

BEAD SOCIETY

A Message from our President -

Rosemary Cocks

The upcoming meeting will be in the **Boyd Room at the Carnegie Library**. How long has it been? I am really looking forward to the smoked salmon bagel for lunch!!

As usual **our meeting starts earlier** than the opening hours of the Library so we will still enter through the back glass doors. Someone will open the door for you so please swap places and allow them to go upstairs and you can take your turn to open the door for the next person. Many will remember that Norma Smethurst would stay at the door for some time - just a reminder of a lovely member.

The committee assisted our Librarians, **Aletha and Margaret** to complete a stocktake. I would like to thank everyone who was able to assist - it was heavy, hard work. I was amazed at the number and quality of the books - I believe that our library would be the best in the country for beading so please take a look and make use of this great resource.

The **library** will be open to return



The second item for which we would like your feedback is the possibility of starting a **UFO meeting on a Saturday morning**. We have already had feedback from members locally and interstate who would be interested.

There will be **two clipboards** just inside the door for members to document their thoughts about these two subjects so please provide

The library will be open to return books but please be patient because as you can imagine there will be many.

This year seems to be flying by and we are looking forward to a full year. **Cheryl Burns**, our workshop coordinator has been working hard to secure tutors for the whole year so keep a lookout on the website. Some workshops are now open so book in quickly to secure your spot. There will be samples of some of the EXPO workshop pieces available for viewing at the May meeting.

The **committee** has been talking for some time now about having a charity for the Bead Society. We were thinking of a **charity** that doesn't already receive celebrity, public or government assistance.

some feedback. Otherwise, please contact me at:

rosemary@beadsociety.com.au if you are not able to attend the meeting in person.

The suggestions for both items will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

The **Northcote Library** is opening its door to us again this month. Northcote meetings occur on the **fourth Saturday each month starting at 10am**. This month it will be **May 22nd**. Once again, we ask you to bring a friend to enjoy the day with us.

Once again Penny and Alex have completed another informative newsletter. Stay well and I look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday.

Workshop Window

by Cheryl Burns



A new feature of the Newsletter

If you wish to advertise your workshop please contact the BSV Workshop Coordinator, Cheryl at:

cheryl@beadsociety.com.au

Hello BSV Members. We're at the pointy end of releasing the **workshop programme for 2021**. I count myself lucky that we will be able to have most of our workshops 'in person'. Zoom is a wonderful medium and I personally like it very much, but it doesn't always suit everyone. Here is your opportunity to re-visit the personal aspect of getting together and renewing relationships at the **'live' EXPO**.

LOCAL TUTOR EXPO WORKSHOPS

At the May BSV Monthly Meeting, examples of **Local Tutor Expo workshops** will be available for viewing. Tutors featured at this year's Expo are Catriona Starpins, Ruth Davies, Glenda MacNaughton, Jeanette Downs, Paula Gething from On a String, Alicia Cleary, Carmel Barber, Kerri Putnins and Dani Rapinett from Whimsical Bead. All of these tutors have wonderful skills to impart so I hope you enjoy the learning experience. Be quick to register because I suspect bookings will be heavy.

A separate email about the local workshops will be sent to all members very soon!

CLIFF SWAIN-SALOMON

After the Expo has been held at the Box Hill Town Hall you will notice **Cliff Swain-Salomon** then starts his programme 24th and 25th July. We have also convinced him to bring forward from November to 31st July a workshop that has been most successful elsewhere, the **Phalaenopsis Orchid**. I would suggest you book in quickly if you like his work. Please be aware his workshops will be via Zoom.

Cliff works mainly in Aikos which give his designs a crisp, sharper look. Delicas are a good substitute in some instances, but for Cliff advises that Aikos are the bead to use.

KIT ORDERS FOR CLIFF'S WORKSHOPS

This is the sequence to follow to receive a kit from Cliff:

- 1. Register into the workshop of your choice
- 2. You will receive an email acknowledging your confirmed registration after payment received
- 3. If you wish to place an order for one of Cliff's kits, please send your request to workshop@beadsociety.com.au.
- 4. Your name and email address will be supplied to Cliff who will send a **link** that guides you to a part of his website not generally viewed by the public. You are now able to order the kit of your choice directly through Cliff as well as view colours available.
- 5. Please do not be concerned should your **link** not arrive for a week.
- 6. If you place your kit/pattern order/s before June 7th they will hopefully arrive for distribution at the July BSV meeting. The BSV will **cover your postage**.
- 7. Orders placed after June 7th will be at the responsibility of the individual and will incur their own shipping costs.

Lynda from Banjos Beads (www.banjosbeadhouse.com.au) has indicated she is happy to order Aikos for use in Cliff's classes. Please contact her directly to place an order should this be the bead of choice. Lynda will require an order by the end of May. If you are ordering for one of Cliff's workshops this will only be relevant for classes that permit an 'optional' kit'.

Anyone else who would like to order **Aikos** are also welcomed to contact Lynda but ensure it is before end of May. Lynda has also offered to take transport any orders placed with her to the Expo, so you don't incur a postage fee..... more money to spend on Aikos!

THEORY CLASSES

Pru Barridge will be running the second workshop in the RAW series at the May 9th BSV Monthly Meeting held at Carnegie Library. This workshop will feature CRAW (Cubic Right Angle Weave). Many of you admired the work of Annetien Bergman's when she brought samples of her work to share with you a few months ago. If you want to create wonderful pieces like Annetien's then Pru's workshop will help. And, most importantly, the skills you gain will assist with Cliff's workshops.

I look forward to seeing many of you in **EXPO** workshops at the Box Hill Town Hall.

Happy Beading!



Phalænopsis Orchid



BEAD SOCIETY OF THE PALM BEACHES

DON'T FORGET TO JOIN Lisa Lichten, President of the Bead Society of the Palm Beaches and their members by enrolling to receive emails. You should have received an email from the committee about how to do so.

Our Sister Society in Florida is inviting us to keep in touch.

<https://beadsocietyofthepalmbeaches.com/>

BEAD CHALLENGE 2021

Get excited!!

The key information is that final submission in person is by June 13th at the Carnegie Meeting or it is to be received by the BSV by June 11th.

Cost of entry is \$20 for members.

Start thinking creatively and see the BSV website for more detail.

You can pick up a bead pack at the MAY 9th Meeting.



This year's Challenge Beads supplied by Lynda at:

<http://www.banjosbeadhouse.com.au>

BEAD CURIOSITIES



Prayer Beads

"Beads are among the earliest human ornaments and artistic objects"



Worry Beads

Worry Beads are not Prayer beads, instead they are used for:

human ornaments and ostrich shell beads in Africa date to 10,000 BCE, Over the centuries various cultures have made beads from a variety of materials from stone and shells to clay.

“The English word bead derives from the Old English noun **bede** which means a prayer. The oldest image of a string of beads in a religious context and resembling a string of prayer beads is found on the fresco of the "Adorantes" (or "Worshippers") at the Xeste 3 building of the prehistoric settlement of Akrotiri, Santorini (Thera,) Greece ([Wall Paintings of Thera](#).) dating from the 17thC. BCE (circa 1613 BCE.) The exact origins of prayer beads remain uncertain, but their earliest historical use probably traces to [Hindu prayers](#) in India. [Buddhism](#) probably borrowed the concept from Hinduism. The statue of a Hindu holy man with beads dates to the third century BCE.”

From:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prayer_beads#Origins_and_etymology, accessed 27/4/2021



- relaxation, enjoyment, and generally passing the time
- as an amulet, to guard against bad luck
- used by people who wish to limit smoking
- as a mark of power and social prestige. This is especially true in the case of expensive worry beads made of silver or amber.

From:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Worry_beads



[Member Bader Profile May 21.pdf](#)

MEETINGS AND ZOOM UFO EVENTS

NEXT MEETING

Weekly Wednesday Night UFO

MAY 9 2021

10am - 3pm.

Boyd Room

Carnegie Library

7.00pm (19:00) AEST

MAY 12 and 19

Meeting ID: 857 1838 5691

Passcode: 721705

It is still a requirement to register with the QR code which will be in the Boyd Room.

YOUR BSV NEEDS YOU - AT THE EXPO!!

FRIDAY JULY 16 - SUNDAY JULY 18 The BSV will need a team of volunteers to assist with the smooth running of the forthcoming EXPO. If you have any questions, please go to the BSV website to register. Thank you! Contact Alex at alex@beadsociety.com.au

MAY 9 and 22 MEETINGS AND COVID REQUIREMENTS

PRE-MEETING: The BSV has a QR CODE specific for this venue to assist with contact tracing. Please download the Victorian Govt Service app from Google Play or Apple prior to the meeting.

Please wipe all your personal equipment, including phones, with alcohol wipes prior to entering the meeting. Please bring a mask and a coffee cup.

ARRIVAL AT THE MEETING: Please stand in single file at 1.5 metres apart and sanitise your hands. Check in via QR code (you have already downloaded the app) and then your temperature will be taken via a digital thermometer on your forehead.

Please do not attend the meeting if: your temperature is greater than 37.5 C; if you have been in contact with a person experiencing COVID 19 or a person returning from overseas; have symptoms of cough, tiredness, loss of smell or taste or feeling generally unwell.

AT THE MEETING: Please maintain a 1.5m distance at all times. Good personal hygiene practices should keep everyone as safe as possible. Everyone is expected to clean their own mug. Tables and chairs will be wiped before the meeting and when we leave.

For more information about COVID management www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/staying-safe-covid-19

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

We encourage members to submit items about anything bead related, eg. teaching disabled groups, beady travel items, etc or perhaps you'd like to be featured in our member profile section.

This is your newsletter, so please help to make it interesting!

Email info@beadsociety.com.au with the subject "Newsletter submission".

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