



From the President

Welcome to a year of beading that promises to be fun, educational, and will help you dare to stretch the boundaries and move out of your comfort zone! The Committee met in mid-January for a meeting combined with a pot-luck lunch. We had many things we wanted to discuss and I am delighted to report we got through everything. (We also had a most enjoyable lunch). Our main focus was on our 2011 Bead Guild competition. You already know it is to be an online format this year, and one of the things we decided to do was make it free to anyone resident in Australia to enter. We would like this event to really stand out in the calendar of bead competitions available to Australians, so the Committee was unanimous in its decision to make this the number 1 issue this year.

It is because of this that we have decided not to take part in the Craft and Quilt Fair. Last year, we were given a very poor position, and as we get so few new members from it, as well as having difficulty staffing the stand, we thought our efforts would be better directed toward the competition.

We will have much more on offer this year – workshops, demos, new products, and we kick off the February meeting with the Bead Challenge winner to be decided. The theme was “Summertime” and it took a while for me to work out what to do with my kit. I have been slowly creating my masterpiece for the last couple of weeks – still one-handed, but my surgery is now scheduled for Feb. 11th. After that, there will be no stopping me with regard to all things beady. February can be a stinker heat-wise, so if Saturday looks like being extreme, please bring a portable fan, a power board and extension cord if you have one as we could be forced inside. I’ve got everything crossed that it will be a moderate day, as it is so nice to bead in natural light.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Leslie

CONTENTS January 2011

Beader Focus	2
Craft & Quilt Fair	1
Last Meeting	3
Next Meeting	1
Our Plans for 2011	4
President’s Message	1
Useful Websites	4
Your Committee	3

OUR NEXT MEETING: February 5th: 12 noon for 1pm meeting

BEAD CHALLENGE JUDGING... And don’t forget this time we have a \$50 prize to offer....

DEMONSTRATION: E-K will demonstrate circular stitching.

And please bring:

AFTERNOON TEA: a *small* plate to share.

BEAD JAR: a 6mm or larger bead for the bead jar.

AND DON’T FORGET THE NAME TAGS!!

Di



THE CRAFT AND QUILT FAIR (AND THE BEAD FAIR) is on again next year: May 18-22nd.

We are not having a stand this year, but do visit, it’s the only one with beads featured!

Beader focus: Leslie Duxbury

It's our President's turn this month:

Leslie started beading in 1995 when she was off work due to a serious accident. She needed something to fill in her time, but it had to be very lightweight, and something she could simply put aside when the pain became too much.

Leslie has always been interested in craft work of various kinds although she never expected it to lead to owning her own "bead" business and being involved in the Bead Guild. Her other favourite craft is embroidery, and of course, often the two meet in her work.

Leslie enjoys all types of beadwork except perhaps stringing which she

finds somewhat boring. At the moment, she is limited in what she can do but imminent surgery will fix that and she'll be back at the work board from sun-up to sundown!

Selling her work is part of her bead business "Jezebelle Jewels" and she also makes items for friends but doesn't, herself, tend to wear jewellery. Leslie sources material from all over the world and finds the internet a wonderful resource.

Leslie has a group of beading friends (The Stitch and Bitch!) who meet every week. They used to attend her classes 11 years ago and although they now do their own thing each week, they occasionally have Leslie teach a bead workshop. She says that it's through beading that she has met many friends who are now an important part of her life. I asked Leslie about the most exciting piece she has worked on and her response was that if she finds anything not too exciting, she'll tend to abandon it as she loves to

work on things that push her out of her comfort zone. Her current projects are top secret... I suspect she has a few competitions in mind!

When asked if she had advice for a new beader, she had 3 pearls of wisdom:

1. You get what you pay for.
2. Take lessons.
3. Use the fabulous Bead Guild library!

And this is Leslie's favourite story about her beading:

"I was teaching a lady square stitch. She did a few rows, but had made some mistakes, so I told her 'Square stitch is so strong you can cut out the mistake and connect the remaining piece to your new work without anything coming undone'. Despite her protests, I confidently cut the piece up the middle.....and all her beads fell off."

Ooops and thank you, Leslie!

Di

The group photograph shows Leslie in full teaching swing... Photo courtesy of Jackie Johnson



The chief function of colour should be to serve expression.

Henri Matisse



TASCHEN PORTFOLIO

OUR DECEMBER MEETING

It was rather pleasant to have a December meeting and, as usual with our meetings, there was plenty of food and drink and a very convivial spirit all round.

