

contributors



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1. Kristy Abner is a self-taught jewelry artist, who has been designing for just over two years, and has been published in several bead magazines. She enjoys making one-of-a-kind pieces and finds inspiration in nature, especially the four seasons. She and her lampworked bead-artist husband, Dean, live with their two goofy Labradors and their four silly kitty cats in the beautiful state of Kentucky. To see more of Kristy's work or to contact her, please visit www.kristyskreations.com.



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2. Kelly Angeley lives, beads, and teaches beading in Florence, Oregon. Although beadwork has become a full-time occupation, Kelly has been known to occasionally pick up a paintbrush and her guitar. She can be reached at beadologist@gmail.com or through her website at www.kellyangeleybeadologie.com.



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3. Marianne Baxter lives at Sea Ranch on the California coast with her husband, Gary. She has been making jewelry for more than fifteen years and has recently started working with glass, making her own lampworked beads and fused-glass pendants. See more of her work at www.simplyseablimejewelry.com.



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4. Ruby Bayan is usually a writer first and a beadworker second, but has lately been caught switching roles. She shares her writing and handcrafted jewelry through her website, www.oursimplejoys.com.



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5. Carrie Beckwith has been playing with beads since she was a child. Now a manager at her favorite bead shop, You've Got to be Beading!, she designs pieces, teaches classes, and gets to play with beads on a daily basis.



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6. Melanie Brooks is a ceramic bead artist specializing in the miniature world of beads and jewelry. Melanie's jewelry designs, using her handcrafted beads, have appeared in many publications including *Beadwork* and *Stringing*. She sells her work on her website, www.earthenwoodstudio.com.



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7. Gaea Cannaday is an artist who focuses on ceramic pendants and beads and lives in beautiful Ojai, California. She enjoys her two beautiful children, two sassy dogs, two independent cats, and one loving husband, Robert. For more information on Gaea's pendants, beads, buttons, and jewelry, please visit www.gaea.cc.



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8. Tiffany Alana Dodgen is a singer/songwriter/musician/jewelry designer from the heart of Texas. She has a degree in commercial music and is currently pursuing a BA in criminal justice at TSU. Tiffany's jewelry-artisan grandparents, her mother's love of jewelry, and her dad's artistic talent have influenced her world of creativity by cultivating and inspiring her passion for jewelry, rocks, gems, and minerals. Tiffany can be contacted online at her shop, www.rockstarrdesigns.etsy.com.



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9. Abbie Doyle has always created and re-created everything around her. This mother of three sons started beading to entertain her niece and to have something "girlie" to do. Her bead stash led to a bead room, then to a bead store—in 2006 she opened her shop, My Garden of BEADin', located in historic Hendersonville, North Carolina. Abbie's favorite part of beading is coming up with designs each time she meets a new bead! Visit www.mygardenofbeadin.com for store hours and workshop schedules.



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10. Working full time in an art museum, **Lorelei Eurto** is inspired by artwork on a daily basis. Collaborating with many different art-bead artisans, Lorelei loves to create whimsical and earthy jewelry designs that are functional and fun. You can read more about her design process on her blog, www.loreleii141.blogspot.com, and shop at her Etsy shop, www.loreleii141.etsy.com.



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11. Kerri Fuhr is a full-time lampworked bead artist and jewelry designer from British Columbia, Canada. She is inspired by nature, and many woodland creatures are depicted on her beads. She spends the winter in her studio creating beads so the summer months can be devoted to selling her beads at shows across the United States and Canada. To view her current work and show schedule, visit Kerri's website at www.kerrifuhr.com.



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12. Co-owner of Artful Beads Studio and Workshop in Pennington, New Jersey, **Amy Haftkowsyc** is a self-taught (and published!) lampworker as well as a certified PMC artisan. More recently, Amy's beading ventures have turned to beadweaving projects, opening yet another exciting world to explore! She lives in Pennington with her husband and six cats.



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13. Combining playful textures with memory and narrative, **Beth Hemmila**, owner of Hint Jewelry Design, creates handmade silver charms that tell a universal story. Blending Wild West spirit with Far East design, Hint connects people through simple beauty, pure craftsmanship, and common stories.



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14. Elizabeth Hiney has been making couture bridal headpieces and jewelry for Rose McKay Bridal for more than ten years and has finally decided to pursue her love of all jewelry and expand her line. She loves making earthy and organic feeling pieces inspired by nature. You can shop at her Etsy shop, www.rosemckaydesigns.etsy.com.



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15. Jamie Hogsett is a jewelry designer, freelance editor, and the education coordinator for Soft Flex Company. She is author of *Stringing Style* and coauthor of the *Create Jewelry* series (Interweave, 2007-2009): *Pearls, Crystals, Stones, and Glass*.



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16. Tari Kahrs's formal education is in painting; however, she loves all mediums and art forms. She has a passion for creating jewelry and a serious addiction to beads!



