

Minutes of the Northern Virginia Bead Society
General Meeting – March 5, 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.
- Snack signups are already completed through May, so no additional signups were requested.
- Meeting minutes from January and February are available online, located in the Member Files section.
- The current Bead Challenge photos are shown on the website.
- Reciprocity with the Baltimore Bead Society was discussed. That reciprocity will continue.
- Metalwork artist Kim St. Jean was mentioned, perhaps as a possible speaker.
- NVBS was contacted about two upcoming auctions sponsored by the Chesapeake Gem & Mineral Society. The auctions will be held on March 13 and April 4 at the Westchester Community Center in Oella, MD. Items to be auctioned are gemstones, jewelry, minerals and fossils.
- The Girl Scout TOGA event was held on Monday, February 17. There were 41 scouts. It was a learning experience for the scouts and a community service opportunity for NVBS members.
- Guest House and Children's National sent notes to NVBS acknowledging our donations to those organizations.

Programs

- The next Bead Therapy event will be on Sunday, March 8.
- Upcoming classes will be held for Nancy Cain and Cliff Swain-Solomon. Classes are filling up. Supply lists for Nancy's classes will be available to attendees and will be sent by email. Not all the classes are filling up although there are only four slots left for Cliff's dragonfly workshop.
- It was noted that there is a conflict with Nancy's classes with Melissa Shippee teaching at Bead Soup that same weekend. It was also discussed that some of the kit prices are very high, which may have a detrimental effect on sign ups. Additionally, NVBS may have too many classes and guest artists in a single year. In the past, we had 3 guest artists in a year; for the 2019 – 2020 year, we originally had six artists scheduled. Although Heather Kingsley Heath cancelled, 5 guest artists may be more than our market can bear.
- Beki Haley (July 17, 18 and 19) and Sherry Serafini (August 29 and 30) will be with us for workshops, but there will be no general meetings that month. Sherry will be presenting a two-day design workshop, but photos of some of her collars are on the website and may be options for participants.

- Cynthia Rutledge will be our guest artist in October (1, 2, 3 and 4). Workshops have not yet been chosen.
- Our annual auction, regularly scheduled in May, will be held on June 11 to accommodate Cliff Swain Solomon's workshops in May.

Name Tag Challenge – Part Two:

The business meeting was concluded at which point Diane and Paulette shared finishing methods for the name tag challenges. Some name tags had already been completed; others are still works in progress.