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February 20 Meeting Information

9:30-10:00 A.M. -- Refreshments and Socializing
10:00-11:45 A.M. -- Meeting and Floor Kasper's Presentation

**** Please note that we will be starting a half-hour earlier than usual this month only since the Mingei needs to be begin setting up for an event.***

We hope that the new year is off to a lovely start for everyone! Our February meeting will take place on Saturday, February 20, at 10:00 A.M. in our regular meeting room at the [Mingei Museum](#). If you haven't yet been to a SD Bead Society meeting, the staff at the front desk of the Mingei can point you in the right direction when you enter the museum.

We've got lots of fun events taking place this spring! Please read on for information about our February speaker, details about our upcoming classes, the scoop on a *free* field trip to the Gemological Institute of America's (GIA) Museum, and information about how you can submit photos of your work for our newly-designed website!

Our February Speaker: Floor Kaspers

Topic: "Beads from Germany: How Does a Town Become a 'Bead Town'?"



Floor Kaspers is a Dutch artist, and she has been exploring European bead history through her travels. Going to factories, old dump sites, shops, and museums, she collects not just beads, but the stories connected to beads. Floor Kaspers has written three books about her discoveries: *Beads from Briare*, *Beads from Tucson*, and *Beads from Jablonec*. Currently, she is working on her latest book, entitled *Beads from Germany*.

For her presentation, Floor will be sharing the fascinating story of German beads. During the last few years, she visited three "bead towns": Lauscha, Neugablonz, and Idar-Oberstein. All of these towns have a prominent place in German bead history. Lauscha is known for its hollow and marble beads, Neugablonz is where many Bohemian bead makers settled after WWII, and Idar-Oberstein is the birthplace of many stone beads. Floor will explore the history of bead making in these towns, and will explain how a "normal" town becomes a "bead town." The lecture will be a mix of history, personal stories, and lots of "show and tell" of German beads.

As part of her work, Floor also collects bead sample cards, and has documented them as part of the [Bead Museum](#) project.

To learn more about her, please visit [Floor's website](#). If you also visit the Bead Museum site, you can download *free* copies of Floor's books under the [News link](#).



Please join us for another exciting program!

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***Sign Up Now for These Upcoming Classes and Events!***

***Although Floor will not be teaching classes for us in February, we have several exciting classes lined up for March, and a free field trip to the Gemological Institute of America's (GIA) fabulous museum in Carlsbad on April 8.***

***Not only will our March speaker Carla Fox be teaching a class on the use of textiles in a brooch project, but silversmith Anne Mitchell will also be teaching two classes.***

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"Beads and Textile Art Brooch" Class Offered by Carla Fox

**Sunday, March 20, 2016
10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

Beads & Textile Art Brooch

Sunday March 20, 2016
10:00am - 4:00pm

Class \$60
Supply List



Create a wearable art brooch using repurposed, found and vintage materials and beads, in ways you might not think possible! Carla will guide you to constructing a base for the brooch out of fabric then add embellishments to complete a finished piece that may be used as a brooch, hat adornment or as a focal piece for a necklace or cuff. Hand sewing basics and beading will be used.

Carla J. Fox



If you would like to sign up for this unique class, please go to the San Diego Bead Society's [website](#), where you can pay via PayPal.

A supply list will also be emailed to all students ahead of time.

If you prefer to pay by check, please contact Susan Blessinger at suebless@yahoo.com.

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## "Hinge & Track Bracelet" Class Offered by Anne Mitchell

**Sunday, March 13, 2016**  
**10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

# Hinge & Track Bracelet

Sunday March 13, 2016  
10:00am - 4:00pm

Class \$ 60  
Kit \$ 98

Anne Mitchell



It is no secret that Anne loves a rivet and a hinge; Anne will teach her updated take on the classic 2 in 1 chain. Start by forging the hinged and tube riveted centerpieces, then she will share the tricks of placing the rivets so all of the hinges match and move perfectly. Next, she will share with you her secret for quick chain making that will make future fusing a breeze. Assembling the bracelet and riveting it all into place finishes up this new twist on an ancient classic.

If you would like to sign up for Anne's bracelet class, please go to the San Diego Bead

Society's [website](#) , where you can also pay with PayPal.

You will pay the kit fee directly to Anne in class, and a supply list will also be emailed to all students ahead of time.

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

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"Thick Gauge Bezel Set Honey Quartz PMC Pendant" Class Offered by Anne Mitchell

**Monday, March 14, 2016
10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

Please note that this is a different class than was originally advertised.

*Thick Gauge Bezel Set
Honey Quartz PMC Pendant*

**Monday March 14, 2016
10:00am - 4:00pm**

Class	\$ 60
Kit	\$ 190

...with a Fine Silver Chain

In this action packed and intensive day we will make a PMC base to hold a Honey Quartz Baguette Cut Gemstone. After firing, we will add the prongs for the pressure setting and the heavy gauge hand created bezel and bail to set off this amazing pendant. All of this will be finished off with a hand made fine silver chain in it's creation, I will show you my tricks for fast and furious chains.

Anne Mitchell

If you would like to be a part of this learning experience, please go to the San Diego Bead Society [website](#) to sign-up and pay for the class with PayPal.

