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Happy New Year!

We hope that you had a lovely holiday season, and that 2016 is off to a fantastic start!

The next meeting of the San Diego Bead Society is on Saturday, January 16, 2016, in our regular meeting room at the [Mingei Museum](#). Doors open at 10:00 A.M., and the meeting will be called to order at 10:30 A.M.

Please make a note that for our February 20 meeting, we will need to start a half-hour earlier than usual. Doors will open at 9:30, and the meeting will be called to order at 10:00 A.M.

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***Our January Speaker: Kaska Firor  
Topic: "My Design Journey"***

Kaska has been designing and crafting wire jewelry since the summer of 2000, when she took her first instruction in that medium. She spent several years working with traditional wire-wrapping techniques honing her skills and experimenting with various types of wires and tools.



In the last few years her focus has shifted to more innovating wire techniques including those borrowed from basket weaving and textile arts. The intricate and visually complex patterns of the weaves were what originally attracted Kaska to wire weaving and her fascination with the art continues to grow as she discovers more complex and challenging ways of combining and modifying different techniques and more inventive ways of incorporating stones, beads and other elements into her woven designs.

Kaska displays and sells her jewelry at art shows in the Midwest, where she has won numerous awards. Her work has been published in several trade magazines; most recently, her woven bracelet design was featured on the cover of March 2012 issue of *Art Jewelry Magazine*. Her first book, *Freeform Wire Woven Jewelry*, was released in October 2013.

Kaska enjoys sharing her knowledge and experience with others. She teaches jewelry classes locally at her studio in Cincinnati, Ohio, as well as nationally, including William Holland School of Lapidary Arts; Bead and Button Show in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; and Bead Fest Philadelphia. She believes that strong foundations are the key to successful design. In her classes she emphasizes proper technique and attention to detail and challenges her students with projects designed to increase their skill level.

To learn more about her, please visit [Kaska's website](#).

Please join us for another exciting program!



**Spaces still remain in the two classes that Kaska will be teaching for us!**

**Take your wireworking skills to the next level by taking one or both classes with Kaska!**



**"Woven with Flair" Necklace Class Offered by Kaska Firor**

**Sunday, January 17, 2016**

**10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

*Woven with Flair*

Sunday January 17, 2016  
10:00am - 4:00pm

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| Class | \$60 |
| Kit   | \$68 |



Capture the magic of freeform wire while creating this unique necklace. In this workshop students will learn several weaving techniques, secrets to keeping weaves even and consistent, large-gauge wire shaping methods and torch skills for drawing beads at the ends of wires. Students will practice with copper wire then create the finished piece in fine silver.

*Kaska Firor*



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 Kaska in class.

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).



**"Wire Woven Filigree Ring" Class Offered by Kaska Firor**

**Monday, January 18, 2016**

**10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

Monday January 18, 2016

10:00am - 4:00pm

# Wire Woven Filigree Ring

Class \$ 60  
Kit \$ 42



Create this intricate filigree ring with simple wire wrapping techniques (no solder) while discovering the art of wire weaving. Students will first practice with cooper wire then work on completing their fine silver ring. The class will focus on three skills important in wire-weaving filigree work: basic weaving skills, using template drawings to create precise wire shapes, and drawing beads on the wire-ends using a torch.

## Kaska Firor



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

Important Announcements:

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**Interested in Joining a Beading Circle? Have Some Suggestions for the Website?:**

This year, we have a few new projects in mind, including a re-design of the San Diego Bead Society's website and the creation of beading circles in various parts of the county. Of course, the success of these projects depends upon the involvement and ideas of wonderful members like *you!* Please take a few minutes to fill out this four-question [survey](#), which will help us determine what direction you would like the Society to head in this coming year, by Friday, January 15.

### Hospitality Volunteers Needed for January Meeting:

We are looking for one or two volunteers to provide snacks for our January 16 meeting. Snacks may be homecooked 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](mailto: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, with developing our new website, 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](mailto: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 (early start of 9:30 for doors and 10:00 for the meeting this month only), 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, January 16, 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.

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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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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 (as reflected in the revised Bylaws approved at the November 2014 meeting), 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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