

**Minutes of the Northern Virginia Bead Society
General Meeting – February 6, 2020
Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street, SE, Vienna, VA 22180**

Social time began at 7:00, the business meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by president Sherry Ellis.

Business Meeting

- * Attendees were asked to sign in. There were 13 attendees.
- * Snack sign ups were passed around.
- * For those who are unable to attend the general meetings, the minutes are to be posted online. January's minutes are already online.
- * It was announced that the lock on the storage unit has been replaced. This is to prevent unauthorized access to the storage unit and its contents. If there is a need for materials from the unit, arrangements will need to be made with an authorized person, currently comprised of the NVBS Board.
- * NVBS still needs an Outreach Chair as well as volunteers. As a 501 (c) 3 organization, we are required to perform outreach of some sort for community organizations.
- * It was announced that the Girl Scout TOGA event would occur on Monday, February 17. Denise Rivers and Nancy Moats have been the contacts and liaisons for this event. Volunteers would be very much appreciated. Further information is available on the website.
- * If there are any Bead Challenge participants who have not yet received their original payment, the money is available.

Programs

- Tonight's program is Kristen's "Versatile Wave Earrings." This is a variation of peyote stitch done in a diagonal format. Knowledge of peyote is required.
- The Name Tag Challenge will be completed at the March meeting. The meeting will cover various finishing techniques. There were supplies available for those who missed the January meeting. This project is also in preparation for Sherry Serafini's visit in August.
- Bead Therapy will be held this Sunday, February 9, at Barbara Holloway's home. There will be a polymer artist in attendance who will share information and techniques on polymer clay. Working with polymer will be an option, but as always, attendees can bring a project to work on or a problem to be solved.

- The Girl Scout event on Monday, February 17, is an opportunity for any NVBS volunteers to do outreach in the form of community service. The girls will learn how to do basic stringing and there will be materials and information on various topics. In the past, some of the topics have included jewelry made from “found” objects, the history of beadwork, descriptions of beading materials, and how some beadworkers have made their hobby into a business.

Upcoming classes

- Amy Katz will have a workshop for her “Courage to Soar” necklace on Saturday, February 22 at the Vienna Arts Center. With advance notice, she will also offer kits and instructions for some alternate projects – Brilliance Necklace, Snowflake Bracelet or Flipped My Lid necklace. Kits are required and prices are listed on the website.
- Nancy Cain will be here in April. She will be our speaker at the April 2 general meeting. Her workshops will be Friday, April 3 (Synchronicity), Saturday, April 4 (Feathers), and Sunday, April 5 (Casablanca) at the Vienna Arts Center. Pictures, registration forms and further information is available on the website. Registration is ongoing.
- Cliff Swain-Solomon will be here in May. He will be our speaker at the May 7 general meeting. His workshops will be Friday, May 8 (Dragonfly), Saturday, May 9 (Downton Deco), and Sunday, May 10 (Spanish Lace) at the Vienna Arts Center. Pictures, registration forms and further information is available on the website. Registration is ongoing.
- Our annual Auction will be held this year on June 11. The Auction is our major fundraiser so that we can purchase materials for Outreach. The Auction has been moved from May to June to accommodate Cliff’s scheduled workshops. Again, volunteers are needed as well as an Outreach Chair and an Auction coordinator.
- Beki Haley will be here in July. Workshops have been scheduled for July 17, 18 and 19. Projects have not yet been chosen but will be posted on the website as soon as we receive the information from Beki. (Beki will not be speaking at our meeting because we don’t meet in July; she will just be doing the workshops).
- Sherry Serafini will be here on August 29 and 30. Her information will be posted on the website as soon we receive information from Sherry.

The business meeting was concluded by 7:30 and the program began. Kristen discussed the “Versatile Wave” and members worked on the project.