

**Minutes of the Northern Virginia Bead Society  
General [Zoom] Meeting – June 11, 2020**

An email was sent to the membership that our next meeting would be held as a virtual meeting via Zoom. Approximately 23 members participated.

The business meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by president Sherry Ellis.

**Business Meeting**

Since there is much uncertainty, it is unknown whether, when or where our upcoming meetings will be held. This also includes workshops and presentation with Cynthia Rutledge who was scheduled for October.

It is expected that our September meeting will also be held via Zoom as there are too many unknowns regarding meeting venues and public safety policies.

Beki Haley will be presenting workshops via Zoom in July. Sabrina will be offered July 17 and 20, Dream Keeper will be offered July 18 and Tuscany will be offered on July 19. Beki has strict guidelines for her Zoom workshops. Those requirements can be viewed on the Beki Haley page on the NVBS website.

Given that we will not need to pay for Beki's transportation, accommodations or meals, it appears that we will make a profit on her visit.

Each teacher handles online / Zoom workshops differently. Cliff Swain Solomon's May workshops were cancelled since Zoom was not an option with Cliff at that time, although he is now offering that elsewhere. Sherry Serafini's two day design workshop in August was also cancelled. At this point, it is unknown whether Cynthia will be teaching via Zoom. Cynthia will be contacted at a later date.

Our June Auction was cancelled as there is no way to prepare for or hold a virtual Auction. The Auction is a means for us to raise money for Outreach. In keeping with our 501(c)3 status, NVBS has made a \$500 donation to the Vienna Arts Society.

The policy for workshop payment is being changed. NVBS members will pay a discounted price for a limited time. That period will be determined as workshops are scheduled. Members will be informed of the costs and time frame. Once that discounted period has expired and the workshops are open to the public, the price will be at the non-member price, regardless of membership status. This is to simplify our dealings with Square payment processing, and will eliminate the need to deal with inventory or refunds.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:46 pm, although many members stayed online to chat, socialize, bead and stay in contact with friends.