

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

The general meeting was called to order at 7:29 pm by president Sherry Ellis, after about 30 minutes of social time for members to chat and show some current projects.

Approximately 26 members participated.

### **Business Meeting**

Tonight's meeting was recorded as the Secretary was unavailable.

Nominations for President and Secretary were held. Susan Burgard nominated Sherry Ellis for another term as President and Marcia Martin seconded the nomination. Sherry Ellis nominated Alison Lovitt-Reinfeld for another term as Secretary and Marcia Martin seconded the nomination.

There were not as many takers for the Bead Challenge this year, and there are still kits available for purchase. A question was posed to see if there were suggestions or desires for materials for next year's challenge.

The website went live on the new hosting service. There were no interruptions in service as a result of the migration. There is a second stage that will be done at a later date. The website was updated with the full calendar for 2022 teachers as well as some of the 2023 teachers. The class listings for the teachers are in progress as we are waiting for new projects from the teachers. New designs are expected in early 2022. The specific teachers and dates are settled but class listings will be presented as soon as they are available.

A poll was held regarding our annual holiday party regarding whether it will be in person or held virtually. Although the poll was visible to all members attending tonight's Zoom meeting, the actual voting was limited to local members. 33% of tonight's participants are not local. Poll participation was 84% and of the local members, 43% did not want to meet in person while 24% said they would attend in person. There were 21 responses to the poll, which means 9 members do not want to meet in person and 5 members would like an in person event. The decision was easily determined that there will not be an in person holiday party this year. The planned date for the Zoom party meeting is December 2.

Regarding upcoming meetings, there was discussion about how they would be run. If we return to in person meetings, will we continue to have the capability to have hybrid meetings for our non-local members? In order to do that, Sherry Ellis will have to do some research on what equipment might be needed – either for us to purchase or to see what VCC has available – and what bandwidth is at VCC. At some point, there will be an attempt to run a Zoom meeting, and when the time is right for a hybrid meeting, that meeting will be a test to determine what's needed, how well it will work and what potential problems might arise, as well as whatever solutions can be managed.

The program for tonight's meeting is the Margina 3-D star. After the business meeting, there will be 3 breakout rooms to work on the star. The breakout rooms will be run by Paulette Baron, Kristen Ho and Diane Dennis, who have been working on the stars to determine any potential trouble areas. A chat will be sent to members as Diane Dennis has arranged with the Margina artist, Barb Talijan, to offer a 10% discount through this Sunday in her shop.

At this time, the general meeting was concluded and members working on the star were split into groups in the breakout rooms.

The recording ended at approximately 9:00, at which point, the meeting was adjourned.