

## **Minutes of the Northern Virginia Bead Society General [Zoom] Meeting – January 7, 2021**

The business meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by president Sherry Ellis.

Approximately 18 members participated.

### **Business Meeting**

Financial documents were discussed. Diane will present the budget at next month's meeting.

Membership: previously we had 83 members. At present we have 51 or 52 members who have renewed.

The website was discussed. There will be changes since the software is not current. Attempts to update the website were unsuccessful. The website froze and no changes were saved. Some Bead Challenge project pictures were uploaded; the rest will be uploaded as soon as possible.

Class dates and guest artists are listed but since actual classes are not yet known, those pages are currently blank.

Auction: The auction will be virtual and held in May. We have one volunteer. As always, we need many more. We have kits to auction and other items, but there are no plans to gather in order to determine inventory and prices. Paulette has been able to obtain some donations.

There was discussion about Artistic Artifacts and another upcycling location. Artistic Artifacts has the remains of the Beads Ltd shop closeout.

Paulette discussed the possibility of members creating a bead square for the Bead Museum. If interested, the squares should be 6 inches by 6 inches. The item can also be 3-D, with dimensions of 6 inches by 6 inches by 6 inches. Pieces must be mounted on a stable surface such as wood, and the back must be flat. Embroidered pieces can be on leather or fabric. Caravan Beads might have further information for those who are interested in participating.

Paulette also shared a slide show of some of the bead squares that have already been received by the Bead Museum. There are many more squares to be viewed on their website. For those who are interested in creating and donating a square, these can be done individually or collaboratively, but it is up to the beaders themselves. NVBS will not be coordinating those efforts. Several people have offered backing for the square. The backing must be firm enough to enable the square to be hung at the Museum – metal, wood, perhaps plastic if it is hard enough and sturdy enough. Arrangements will have to be made if someone needs the backing material.

Amy Castine gave a presentation on Shibori with beadwork. Several members shared Shibori pieces that they had already made. Amy had a great deal of information which she graciously shared with the attendees. The Shibori examples were all gorgeous!

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm. The Next meeting will be February 4 via Zoom.