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Saturday, April 16, Meeting Information

10:00-10:30 A.M. -- Refreshments and Socializing

**10:30 A.M.-12:00 noon -- Meeting and The Lone Beader Diana
Grygo's Presentation**

Hopefully the April showers we've had this past week will bring us May flowers! We have many exciting activities taking place through the spring, starting with bead artist Diana Grygo's talk for us this coming Saturday, April 16.

Please join us for Diana's talk, which will take place in our usual room at the [Mingei Museum](#), and continue reading for more information about Diana and about all of the fabulous classes that we have lined up for the spring!

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***Our April 16 Speaker: Diana Grygo, The Lone Beader***

## Topic: "Adventures in Bead Embroidery"



Diana Lynn Grygo, AKA The Lone Beader, is a self-taught beadwork artist focusing primarily on bead embroidery. She creates multidimensional pieces of beaded art by stitching seed beads onto layered felt. Diana also loves to combine beadwork with mixed media techniques, often stitching her beaded subjects to a painted canvas or collage.

Diana has shown her work in national contemporary art exhibitions and sells finished pieces in her Etsy shop. She currently works at her home studio in Boston, MA, and is a member of the Cambridge Art Association.

Her beadwork has been juried into *Bead & Button* magazine's 2013 Bead Dreams Competition, and she has also been published in both *Beadwork* and *Bead & Button* magazines, Russia's *Handmade Magazine*, and more recently, a book called *Mastering the Art of Embroidery* by Sophie Long.

Diana's artist's statement is a testament to her love of embroidery. In it, she writes: "Beadwork is my vehicle. Moving across felt using needle & thread, I stitch tiny glass beads to a canvas, slowly bringing each subject to life. A beaded taxi cab speeds down the Avenue of Americas beneath the light of a marquee. A beaded fire truck and Dalmatian come to the rescue. A beaded Time Machine journeys into the future. A beaded trolley brings me home . . . . Beadwork stitched to a painted canvas suddenly transforms a familiar place into a new world, stirring youthful imagination and wonder. Beads can turn a common object into a complex work of art offering unique destinations only the viewer can explore."

Come explore Diana's amazing world at her April 16 presentation, and learn more about her creative process on her [Etsy site](#) or on [The Lone Beader website!](#)



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Spots still remain in the class that Diana will be teaching for us on Sunday, April 17, and class sign-ups are already open for our May and June speakers!

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**"Toy Poodle Pin" Class Offered by Diana Grygo**

**Sunday, April 17, 2016  
10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

# Toy Poodle Pin

SUNDAY April 17, 2016

10:00am - 4:00pm

Class Fee \$ 60

Downloadable Pattern and optional kit



## Toy Poodle Pin

Make a beaded poodle pin which can also be worn as a pendant! You will create a layered felt foundation, do bead embroidery using Delicas, as well as add texture by using the backstitch and stop stitch techniques. This piece is suitable for beginning beaders and can be worn in the colors of your choice.

thelonebeader.com



Diana Grygo

[www.etsy.com/shop/thelonebeader](http://www.etsy.com/shop/thelonebeader)

For this class, you will make a beaded poodle pin, which can also be worn as a pendant! You will create a layered felt foundation, do bead embroidery using Delicas, as well as add texture by using the backstitch and stop stitch techniques.

This piece is perfect for beginning beaders, especially if you've never done bead embroidery before and have wanted to learn how to do so.

If you would like to sign up for Diana's class, please go to the San Diego Bead Society's [website](#), where you can pay for your spot with credit card or PayPal.

Please note that the cost of this class does not include the pattern, which is \$6.99. Because we'd like to give you the opportunity to use the beads that you most likely already have in your supplies instead of having to purchase a kit, you'll want to purchase and then print the class pattern from Diana's Etsy shop [here](#).

Although Diana uses suggested bead colors in the pattern instructions, feel free to substitute the size 11 Delicas and size 8 Czech seed beads so that you can personalize your own little pooch!

Diana will also have a few kits for sale in class if you don't want to use your own beads. This pattern is also available in Spanish [here](#).

If you prefer to pay by check, please contact Susan Blessinger at [suebless@yahoo.com](mailto:suebless@yahoo.com).