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17. Stephanie LaRosa is married to a wonderful husband who lets her take up an entire room of their house with her jewelry supplies. She is also a stay-at-home mom to one very loud and rambunctious two-year-old son. Stephanie has been beading for four years and believes that anything can be turned into a piece of jewelry, whether it is a favorite photo, piece of fabric, or scrapbooking embellishment. See her designs at www.leclairrosedesigns.etsy.com.



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18. Michelle Mach is a freelance writer, editor, and jewelry designer in Colorado. A frequent contributor to *Stringing*, Michelle loves experimenting with new materials and techniques, even if it means keeping a fire extinguisher handy! See more of her work on her website, www.michellemach.com.



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19. After collecting beads and other shiny things for ten years, **Diane Markt** started making jewelry and is now totally obsessed with beads! Working full time and being a mother and wife leaves little time to create, so she squeezes her hobby in when she can and dreams of "someday." Diane takes as many classes as possible and hasn't yet met a technique she didn't like. She lives in Colorado with her family, who supports her obsession—as long as they don't have to go into bead stores with her.



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20. As a retired English teacher, **Toni McCarthy** is thoroughly enjoying her second career as a jewelry designer. She beads for hours at a time; travels to art shows; teaches classes; values her time with her husband, two grown sons, and their families; and loves being a grandma!



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21. **Denise Yezbak Moore** is a jewelry designer who finds inspiration in antiques, architecture, and nature. She is a frequent contributor to *Stringing* magazine and dabbles in metal clay, painting, and sewing. Denise resides in Yorba Linda, California, with her husband, Rusty, and their children. You can contact Denise at www.rustyroxx.com and visit her blog at www.deniseyezbakmoore.blogspot.com.



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22. **Kelly Morgan** first picked up a bead twelve years ago to use as an embellishment for a rubber-stamping project. She hasn't looked back since. Her work is deeply inspired by the beaches of Southern California. When she's not making jewelry, Kelly blogs about her beady adventures and life as a single working mom at www.silverparrotdesigns.blogspot.com.



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23. **Sharon Palac** is an English teacher and artist whose passion is creating polymer clay pendants and jewelry. Her newest foray into the arts involves the potter's wheel and bronze metal clay. Sharon lives in Las Vegas, Nevada, with her husband and three rowdy canines. You can visit her at www.bijouxjardin.etsy.com or www.bijouxjardin.1000markets.com.



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24. **Anne Perry** is a professional educator who lives with her husband in Southern California. She has been beading in her spare time ever since her best friend cleaned out her craft closet and gave Anne all of her beads.



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25. **Lisa Petrillo** works part time as an administrative assistant and part time as a jewelry designer. When she's not running, she's in her studio experimenting with metal, polymer clay, resin, or whatever she can get her hands on. Lisa lives by the beach in Florida with her new husband and energetic Weimaraner, Cooper. Visit her blog at www.lucidmoonstudio.com.



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26. **Margot Potter** is a well-known author, designer, consultant, freelance writer, and TV personality. Margot's latest book, *Bead Chic* (North Light Books), debuted August 2010. You can find out more about Margot at her website, www.margotpottter.com.



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27. **Erin Prais-Hintz** creates one-of-a-kind works of wearable art, most containing found objects and art beads, in her new studio in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. She lives a charmed life with her high-school sweetheart, Paul, and her talented kids, Olivia and Calvin. She collects quotes and dust and invites you to send your favorite (quote, not dust!) to enjoytheday@tesoritrovati.com.



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28. **Molly Schaller** is a designer and writer who craves working with her hands and meeting others who like to make things too. She lives with her husband and two children in Muncie, Indiana, in a house the neighborhood kids call "the crafty house," where all sorts of beautiful art is created every day. Send Molly an e-mail at mollyschaller@mac.com.



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29. **Erin Strother** is a full-time graphic designer living happily in Southern California with her very supportive husband, George, and her disobedient dog, Swiffer. She loves working with a wide variety of materials and experimenting with unique design styles. Visit www.studioeographics.com to see more of her work.



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30. Based in the Midwest, **Heather Trudeau** has enjoyed making jewelry under her business name, The Peacock Fairy, for ten years. She is very involved in her local art center, where she also sells her work. Her pieces can also be found at local stores and at Etsy. Check out her blog at www.peacockfairy.blogspot.com.



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31. **Jennifer Judd Velasquez** is a full-time air force officer and now a part-time jewelry designer. She spends almost all of her spare time in her basement workshop coming up with new designs. She took her first stringing class four years ago and has been learning new techniques ever since. Jennifer keeps a blog updated with her creative whims at www.jenjuddrocks.com.



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32. **Tresna Wulan** is a self-taught jewelry designer who enjoys collecting unique beads, findings, and jewelry-related publications. She lives in Germany and regularly updates her blog at www.tiararatu.blogspot.com.



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33. **Jen Zeiger** is co-owner of Bead Boutique, a bead store in Canton, Ohio. Even though she is surrounded by beautiful gemstones and crystals every day, her true passion is making lampworked beads. She can be reached through her website, www.zbeadz.com.