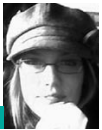


# contributors



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**1. Deneé Beushausen-Hughes** has lived in the same city in the Midwest all of her twenty-nine years. While working at a bead store making jewelry and teaching classes, she met Tracee Dock, a local ceramic artisan at The Classic Bead. Now, years later, she works with Tracee, both as a designer and with general assistance. Tracee's pendants always inspire her because each one is different from the next.



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**2. Lindsay Burke** lives in Seattle with her husband, Andy; her baby girl; and her dog, Brutus. A beader since she was young, Lindsay teaches beading and works at FusionBeads.com.



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**3. 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](http://www.gaea.cc).



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For more than twenty years, **Nina Cooper** has designed innovative silver jewelry and jewelry parts for Nina Designs, [www.ninadesigns.com](http://www.ninadesigns.com). Her mission is to inspire other designers while maintaining a commitment to pay her talented silversmiths fair wages.



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**5. Christine Damm** is a polymer clay beadmaker and jewelry designer, but she has been a potter, a dressmaker, and a graphic artist. All her creative paths have led her to this one medium—polymer clay—which awakened her true creative style. Besides being the most versatile, colorful, and technically flexible art material she has ever worked in, it has her favorite artistic characteristic: it allows the most spontaneous expression of her vision.



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**6. Yolanda De Leon** has been designing jewelry since she was a child. Today she makes modern jewelry out of vintage and antique parts. Her anthropology and film studies influence her jewelry, and she is fascinated by period styles and cultural movements. Yolanda lives and beads in her little study in Oakland, California, and works at Nina Designs, [www.ninadesigns.com](http://www.ninadesigns.com). You can view her Etsy page at [www.carlottavaldes.etsy.com](http://www.carlottavaldes.etsy.com).



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Inspired by her experiences, emotions, aspirations, spirit, imagination, and environment, jewelry artist **Christina Dauenhauer** creates pieces that can both decorate and communicate, complementing the wearer's own unique personality and style. See more of her designs at [www.christinaannjewelry.etsy.com](http://www.christinaannjewelry.etsy.com).



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**8. Donna Ditges** is a lifelong resident of Brazoria County, Texas. For more than thirty-five years she was a member of the corporate world. After she retired, her newly acquired time allowed her to focus on her passion for beading. Donna never tires of hiding out in her studio and letting her imagination take flight. She has a wonderful, supportive husband, two of the grandest sons, and four beautiful grandchildren. You can see her designs at [www.createdinspirations.com](http://www.createdinspirations.com).



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Ceramic artist **Tracee Dock**, a Missouri native, resides in Springfield and is inspired by textiles, architecture, nature, and her love of flowers and gardening. She designs jewelry and sells her unique clay creations, including pendants and buttons, via her website, [www.theclassicbead.com](http://www.theclassicbead.com). She is many things to many people: wife to Paul (for twenty-eight years), mother to two girls, and "Gigi" to one very special three-year-old, Allison.



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**10. Cassie Donlen** has been a lampwork artist and jewelry designer since 2002. She currently lives in St. Louis with her husband and three busy sons.



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**11. Jeannie Dukic** is a self-taught designer who enjoys teaching and working with PMC, polymer clay, mixed media, altered paper art, and beads. She's always looking for new things. Designing jewelry has changed the way she looks at the world. She loves all colors, which is apparent in her Signature Designs. When she's not in the studio designing, she helps people live healthy lives.



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Working full-time in an art museum, **Lorelei Eurto** is inspired by artwork on a daily basis. Collaborating with many different 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.lorelei1141.blogspot.com](http://www.lorelei1141.blogspot.com), and shop at her Etsy shop, [www.lorelei1141.etsy.com](http://www.lorelei1141.etsy.com).



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**13. Mary Harding** has been making jewelry and ceramic beads since 1998. She specializes in nature and spirit themes. Recently, she's been making ceramic toggle clasps and also enjoys fused glass and metalwork. Besides bead-making, she loves contemporary fiction. You can see more of her work on her website, [www.maryhardingjewelry.com](http://www.maryhardingjewelry.com).



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A long-held passion for antique jewelry provides inspiration for **Kelly Moore Harms**, who has been designing jewelry for about a year. Kelly lives in Orange County, California, with her husband, Steve, and their children, Amy and Matt.



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**15. Allison Hoffmann** lives in Seattle, Washington, where she enjoys being with friends and family (especially her son, Eigh), painting, and beading her little heart out. She works for FusionBeads.com.



