

Minutes of the Northern Virginia Bead Society General [Zoom] Meeting – Sept 10, 2020

An email was sent to the membership that our next meeting would be held as a virtual meeting via Zoom. Approximately 28 members participated. The business meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by President Sherry Ellis.

Business Meeting

Bead Challenge. A photo of the contents is posted on the website. Cost is \$10, plus \$1 for shipping. Challenge packet will be sent on Saturday, Sept. 12, and the reveal will be in December.

Cynthia Rutledge workshops. Participants need to place their orders soon so that Cynthia can mail out the kits by Sept. 15. She is offering a 10% discount on kits only. There is no discount on the special items, such as the cubic zirconias used in the projects.

Email issue. It seems some people may not be receiving NVBS emails. There was discussion of using Constant Contact, although there are concerns about their marketing policies. Reservations about such policies are a concern. There is a cost to Constant Contact, but positives include no malware, the emails get through spam filters through the ISP. The emails are sent through automated software. A Zoom poll was done regarding this during the meeting with the following results: members said they ARE receiving emails as they are sent now and two members said they would not want to be included in Constant Contact marketing if we went that way.

Auction. As a 501(c)3 organization, we may be required to hold at least one fund raising event each year. Given that we do not expect to have in-person meeting for the foreseeable future, online auction vendors may need to be researched for our spring 2021 auction. Arlene suggested “FROG” software which her needlework group has used.

Nominations. Nominations for Vice President and Treasurer will be sought and accepted at our October meeting. Voting will occur at the November meeting and the new term will begin in January 2021.

Minutes. Minutes for January 2020, February 2020, March 2020 and June 2020 are posted on the NVBS website under Member Files.

Volunteers needed. If and when there are specific needs, requests may be made of members.

The meeting was officially adjourned at 7:30 pm. At that point, our guest speaker, Kate McKinnon, talked about Contemporary Geometric Beadwork, Kaleidocycles, utilizing mathematics in beadwork and also shared examples of some of these concepts and projects.