mark your calendars and plan to join us as we spend an afternoon brightening someone's world.

**Meeting Dates**  
December 15  
January 19  
February 16

Loose Bead Society of Greater Milwaukee  
PO Box 35  
Brookfield, WI 53008-0035

