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Current NVBS Members (current as of 05/08/21) Register Early and online only via your link in email. Open registration will be available on Monday May 24th, 2021 via the website: [www.nvbs.org](http://www.nvbs.org)

## **Gerbera (top right) – Friday September 10, 2021 11:00 am – 5:00 pm EDT**

Designed in honor of Cliff's mother-in-law and her favorite flower, this necklace features a large Swarovski crystal adorned by layers of fringe and lifelike petals. On either side of the pendant is a blown glass horn that definitely makes this piece a showstopper. Each element of the flower is designed to mimic the actual anatomy of a Gerbera daisy and although the overall centerpiece is large, it doesn't lose any of the natural grace and beauty of the flower it is modeled after.

**Level: Advanced**

**Prerequisites: strong Peyote knowledge and RAW**

**Stitches used: CRAW, flat peyote, tubular peyote, round peyote, Albion Stitch**

**Thread recommendation: 4lb fishing line, OneG, KO or Hana threads, size 12 and 13 beading needles**

**Kit Fee: \$87. Color choices: White; Vermillion; Note: Horns are not included in the kit.**

## **Pearlesque (bottom) – Sat. September 11, 2021 11:00 am – 5:00 pm EDT**

Over 180 pearls and crystals come together to make these stunning earrings. They are a nod to the "sautoir" long pearl necklaces with tassels that flappers wore in the 1920s. Typically the jewelry of this time period would incorporate Eastern motifs and gemstones, such as jade or engraved onyx with diamonds. The focal crystal is a fantasy cushion stone, bezeled with a harlequin motif to add a bit of whimsy to these fun earrings. To construct these earrings, traditional binding and fringing techniques used in passementerie in sixteenth century France are combined with peyote + netted bead weaving to construct these ornate earrings that can be worn in both casual and formal settings.

**Level: Intermediate**

**Prerequisites: Tubular Peyote**

**Stitches used: Peyote, Netting, Branch Fringe**

**Thread recommendation: OneG, KO or Hana threads, size 12 beading needle**

**Kit Fee: \$95. Color choices: TBD (hope to know in June. Depends on supplier availability.)**

## **Orchid (top left) – Sunday September 12, 2021 11:00 am – 5:00 pm EDT**

These orchids were designed in honor of Cliff's daughter, whose given birth middle name was Orchid, before adopting and gifting her a new name. In ancient Greece, orchids were a symbol of virility + fertility. Due to the flower's symmetry, in China, they are considered "Lan Hua" or the epitome of human perfection. In Victorian England these flowers are considered symbols of love, which is why he had them as one of his wedding flowers. The Phalænopsis orchid has just over 60 varieties that grow naturally in the wild, which is a small number compared to the over 35,000 species of orchid varieties that naturally exist.

To pattern these beaded beauties, Cliff used one of his many orchid plants that he grows, dissecting one of the flowers to ensure it was anatomically correct and true to the original it is patterned after. For those who are proficient in peyote stitch, this pendant is a great exploration of how to shape flower petals using different peyote techniques. Each flower is made life-sized, true to scale and can be worn as a pendant or adapted to make a beautiful pair of earrings.

**Level: Ambitiously Advanced**

**Prerequisites: Strong Peyote skills**

**Stitches used: 7 types of peyote, herringbone, PRAW, brick, square, stitch-in-ditch, branch fringe, ladder stitch**

**Thread recommendation: 4lb fishing line, OneG, KO or Hana threads, size 12 beading needle**

**Kit Fee: \$60. (if buying only the pattern: \$10 (+ shipping) printing fee for the 44 page pattern)**

**Color choices: pink/purple/yellow; chartreuse/pink/red-orange; white/yellow; white/red; flamingo/pink/creamsicle**

## Notes on NVBS classes via Zoom

- 1) Kits for Gerbera and Pearlesque are Mandatory! Kits for Orchid are NOT mandatory, but if you are enrolled in the class and do not buy a kit, you must pay Cliff for the cost of the printed instructions (\$10 plus shipping)**

Cliff has offered to the students taking the Orchid class, that if they wish to use their own beads, students need to purchase the tutorial from him. The tutorial will be \$10 plus shipping.

Please note: Cliff is not comfortable sending PDFs of his instructions.

- 2) Virtual class necessities - make sure they work before the day of the class!**

To see and participate in the virtual class, you will need to have a working camera and microphone (webcam, tablet or cellphone). You MAY also wish to have a second camera, either a second webcam or some other arrangement of tablet/cellphone/computer that communicate with each other so you can show your work to the teacher in class, should you need to do so.

- 3) Register early! NVBS exclusive registration from Monday May 10th - Sunday May 23rd, 2021**

Registration will be exclusively open to members of NVBS until May 23rd 2021. On May 24th, 2021 registration will be open to the public. Note: the virtual class size will be lower than if the class were in person, so if you're interested in these classes, don't wait!

- 4) Expect to Order Kits around mid August. Deadline is August 23, 2021!**

After registration has closed, **Cliff will contact you via email with instructions for ordering your kits through his website. Please do not contact him first. You will only be able to order kits with his link.**

Kit orders should be sent back to Cliff by August 23, 2021 to reasonably expect the kits to arrive before the class dates.

- 5) Kits and cancellation policy!**

Cliff will not accept kit orders unless you are enrolled in the class. Instructions are available only to those who register for classes. They will be mailed to you either with your kit purchases (Gerbera, Pearlesque, Orchid-if-you-choose-the-kit-option), or separately (Orchid if it is your only class and you are not choosing a kit option).

Once your registration has been processed by NVBS, we will send you a notification that you are enrolled. PLEASE do not expect this to happen immediately. Remember, we are all volunteers and are doing the best we can. It may take up to a week from the time you pay for your class until you receive your notification of enrollment.

**ONCE THE KIT HAS BEEN SHIPPED TO YOU, THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS FOR THE CLASS OR THE KIT, NO EXCEPTIONS.**

- 6) Details about the Zoom classes will be sent to you by the instructor the week of classes.**

Cliff will be hosting the Zoom class. Expect email with meeting details the week of the class.

To see more of Cliff's work and classes, see his website at [www.cssfineart.com](http://www.cssfineart.com).