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**January 16, 2016**  
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***Please join us for our first meeting of 2016 this
Saturday, January 16!***

The next meeting of the San Diego Bead Society is this coming Saturday, January 16, 2016, in our regular meeting room at the [Mingei Museum](#). The doors will open at 10:00 A.M. for snacks and socializing, and the meeting will begin 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 Mid west, 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!

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If you're interested in taking a class with the incredibly talented Kaska, sign up soon to guarantee a spot in one of her classes.

Many of our members have requested wireworking classes, so this is your chance to learn new skills and enhance the ones you already have.

Only two spots remain in Kaska's Sunday class, and a few are left in her Monday class.

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

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



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

**Class \$60**  
**Kit \$68**

**Woven with Flair**

**Kaska Firor**

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.

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).

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"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 copper 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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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 suebles@yahoo.com.



Floor Kaspers, our February 20 speaker, will not be teaching a class for us, but in March we will be offering not only a class with speaker Carla J. Fox, but also two classes with Anne Mitchell.

Class registration will be available up on the San Diego Bead Society website soon, but, in the meantime, mark your calendars for these exciting events!

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



Hinge & Track Bracelet

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

Class \$ 60
Kit \$ 98



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.

Anne Mitchell



Heavy Gauge Chains

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

Class \$ 60
Kit \$ 190



Using 10 to 12 gauge fine silver, learn the tips and techniques to fuse heavy gauge fine silver to get uniform sizes, shapes and textures.

Anne Mitchell



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



Important Announcements



Interested in joining a Beading Circle? Have some suggestions for the website? We'd love to hear your ideas!:

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*.

Additional Hospitality Volunteer Needed for January Meeting:

We are looking for one more volunteer 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 bead-ers, 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 bead-ers? 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.

19th Annual Button Bazaar:

The San Diego Button Club is hosting its 19th Annual Button Bazaar on Saturday, January 30, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. at the Tecolote Canyon Nature Center Community Room. For more details about the free event, click [here](#) to go to the Button Club's website.

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 SDDBS 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 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 thirty minutes prior to the meeting for membership renewals, new member applications, and to pick up your 2016 membership badge. 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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