You will pay the kit fee directly to Anne in class.
A supply list will also be emailed to all students ahead of time.

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For a list of future classes, please check the San Diego Bead Society's [website](#).

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Mark your calendars!

**Free Docent-Led Visit to the Gemological Institute of America's
(GIA) Museum
on Friday, April 8,
from 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon!**

One of San Diego's best-kept treasures is the fabulous museum located on the GIA campus in Carlsbad. This hidden gem houses stunning pieces, including the Chinese Ivory Sculpture, Victoria's Secret Fantasy Collection, the Bahia Sculpture, and much more. The Museum is also currently running its "Variations on a Theme: 25 Years of Design" from the AJDC exhibit.

On April 8, from 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon, we have arranged for a free, docent-led tour of the GIA Museum. We will learn a little bit about what the GIA does and see beautiful mineral specimens, jewelry pieces, and gemstone carvings.

Transportation will be on your own, and we will meet at the GIA campus in Carlsbad. For entry to the campus, all visitors (even if you are not driving) must be able to present a photo ID at the gates.

For more information about the Museum, please visit the [GIA Museum's website](#), and for more information about the GIA itself, please visit the [GIA website](#).

If you would like to attend the field trip, please RSVP to sdbeadsociety@gmail.com by Thursday, March 24. We will also pass around a sign-up sheet at the February 20 meeting.

We need to have a head count by March 24 so we can let the GIA know how many people will be in our group. You are more than welcome to invite a friend to come along, too, even if they are not a member of the San Diego Bead Society.

Important Announcements:

We'd Love to Feature Your Work on Our New Website:

We've been working hard on our newly-designed website, which we hope to have up within the next week or so. We would love to feature photos of our members' work. If you have some projects you'd like to share on our site, please email them to us at sdbeadsociety@gmail.com. If the design is not your own, please also let us know who designed the piece so we can credit them for the design and you for the work. We're excited to be able to showcase the amazing work of our members!

Have You "Liked" Us on Facebook?:

Have you checked out our [Facebook page](#) recently? Like our page so you can be the

first to know about upcoming classes and events. This spring, we will also be starting a "Tuesday Tips" feature, where each Tuesday we'll share beading tips and tricks to make your beading easier. Have a tip to share with your fellow beaders? Shoot us an email at sdbeadsociety@gmail.com to have it featured!

Muchas Manos Workshop:

Muchas Manos, the San Diego chapter of the Embroiders' Guild of America, is offering a "Beaded Lotus Flower Pincushion" workshop on Saturday, April 2. More information about the workshop can be found on the [Muchas Manos](#) website.



Beautiful and useful! Adorn your favorite stitching area with this lovely design. Use brick stitch and embroidery to create this beautiful flower pin cushion. The pin cushion is approximately 4" with a center bead to accommodate your pins and needles. It can also be adapted and made smaller to be used as a brooch. Students will learn beading techniques in brick stitch and bead embroidery and additional embellishment opportunities. Beading hints, wool felting and finishing methods will also be covered. The kit includes pattern, instructions, charted design, 5 colors of seed beads, beading thread, completed wool center, backing and color picture. Ghost students are permitted.

Registration Deadline is February 20, 2016

Muchas Manos & SDANG Workshop

*Beaded Lotus Flower
Pincushion
By Ana Garcia*

**Saturday April 2, 2016
San Diego, CA
10A-4P**

Please make checks
Payable to Muchas Manos and
mail to:

Workshop Coordinator
3762 Vista de la Bahia
San Diego, CA 92117
Visit our website for more info:
www.muchasmanos.org

For additional information
contact:
Nancy Holub
workshop@muchasmanos.org

Hospitality Volunteers Needed for February Meeting:

We are looking for volunteers to provide snacks for our February 20 meeting. Snacks may be home-cooked or store-bought. Two volunteers each month have a \$30 allotment to purchase food. If you are a member and have not yet taken a turn at feeding hungry beaders, please email us at sdbeadsociety@gmail.com. Please sign up for this important task!

Looking for Volunteers to Help the Bead Society:

Are you interested in becoming more involved with the San Diego Bead Society? Are you looking to meet more fellow beaders? If so, please consider volunteering! Right now, we're looking for help with organizing our annual fundraising Bead Bazaar

(which will take place this year at the Scottish Rite Center the weekend of August 6-7), with publicizing our events, and with various other tasks. Our Society consists of dynamic, engaged members, and volunteering is a great way to meet more people and help our community. If you're interested, please send us an email at sdbeadsociety@gmail.com.

2016 Meeting Schedule:

As a reminder, the SD Bead Society meets the third Saturday of each month. Doors generally open at 10:00, and the program starts at 10:30. Our 2016 meetings are January 16, February 20 (this month only, we will have an early start of 9:30 for the doors and 10:00 for the meeting), March 19, 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 for Saturday, February 20, at Balboa Park, but always allow yourself 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 your can win the whole jar!**  
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Membership ~ Renewals ~ Badges

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Membership dues are now due for the 2016 calendar year! 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 SDDBS no longer offers prorated rates for membership renewals, so renew today to take advantage of all the [benefits of SDDBS 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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