

Minutes of the Northern Virginia Bead Society General [Zoom] Meeting – November 4, 2021

The general meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by president Sherry Ellis.

Approximately 19 members participated.

Business Meeting

Nominations for President and Treasurer were held last month. Sherry Ellis was the only candidate for President and was re-elected for another term. Alison Lovitt-Reinfeld was the only candidate for Secretary and was re-elected for another term.

A question was raised regarding the long-time holding of Board positions. As it stands according to the bylaws, a Board member is limited to two consecutive terms. As such, the Secretary has held the position for more than two consecutive terms, which violates the bylaws as they currently exist. This again brought up the fact that the bylaws need to be rewritten to reflect how the Society currently operates. This will need to be done; however, current Board members will not be directly involved the process. Current Board members may, at their discretion, assist in the process.

It has been decided that there will be no in-person holiday party. There will be a zoom meeting in December at which time members will share their completed Bead Challenge projects. As in 2020, photographs of completed projects will be submitted for a Power Point presentation to be shown during the zoom meeting.

There are still Challenge kits available.

Upcoming meetings

- At the January meeting, Kristen will be teaching Cellini beading. A supply list is available.
- Mellissa Shippee Grakowsky will present workshops in February – a two day mask master class (February 18 – 19), and two sessions of her Suspension necklace (February 20 and 21).
- Cath Thomas will teach her Sunshine project in two sessions (March 12 and 19).
- Kim Stathis will return to NVBS in April with a presentation at the general meeting (April 7) and workshops (April 8 – 10). Her workshops have not yet been determined.
- Shona Bevan will return to NVBS with workshops (May 21 and 22). Her workshops have not yet been determined.
- May 5 will be our general meeting with our annual auction.
- June 2 will be a general meeting.
- There will not be a general meeting in July. However, Stephanie Burnham will have two workshops with us – July 10 will be Petals; July 23 and 24 will be Mad Hatter.

General meeting

There was a question from a member interested in donating her beading books to our library. At present we do not have a library. As we do not currently have a physical location for our meetings, and the storage unit is quite full, a suggestion was made that some of the books that are in high demand might be offerings in our Auction.

The remainder of the meeting involved a discussion of our October and November activity. NVBS has purchased a pattern for a 3DMargina Star from Barb Talijan, aka “The Ornamental Lady”. Members will be able to work on it during those two meetings.

There was also a brief discussion of the ongoing work of Contemporary Geometric Beadwork.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.