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***Saturday, January 21, Meeting Information***

**10:00-10:30 A.M. -- Refreshments and Socializing**  
**10:30 A.M.-12:00 noon -- Meeting and Sandy Swirnoff's**  
**Presentation**

We're looking forward to seeing you all at our first meeting of 2017, when talented artist Sandy Swirnoff will be discussing fiber art jewelry. The Mingei Museum is currently hosting an exhibition of Sandy's work, so you'll have the chance to take a first-hand look at her beautiful jewelry after her presentation.

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Our January 21 Speaker: Sandy Swirnoff

Topic: "Fiber Jewelry"



For Sandy Swirnoff, the pleasure of working with fiber combined with bead work is the same: making the concepts in her imagination come to life. She likes the intimacy of holding the fiber cords in her hands and shaping them into surprising patterns and designs. She enjoys the opportunity that each piece presents -- how to get from one place to another in the most attractive and graceful manner.



Sandy is especially inspired by uniting the antique and the contemporary in her work. As a young woman, she lived in a Prairie-style home that featured the mellow golds and rich blues of Tiffany glass. This memory was reawakened in 1990 when a truck crashed into an antique store window filled with Art Nouveau glass vases and lamp shades in Portland, Oregon. The beautiful glass was irreparably damaged. Sandy bought many of the fragments and is thrilled that her work not only recycles and preserves the shards, but gives people the opportunity to appreciate their beauty in new and contemporary settings. One of her pieces is part of the permanent collection at the Museum of Art and Design in New York City.



For her presentation for us, Sandy will be talking about the importance of fiber jewelry and her creative process.

If you'd like to learn more about Sandy and her work before her presentation, please visit her website at:

www.swirnoff.com

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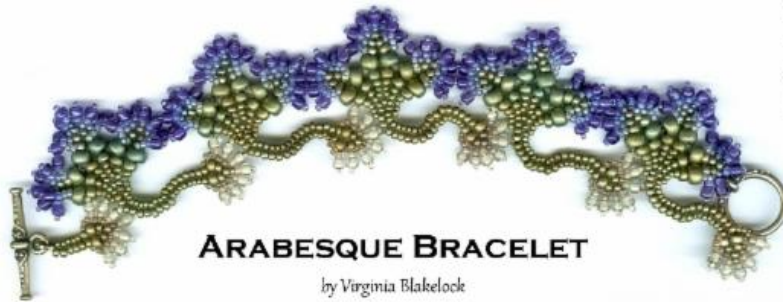
### *Upcoming Classes*

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"Arabesque" bracelet or necklace class offered by Virginia Blakelock

**Sunday, February 19, 2016
10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Class fee: \$60**

Kit fee: \$75 or supply list



Sunday February 19, 2017
10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Class Fee \$ 60
Kit Fee \$ 75 or supply list



Virginia Blakelock

This graceful bracelet is both deceptively simple and technically challenging! Motifs are based on flat herringbone, edged with short fringes (the tricky part!). They are made separately, and joined as you complete the fringed edging.

Skill level is INTERMEDIATE. This is not a difficult project, but it does require mastery of tension. A familiarity with herringbone is essential, given the limited time in class. A fast, experienced beader might finish two motifs in class.

Kits are available in two color palettes. This pattern also makes a lovely necklace. You can also buy kits to make a necklace. If you would like to use your own beads, a supply list will be emailed by Susan Blessinger after sign up.

Virginia Blakelock is going to be teaching this gorgeous project for us in February.

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The skill level for this class is intermediate. This is not a difficult project, but it does require mastery of tension. A familiarity with herringbone is essential, given the limited class time. A fast, experienced beader might finish two motifs in class.

Kits will be available for purchase or you may bring your own beads.

For more information about the project and to sign up for Virginia's class, please go to the ["Classes" page](#) of the San Diego Bead Society's website, where you can pay for your spot with a credit card or PayPal. If you would like to pay by check, please contact Susan Blessinger, our Class Coordinator, at suebles@yahoo.com.

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**Learn how to make three separate projects with  
Kelly De Fries, "The Crystal Ninja"!**

**Sunday, February 5, 2017  
10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.  
Class fee: \$60**

## Kit fee: \$80

\* Please note that this class was originally scheduled for January 22, but has been changed to this new date of February 5.

**Kellie De Fries**  
 Sunday February 5, 2017  
 10:00 am - 3:00 pm  
 Class Fee \$60  
 Kit Fee \$80  
 Location: 205 W 35th Street, Unit B  
 National City, CA 91950

*Three Projects*  
 Class will cover application on:  
**A Compact Mirror**  
**Ultra Suede Cuff**  
**Dogtag**

All supplies and tools be provided, as well as every guest will receive a free Swarovski gift bag valued at \$100

Kellie De Fries, also known as "the Cystal Ninja," will be teaching a class for us on February 5 at her new facility in National City.

Please visit the ["Classes" page](#) of our website to sign up for this class, where you will be able to pay for your spot with a credit card or PayPal. If you would like to pay by check, please contact Susan Blessinger, our Class Coordinator, at [suebless@yahoo.com](mailto:suebless@yahoo.com).

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Important Announcements

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### 2017 Meeting Schedule:

As a reminder, the San Diego Bead Society meets the third Saturday of each month at the Mingei International Museum. Doors open at 10:00, and the program starts at 10:30. Our upcoming 2017 meetings and speakers are listed on the [Meetings and Events page](#) of our website. As a reminder, we are dark in July and December each

year.

### Downtown Traffic Alert:

Although there are no special events programmed in Balboa Park for Saturday, January 21, there is a large march going on in Downtown San Diego that day, so please allow extra time for any possible traffic delays.

To check for traffic alerts in Balboa Park, go to the Balboa Park website's [Traffic Alert 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 2017

Don't forget your bead contribution to the jar so you can win the whole jar!

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### Membership ~ Renewals ~ Badges

If you haven't yet paid your 2017 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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