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**May 21, 2016**

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Saturday, May 21, Meeting Information

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

Summer is just around the corner, and this month our guest speaker will be exploring the complex world of mathematical bead design!

Please join us for our May 21 meeting in our usual room at the [Mingei Museum](#), and continue reading for more information about this month's speaker and all of the fabulous classes that we have lined up for the spring!

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***Our May 21 Speaker: Gwen Fisher from Bead Infinitum***

***Topic: "Mathematical Bead Weaving"***



Gwen Fisher is an artist, mathematician, teacher, and learner. She has a Ph.D. in Mathematics Education, and is a former Professor of Mathematics at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. She uses mathematics -- including geometry, symmetry, topology, and algorithms -- as inspiration for the structure of her creations.

Since 2005, Gwen's primary medium has been bead weaving and designing tutorials so that other people may enjoy reproducing her designs. When she creates her tutorials, she intends for them to be beautiful objects in their own right, and has said that the culmination of her written work as an art form comes when another beader creates real beaded art from the tutorial. In this way, the viewer of her artwork is not merely passive, but rather an active participant in the creation of her art.

In her presentation for us, Gwen will explore is going to explore the ways in which mathematical design influences her beadwork.



As Gwen will explain, a bead is anything with a hole, and a hole is an oriented line segment in three dimensions. So there are straightforward methods for using beads and thread to represent many geometric objects composed of line segments. Examples of this idea include tilings (tessellations) and polyhedra, such as cubes.

During her talk, Gwen will show many examples of how she translates these kinds of

mathematical objects into beautiful beaded objects, and she will also explain how the notion of "symmetry" helps her organize all of the many possibilities.



Come explore the fascinating world of mathematical designs at Gwen's May 21 presentation!

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Gwen Fisher will be teaching two classes for us on May 22 and 23, and sign-ups are also now open for our June class with Teresa Sullivan!

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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/](http://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/
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.

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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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### Win a Free Book at Our Next Meeting:

Dr. Robert Liu from *Ornament* magazine has kindly donated some books to the Bead Society, and we'll be giving away a few books at each of our next meetings! Be sure to arrive early if you'd like to enter your name in the free drawing.

### Bead Bazaar Planning Is in the Works:

Mark your calendars! Our 17th annual Bead Bazaar will take place on August 6 and 7 this year at its usual location at the Scottish Rite Center in Mission Valley. The Bead Bazaar is our main fundraiser, and it's a fabulous way to feed your bead addiction, while also supporting the Bead Society and our wonderful speakers and programs. Please see the [Bead Bazaar page](#) on our website for more details and information.

We are also still accepting applications if you would like a booth to sell your work at the Bazaar. You may also share a booth with other Bead Society members if you'd like to split the cost. Please see our [vendors' page](#) on the website for fees and details, and to download a copy of the contract.

### Consider Teaching a "Make-and-Take" Class at the Bead Bazaar:

Would you like to teach a class at the Bazaar as a "Make and Take"? If so, please see our [Make-and-Take Class webpage](#) for more information and for an application.

The deadline to submit projects to teach as Make-and-Takes for our Bead Bazaar is **Monday, June 6, 2016.**

### Upcoming Fashion Show:

The San Diego Creative Stitchery Guild, another non-profit organization, is hosting their annual fashion show on May 21. See the details below.



San Diego Creative Stitchery Guild  
is pleased to present . . .

# Threads of *Many Colors*

## A Juried Fashion Show & Luncheon

May 21, 2016 ~ 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. ~ Cost: \$40

Luncheon Menu: Gourmet Chicken Pesto on Ciabatta Roll, Salad & Dessert  
Vegetarian Option on Request ~ No Host Bar

Lots of fabulous raffle drawing prizes!

Wyndham San Diego Bayside, 1355 N. Harbor Drive, San Diego, CA 92101  
Enter on Pacific Highway at A Street - Parking \$5.

For reservations, mail check to San Diego Creative Stitchery Guild, PO Box 84647, San Diego, CA 92138  
For more information, contact Bonnie Graham at 619-298-7830 or [bgraha@att.net](mailto:bgraha@att.net)

## 2016 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 2016 meetings are 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, May 21, 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](#).

Pay Now



Single Membership - \$25

Pay Now



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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