

**Minutes of the Northern Virginia Bead Society
General [Zoom] Meeting – Feb 2, 2023**

The general meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by president Sherry Ellis. The program/business meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.
Approximately 25 members participated.

Business Meeting

There is a code for the Etsy site for the artist who does the origami folding box. The code is BEADALONG2023. However, at the time of the meeting the code had expired (due to local time differences – the artist is in Europe). Paulette will contact her to see if it can be extended.

It is time to renew membership at memberships.nvbs@yahoo.com. If members do not renew this month, they will no longer receive information and invites for upcoming meetings.

Melissa Grakowsky Shippee will be teaching July 8 and 9. There is a draft brochure. She will not be speaking, and the workshops are Tipping the Scales bracelet and Plumeria lariat. Kits will not be required. Registration for members will be open to members in the next day or two.

Auction contribution items are being requested. Paulette will collect items. Shelley B. has 5 old Laura McCabe kits that she will be donating. There may be a Sherry Serafini kit offered. The auction will be held as the May meeting. There are Lorraine Morton items in storage; some of these may only be desirable for parts. There may be some designer assemblages, e.g., Jewelry Kit Market and/or books. A new member, Barbara, asked how the auction worked, given that we do not meet in person. An explanation of past auctions was given.

The budget is in a transition situation. The 2023 proposed budget is the same as the 2022 budget. There are no changes, and there is a small deficit. Cynthia moved to approve the budget; Shelley seconded the motion. The budget was passed unanimously.

Upcoming events:

June – Jayashree Paramesh will teach on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

September – Julia Pretl's panda box will be done as a beadalong on September 7 and part two will be held at the November meeting. Kathy of Bead Soup is willing to put kits together for us.

October – Edgar Lopez will teach but as yet, offerings are unknown.

There is a Bead Symposium in Tucson with information available in an email that can be shared.

Woodlawn Plantation's needlework exhibition will be in March. Some members have entered in the past; some will enter the current show. Cynthia will be demonstrating on March 11 at Woodlawn, and ill KathLor will also be demonstrating there, with bead weaving and bead embroidery on March 17.

General meeting

Paulette demonstrated more of the origami folding box.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm.