

2011 PBS BEAD RETREAT

In early March, 70 beading enthusiasts met at Tolovana Inn in wonderful Cannon Beach to enjoy three days of friendship, fun and festivity. Delicious food, exciting classes, new techniques and bead shopping were enjoyed by all!

We thank Vicki Vranna for preparing the wonderful beaded tins for everyone. Vicki also contacted many local bead businesses and collected their donations for the goody bags and Bingo prizes and she helped “wo-man” the registration table. Thank you Vicki!

Thanks to Liz Plam for preparing the clever name tags that included our high school pictures so we were able to see each other in all our youthful “glory”. Liz also led one of our stretch exercises. Thank you Liz!

We thank Fire Mountain Gems for donating the bags for our goodies!

Big thanks go to our seven (!) fearless teachers who gave us six exciting new classes and techniques to enjoy: Ruth Haag for Capturing the Cab; Karie Hieb for Botanical Band; Pat Vance for Rippling River Bracelet; Linda Fordyce for Netted Earrings; Vicki Vranna for Jelly Fish Bracelet; all Virginia Blakelock and Carol Perrenoud for Serpentina Bracelet. The projects were appreciated and enjoyed by all!

Thanks to our three hardworking vendors, Carol Perrenoud of BeadCats, Pam Maxfield of Bello Modo and Dusti Dickman of Dragonfly Silver. Together these businesses provided attendees with virtually a complete bead store! Thank you vendors!

Thanks to the donors who generously contributed to the Goody Bags and the Bead Bingo prizes: All Fired Up Glass Beads (Kathy Lowe), Itzart Glass (Kathy Perras), Bead Bullies, Bead City, Bead Happy, BeadCats, Beads at Dusti Creek, BellaDonna, Bello Modo, Dava, Deborah Annan, Fire Mountain Gems, Kalmbach Publishing Co., Larry Bolf, Main Street Beads, Rebecca Shaipro the Artist, Scotty’s Beads (Scott Parrish), Sophea Designs by Karmen, Splendor in the Glass (Jolene Riley), The Glass Stitch (Jennifer Gallagher).

We want to acknowledge two ladies who helped prepared the breakfast goodies for our morning fare: Darlene Fordyce and Linda Fordyce. Thanks, too to Karie Heib who helped at the Registration desk and thanks to many ladies who helped set up the conference room and fill the goody bags on Thursday afternoon. We could NOT have done this without all of you!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Photo ID Contest. It was great fun to see everyone as young children and toddlers. Barbara Erickson won a goody basket for the most correct guesses!

Many thanks to our unsung heroines who every year braved the cold hard floor to set up electricals: Jeannine O’Hagan and Karen Carr. Their service gave us light!

Congratulations to the four winners of the 2011 Margaret Scovil Bead Challenge: Cherrie Calewart for the Fantasy category; Merle Sherman for the Look-A-Like category; Karen Carr for the Ethnic category and Keri Vine for the Whimsical category. Thanks to the 13 artists who entered the contest; each received one of Carol Perrenoud’s wonderful hand-made bags. Thank you, Carol!

Our gratitude goes to the Bead Challenge Committee: Dusti Dickman, Cindy Talbot-Nelson, and Kris Dinkel who unwrapped and displayed the entries, counted the votes and determined the winners.

The 2012 Bead Retreat will be held March 2, 3, and 4, at Tolovana Inn so mark you calendars!
The application will appear in the September newsletter!

Jennifer Gallagher and Karmen Schmidt
Retreat Co-chairs