The swap meet was fun and Maxine won the annual Bead Jar raffle....

The Bead Challenge kits were given out to nearly everyone. It'll be interesting to see what your view of "Summer" is!

Di



Crystal Flair

Beads and Findings

Make it your own 

www.jewellerybeadsaustralia.com.au

Have nothing in your houses that you do not know to be useful or believe to be beautiful. William Morris




Jezebel Jewels

www.JezebelJewels.com.au
Designer Jewellery

Jewellery Parties & Beading Workshops
Large range of Swarovski Crystals

H: 9306 4333
M: 0401 687 803
E: artist@JezebelJewels.com.au

P.O.Box 1502
Wangara, 6947
Western Australia
©Thea Bara

Release your creativity!!!



BeadHive

Beads & Crafts

1/9 Parkes Street Cockburn Central WA 8184
9417 8288
beadhivebeads@bigpond.com www.beadhive.com.au



The Bead Company

over 15,000 stock lines

order online
www.beadco.com.au

Osborne Park
P 08 9244 2424
E sales@beadco.com.au



- Swarovski Crystals - 2000 items
- Sterling Silver
- Pilled Gold
- Semi-Precious
- Freshwater Pearls
- Beadsmith
- Beadalon
- Seed Beads - 15/0, 11/0, 9/0, 8/0, 5/0
- Findings - Gold, Silver, Black Nickel, Nickel
- Antique Copper, Antique Brass
- Extra Fine Headpins & Eye Pins
- Neoprene, Rubber Tubing, Waxed Cotton Cord
- Hot Fixed Diamonds - 6 sizes & 14 colours

YOUR COMMITTEE

President:

Leslie: 9306 4333

Secretary: Di: 9479 5931

Treasurer: Lisa: 9349 7802

Jackie: 9367 8140

Karen: 9458 5314

Merilyn: 9384 4953



USEFUL WEBSITES

[Www.MargieDeeb.com](http://www.MargieDeeb.com) : Margie Deeb is the colour guru and if you go onto her website and join her newsletter group, you will be sent useful info regarding colour and free bead patterns
clothpaperscissors@interweave.com will lead you to another newsletter site, this time with some interesting stuff on mixed media

Yvonne Krystal of Crystal Flair (one of our corporate members) has a new website and is gradually putting all her stock onto the site: good luck with a tedious job, Yvonne! The new address is:

[Www.jewellerybeadsaustralia.com.au](http://www.jewellerybeadsaustralia.com.au) and if you sign up for the newsletter you will be given a discount code for purchases.

[Bead&Button Magazine's](#) website and weekly newsletter is worth subscribing to... it costs nothing and there are often excellent free patterns etc

[Beading Daily](#) has some interesting info in their daily newsletter also: Google them or go to the website and subscribe.

[Www.beadforum.com.au](http://www.beadforum.com.au) is a large forum with all kinds of groups and people from all over the world

All the "subscriptions" to on-line info services such as the above cost nothing and are easy to "unsubscribe" if you get fed up with clogging your internet highway.

I belong to several and find gems daily: not necessarily beady gems, tho!

Di

WHAT'S TO COME IN 2011

February 5th meeting	Judging of Bead Challenge: "Summer" Emma-Kathryn to demonstrate circular stitching
March 5th meeting	Announce next challenge: no kits to be offered. To be judged at May meeting. Leslie to demonstrate Friendly Plastic
March 19th workshop	Merilyn to teach 3D bugles
April 2nd meeting	Di to demonstrate crystal bracelet from Bead&Button Show Announce next challenge: money for kits to be collected at the next meeting
April 16th workshop	Leslie and Emma-Kathryn to teach Flowers and Russian Leaves.
May 7th meeting	Judging of Bead Challenge Raema to demonstrate Kumihimo Collect money for next challenge kits
(May 18-22)	Quilt and Craft Fair)
June 4th meeting	Distribute kits for Bead Challenge Di and Jackie to demonstrate making closures (and beaded beads)
June 18th workshop (date to be confirmed)	Di to teach Fireflies at Sunset
July 2nd meeting	Judging of Bead Challenge and demo TBA
August 6th meeting	AGM

So, troops, make notes in your diaries: 3 more workshops before the AGM and heaps of interesting things to see and learn! And if anyone feels like booting me off a demo and offering something, I'll be only too pleased! *Di*