

bead beat



Go Nuts!

Get in touch with your organic side by exploring Lillypilly Designs' new collection of delicately etched tagua nut pendants and matte onyx beads. The brilliantly colored, teardrop-shaped tagua nut pendants come in five geometric patterns and two sizes, while the striking matte onyx beads come in two rectangular-shaped designs. Of course, Lillypilly still offers the shell, wood, bone, and horn we've all come to love. Tagua nut pendants range from \$15 to \$18. Onyx beads are priced at \$20 each. Buy them at your local bead store or www.lillypillydesigns.com.

Brass with Class

Looking to make a statement at your upcoming holiday party? Accent your jewelry with Nina Designs' new brass clasps. Available in the same styles you've come to love from Nina—the delicate swirl and the fanciful flower toggle clasp pictured here, for instance—the brass clasps are warmer than their silver and gold counterparts and delightfully more affordable! Cast in Israel, these findings sell for about \$3 to \$26 at your local bead shop or www.ninadesigns.com.



The New Glitterati

Swarovski has done it again! This season's color palette is utterly exquisite: light gray opal and palace green opal for crystals and antique brass for crystal pearls. Imagine accessorizing a deep gray silk holiday-party dress with a multistrand necklace made of the new green and gray crystals—lovely! What would you do with these gem-toned beauties? Buy them wherever Swarovski crystals are sold.

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Donna Lotti

THE CHALLENGE WINNERS!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the first-ever *Stringing* Challenge! Fifty-eight people submitted designs for the theme "I'll Fly Away," and we received more than 1,300 votes.

Congratulations to Donna Lotti. Her seed-bead-pearl-stone-fiber-Thai silver multistrand necklace was the first-place winner *and* the editors' choice. Second place goes to Diane Dugan and third place to Irene Landaw. Great job, ladies!

Visit stringingmagazine.com between November 9 and December 9, 2007, and cast a vote for your favorite "Double Trouble" submission. Look for winners in the Spring issue of *Stringing*.

The next Challenge theme is:
FUN IN THE SUN.

>> Entries are due to
stringing@interweave.com
no later than February 4, 2008.



Diane Dugan



Irene Landaw

CHALLENGE GUIDELINES

Send us a clear, high-resolution TIF (better) or JPEG (good) photo that is 300 dpi at 3" x 5", please.

Please note that we have a couple of new rules:

FOR VOTERS:

In the spirit of fairness and friendly competition, please vote only once, from only one e-mail address.

FOR ENTRANTS:

1. One entry per person please. (So send us your best work!)
2. Submissions must be stringing projects; you may include wireworking. (It's for *Stringing* magazine, after all!)
3. An e-mail will be sent within two weeks after the close of voting for each challenge. Please do not e-mail us asking for news of the winners before then. Thank you.