

**Minutes of the Northern Virginia Bead Society
General [Zoom] Meeting – June 1, 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 26 members participated.

Business Meeting

Edgar Lopez will be our guest artist / teacher in October. Workshops have not yet been decided. The November and December meetings will be Julia Pretl's Panda Box. Kathy from Bead Soup will be contacted to see if she will put together kits for the workshop. No program has been decided for the September meeting. That being said, however, there was a suggestion for Nancy Josephson. According to Paulette, Nancy's beadwork is sculptural, and similar to the work of Betty Youngquist.

The results of last month's auction were pretty good. The amount of sales was approximately the same as last year's auction. However, the USPS has raised rates since last year so our profit was lower. There was some discussion about the success of the assemblages as well as the possibility of auction participants paying some of the postage costs.

This is the last meeting until September, although Melissa Grakowski Shippee will be presenting workshops in July.

Nominations for President and Secretary will be held at the October business meeting, with the elections held in November.

Jayashree Paramesh gave a presentation on how ancient civilizations inspire her work.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 pm.