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**16. 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: *Pearls, Crystals, Stones, and Glass* (Interweave, 2007–2009). Contact Jamie through her blog, [www.jamiehogsett.blogspot.com](http://www.jamiehogsett.blogspot.com).



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**17. Jennifer Judd-Velasquez** is a full-time air force officer, part-time jewelry designer, and new wife! When she's not studying air power, she's practicing new stringing and beading techniques in her workshop. She gave up fruitless dating to spend more time on her beading and ended up falling in love with art and a great man! Her creative whims are chronicled on her blog, [www.jenjuddrocks.com](http://www.jenjuddrocks.com).



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**18. Susan Kennedy** has been making lampworked beads for several years now and enjoys making jewelry when time permits. She has a happy home and family in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



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**19. Sharon Grimes Knox** is a retired history teacher who enjoys travel in search of more beads for her stash. Her other interests include stained glass, scuba diving, and sewing.



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**20. 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](http://www.leclairrosedesigns.etsy.com).



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**21. Glorianne Ljubich** began beading eight years ago and quickly fell under its spell. Incorporating beadweaving, wireworking, and stringing, she designs and teaches in Seattle, Washington.



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**22. Michelle Mach** is a writer and jewelry designer in Colorado. Visit her website at [www.michellemach.com](http://www.michellemach.com).



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**23.** 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, and values her time with her husband, two grown sons and their families, and being a grandma!



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**24. Denise Yezbak Moore** and her husband, Rusty, live in Yorba Linda, California, with their two children, Garrett and Britton. Her designs are influenced by antique jewelry. Denise is a frequent contributor to *Stringing*.



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**25. 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](http://www.bijouxjardin.etsy.com) or [www.bijouxjardin.1000markets.com](http://www.bijouxjardin.1000markets.com).



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



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**27. Heather Powers** works as a beadmaker in San Antonio, Texas. Her designs have appeared in numerous publications and on television. When she isn't busy making beads and designing jewelry, Heather plans an annual bead cruise. She is also the editor of the popular bead blog, the Art Bead Scene.



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**28.** Designer **Leah Rivers** lives in Oakland, California, with her family and is vice president of Nina Designs. She has been making jewelry since she was eight years old and continues to create one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces collected by a dedicated group of fans.



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**29. Yelisa Rojas** started beading when she was thirteen years old. This and her passion for traveling have given her many years for collecting beads and styles. Creating jewelry has always been a part-time job for her, and now it is becoming her primary occupation.



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**30. Molly Schaller** is a designer, writer, and an all-around crafter, living and playing in Muncie, Indiana. Contact Molly about her designs at [mollyschaller@mac.com](mailto:mollyschaller@mac.com).



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**31. Emily Percival-Snyder** is both a beader and a metal smith. She finds endless inspiration in nature and also incorporates a fascination with plants and biology into her metalwork at [www.emilyeps.etsy.com](http://www.emilyeps.etsy.com). Emily is currently the customer service manager for Nina Designs, [www.nina.designs.com](http://www.nina.designs.com).



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**32. 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](http://www.studioeographics.com) to see more of her work.



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**33. Ricky Ann Talmage** lives and beads in Delmar, New York, with her husband and three young children. She often beads alongside her children, who provide inspiration and energy.



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**34. Faina Tepitskaya** was born with a creative bug: macramé, knitting . . . you name it. Designing jewelry—especially earrings—has been her positive obsession for the last two years. Her goal is to have as many pairs of earrings as Carrie from *Sex and the City* has shoes.



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**35. Pam and Angie Thien** began making jewelry as soon as they could hold a bead. Pam currently designs silver pieces, while Angie searches for new materials to play with.



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**36. Andrew Thornton** is a professional fine artist who gave up the hustle and bustle of New York City for rural Pennsylvania. Andrew works part-time with his family at Green Girl Studios. Visit his blog at [www.andrew-thornton.blogspot.com](http://www.andrew-thornton.blogspot.com).



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**37.** Beads have been bossed around by **Jessah Tiemens** since 2002. They resisted for awhile, then succumbed to her brassy insistence. Now all the cake pans in the house are occupied by her fantasies-in-progress. See more of her work at [www.brightcircle.etsy.com](http://www.brightcircle.etsy.com).



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**38.** 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](http://www.peacockfairy.blogspot.com).



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**39. 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](http://www.zbeadz.com).



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