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"Beaded Starburst Galaxy" Class Offered by Gwen Fisher

**Sunday, May 22, 2016
10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**



The Beaded Starburst Galaxy

SUNDAY May 22, 2016
10:00am - 4:00pm
Class Fee \$ 60
Downloadable Pattern



GWEN FISHER

The Beaded Starburst Galaxy is a collection of 3-dimensional beaded stars in different sizes and shapes, all made with the same set of bead weaving techniques. Make stars with anywhere from three to eight (or more!) points in four different sizes. The instructions show 16 different stars, with our favorites in several color ways. Each star is a beaded bead with holes at the tip of the points. Stars have open centers that you can fill with round beads, rivoli crystals, montees, and even buttons.

www.etsy.com/listing/285941783/

For this class, Gwen will be emailing a downloadable copy (as a PDF file) of the pattern to everyone who signs up for the class, which will be for your personal use only. You will need to either print the pattern ahead of time on your own, or bring along the digital copy to work from during class.

If you would like to sign up for Gwen's class, please go to the San Diego Bead Society's [website](#), where you can pay for your spot with a credit card or PayPal.

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**"Delta Queen Necklace" Class Offered by Gwen Fisher**

**Monday, May 23, 2016  
10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**



## Delta Queen Necklace

The Delta Queen Necklace as pictured requires two patterns:  
[www.etsy.com/listing/226435081/](http://www.etsy.com/listing/226435081/)  
[www.etsy.com/listing/225147305/](http://www.etsy.com/listing/225147305/)

A dramatic pendant hangs from a thick cable of beads, which is finished with a beaded toggle clasp, a new clasp design created just for this necklace. Everything is woven with honeycomb weave, including the Daisy Chain Cable. Honeycomb weave is like right angle weave (RAW), but with other angles. If you like RAW and want a new challenge, you'll love this. The tutorial includes step-by-step instructions for weaving the entire necklace, including the pendant, necklace cable, and clasp, any of which could be used alone or in combination with your other bead weaving projects. The clasp design is both novel and very functional. The clasp is easy to do and undo, and it stays buttoned when you want it to.

Monday May 23, 2016  
10:00am - 4:00pm  
Class Fee \$ 60  
Downloadable Patterns



**GWEN FISHER**

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"Byzantine Bauble" Class Offered by Teresa Sullivan

**Sunday, May 22, 2016
10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

Byzantine Bauble

SUNDAY June 19, 2016
10:00am - 4:00pm
Class Fee \$ 60
Intermediate level

A hollowform sculptural piece that uses two types of increasing and decreasing and allows for variations for those who like to experiment. Familiarity with tubular peyote stitch is required.

Teresa Sullivan

If you would like to sign up for Teresa's class, please go to the San Diego Bead Society's [website](#), where you can pay for your spot with a credit card or PayPal.

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## Important Announcements:

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Photos from Our GIA Field Trip:

Forty-one of our members and guests made it to our field trip to the Gemological Institute of America (GIA) in Carlsbad this past Friday. Photos from our visit are up on [our website](#) and our on [Facebook page](#). We had an amazing time exploring the GIA's fabulous gem and jewelry collections!

2016 Meeting Schedule:

As a reminder, the San Diego Bead Society meets the third Saturday of each month at the Mingei International Museum. Doors generally open at 10:00, and the program starts at 10:30. Our upcoming 2016 meetings are April 16, May 21, August 20, September 17, October 15, and November 19 (member potluck).

In June, we also have our Demo Days at the San Diego County Fair, and August 6 and 7 is our annual Bead Bazaar fundraiser at the Scottish Rite Center. We are dark in July and December.

Balboa Park Parking and Traffic Alert:

There are no special events programmed in Balboa Park for Saturday, April 16, but always allow yourself ample time to find parking for our meetings.

To check for traffic alerts in Balboa Park, go to the Balboa Park website's [Parking and Tram Page](#). You can also locate a parking and museum map there to help you locate the Mingei Museum.

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**WIN THE BEAD JAR IN 2016**  
**Don't forget your bead contribution to the jar so you can win the whole jar!**  
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Membership ~ Renewals ~ Badges

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If you haven't yet paid your 2016 membership dues, you can do so today by clicking on one of the buttons below, or by [filling out the form at this link](#). Please note that the SDBS no longer offers prorated rates for membership renewals, so renew today to take advantage of all the [benefits of SDBS membership](#).



Single Membership - \$25



Family Membership - \$35  
(please enter name of second family member in the comment field)

The Membership Desk will be available 30 minutes prior to the meeting for membership renewals, new member applications, and badge pick-up. Forms will be available to update your information. *Please note that the Membership Desk will not be available while the meeting is in session.*

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