

Newsletter



Dallas Bead Society
ESTABLISHED 1982
For the love of beads...

Next Meeting:
December 4, 2021, 10:30 am CDT

Via Zoom – watch your email
Or contact the President for link
Meeting link opens at 10:15

The Point at CCYoung
4847 W Lawther Dr, Dallas, TX 75214



2021/22 Monthly DBS Events* (all events via Zoom until further notice)

- All times are CDT

Saturday Dec 4, 10:30am	Monthly Meeting – HOLIDAY PARTY!
Saturday Dec 18, 7:00pm	Evening Bead/Pajama Party
Saturday Jan 8, 10:30am NOTE DATE CHANGE!	Monthly Meeting – Open Beading
Saturday Jan 15, 7:00pm	Evening Bead/Pajama Party
Saturday Feb 5, 10:30am	Monthly Meeting – Bezeling Objects / Pat Volkening
Saturday Feb 19, 7:00pm	Evening Bead/Pajama Party
Saturday Mar 5, 10:30am	Monthly Meeting – Beaded Purse Atomizer / Sue Cathcart
Saturday Mar 19, 7:00pm	Evening Bead/Pajama Party



Jamie Dulski
Karen Shannon
Pat Volkening
Annette Worthington

Sue's Scribbles

It's that time of year! Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or any other holiday at this time of year... HAPPY HOLIDAYS! It's the time of year when we're overwhelmed with preparations and various gatherings of friends and family, whether in person or online. Time for cooking, baking, and decorating. What are your traditions?

Before we get to the job of celebrating together in our meeting this month, we do have one very important piece of business to conduct, and that is to vote in our new Board for next year. Most of the positions are slated to be occupied by the team that has been in place this past year, but there are some changes among the Advisors. As always, the floor will be opened to take additional nominations for any of the Board positions, with the only rule being that anyone being put forth for a position has agreed to the nomination. As discussed in our November meeting, here is the new slate of officers up for consideration:

President – Sue Cathcart

Vice President – Pat Volkening

Treasurer – Dee Smith

Secretary – Jamie Dulski

Advisors:

Linda Bjorn

Sue Lynes

Janice Lynn

Since we are still unable to meet in person to have the type of holiday party we were once used to, our Advisors this year managed to get an anonymous donation to be able to send each member a package with a special surprise. We hope that you are able to join us for this meeting to share your gift with the rest of us. But if you're unable to attend, we'll be talking about you! We want to mention each member and think of them this holiday season.

As we end this year and think of moving forward to a new year, we want to pause and be grateful for what we have had this past year. I, for one, am grateful for all of my beading friends and this hobby in general, as it helps to keep my sanity (if that's at all possible) in such rough times. In all the hubbub of the season, take a moment to think of what this year has meant to you and how it can get better as we move forward into another year.

Speaking of next year, the Board has once again agreed to make our membership fee for 2022 be \$20. What a bargain! We will be celebrating our 40th anniversary as a club in 2022, so I'm hoping that we can find some special ways to mark this banner year. Don't miss it! If you know of a member who didn't renew, whether it's because they couldn't see how the club could meaningfully exist over the web, invite them to come back. I know that there are faces that we're missing! By the same token, if you know of someone else who shares our love of beads, or even if they're a beginner looking to expand

their skills and get some support in doing it, invite them to attend a meeting or evening bead-in to see what we're all about! Visitors are welcome to attend two meetings/events before we will ask them to become a member. The new membership form will be available shortly. It will be sent to our current members and made available on both our Facebook group and on our website. We're asking everyone to fill out a form and submit so that we can be ensured that we have correct, up-to-date addresses and information on our members. Mailing out the party gifts highlighted the need for this. You'll be able to print the form and fill it out or open it on your computer and fill it in there. From there you can save the file and email it or print it to be mailed. Instructions are on the form. We are continuing to take any payments using Zelle, or you may send payment.

I want to thank you for your support this past year. I feel that there are ways in which I can improve to help make the Dallas Bead Society be a group that you are excited about and look forward to participating in.

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Sue Cathcart

President

Upcoming Project Needs

January 2022 – Open Beading

- *Bring any current projects you're working on and join us*

February 2022 - Bezelling

- *Project supplies to be identified in January*

SEED BEADS AND MORE

Are you on Facebook? Do you belong to any of the beading groups besides **our** group? There are a number of groups out there related to a particular type of beading or designer where free patterns and bead-a-longs occur that, if you haven't found them, you may enjoy. Probably the largest group is called "*Seed Beads and More*". Once a member of this group, there is a plethora of free patterns and lots of inspiration with other members showing projects they have completed or are working on. If some guidance is needed, post a picture of your project and ask for whatever advice you'd like. This group of beaders is ever so happy to offer support and ideas!

In addition, on the Seed Beads and More group there is (generally) a monthly bead-a-long where a particular designer offers a free project and guidance during the time period of the bead-a-long. Often these involve the designer preparing videos that can be watched in your own time. The projects, and type of beading, varies from month to month. Of late there has been a French Beading Christmas Tree lead by Lauren Harpster, a 3-D Tulip Vase by Tracey Lorraine, and project done on a loom by Erin Simonetti. A number of our members participate in these monthly projects, even me! This month, 27 designers have all contributed patterns that appear in an Advent Calendar (plus two bonus days!) where a new design is revealed each day. The big caveat to the monthly bead-a-longs is that once a bead-a-long is over, the free patterns and videos are no longer accessible, so you need to make sure you've saved the patterns and watched the videos before they disappear! To join, search for "*Seed Beads and More*" in Facebook and click the button to join. You will need to answer a few questions, but it's well worth it!

• **BEADING EVENT CALENDAR**

Date(s) / Time	Event	Location / Notes
December 3 – 5	AKS Bead and Jewelry Show	Grapevine Convention Center, Grapevine, TX 10am – 6pm Fri/Sat; 10a – 4pm Sun \$5 admission gets you in for the entire weekend!
December 12	Bead Circle open beading	WildBeads, Arlington, TX 12 – 5 Bring your mask! If you want to join via Zoom, contact the store to be sent a link.
January 9, 2022	Bead Circle open beading	WildBeads, Arlington, TX 12 – 5 Bring your mask! If you want to join via Zoom, contact the store to be sent a link.
January 13 – 16, 2022	Texas Bead Retreat	Hilton Garden Inn, Temple, TX <i>Registration is now open!</i> www.texasbeadretreat.com
March 10 – 13, 2022	Beaders Dream Retreat	Las Vegas BDR Las Vegas 2022 Classes (beadersdreamretreat.com)

** Help us grow this calendar!*



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2021 BOARD MEMBERS

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Pat Volkening, Vice President / vicepresident@dallasbeadsociety.org

Dee Smith, Treasurer / treasurer@dallasbeadsociety.org

Jamie Dulski, Secretary / secretary@dallasbeadsociety.org

Michele Owsley, Advisor / advisor1@dallasbeadsociety.org

Janice Lynn, Advisor / advisor2@dallasbeadsociety.org

Jill Fabian, Advisor / advisor3@dallasbeadsociety.org

Don't forget to support your local bead stores:

WildBeads, 1124 S. Bowen Road, Arlington, open Tue/Fri/Sat 11-5, Sun 12 – 5 (2nd Sunday ONLY); 10% member discount

Beading Dreams, 5629 Lovers Lane, Dallas, open Mon-Sat 1-6pm; 15% member discount

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