

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. 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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4. 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*, *Stringing*, and *Step by Step Beads*. She sells her work on her website, www.earthenwoodstudio.com.



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5. Gaea Cannaday is an artist who focuses on ceramic pendants and beads and lives in beautiful Ojai, California. A native of France, 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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6. Emily Cassignac worked and taught at Panopolie, a fabulous bead store in Raleigh, North Carolina, from 2006 to 2008. Now she lives in Brooklyn, New York, where she keeps creating French-inspired jewelry with a romantic and baroque flair.



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7. At a Smithsonian Folk Life Festival, **Charlene Conlon** bought four Venetian glass beads and a leather cord. While she was putting them together, a lightbulb went on over her head, "Yes, this is what I should be doing!"



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8. Mel Corey has been beading off and on for most of her life. It all started with a bead loom her mother bought for her when she was ten years old. As she grew older, she dabbled in simple strung necklaces and looped earrings as gifts for her girlfriends and family. She now beads every week, incorporating various techniques, such as fusing, wireworking, and making beaded beads.



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9. Cynthia Deis is the author of *Beading with Filigree* (Lark Books, 2008) and the owner of Ornamentea.com and the bead stores [Ornamentea](http://Ornamentea.com) and [Panopolie](http://Panopolie.com) in Raleigh, North Carolina.



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10. 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. 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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11. 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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12. 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.lorelei141.blogspot.com, and shop at her Etsy shop, www.lorelei141.etsy.com.



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13. Anne Zach Ferguson creates in the beautiful Pacific Northwest. Surrounded by boys all day (one husband and three sons!), she can often be found in her "bead room" in the middle of the night. She can be contacted at studiojaacc@wvi.com.



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14. After attending a one-day bead workshop with her mum in 2006, **Sue Graham** was absolutely hooked! That same year, Sue and her family temporarily relocated to Cape Town, South Africa, where there is an abundance of bead stores. She gained much inspiration from all the beaded objects and jewelry that were available there. Since returning to the United Kingdom, she has successfully sold her jewelry at several craft fairs. She is now trying to teach herself bead stitching to enhance her creations.



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15. Stephie Hall is a jewelry artist and all-around crafter living in Gloucestershire, England. Her work can be found online at www.stardustandsparkles.co.uk and www.princess-jewellery.net.



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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).



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17. Brenda Morris Jarrett loves the outdoors and finds most of her inspiration in nature. Her work has been published in several magazines and books, and she teaches jewelry classes at her local Hobby Lobby.



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18. 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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19. Melissa J. Lee has a background in intellectual property law and English Renaissance literature. In 2009, she won first place in the metal clay category of the British Bead Awards, second place in the finished jewelry category of the Bead Arts Awards, and was a Bead Dreams finalist. When not designing jewelry or making beads from metal clay, she enjoys spending time with her young son, knitting, or curling up with a good book. Please visit her online at www.melissajlee.com or contact her at strandsofbeads@yahoo.com.



20. Michelle Mach is a writer and jewelry designer in Colorado. Visit her website at www.michellemach.com.



21. Wire is **Valerie Madison's** favorite material to work with. She loves to embellish her jewelry with crystals, semiprecious stones, and pearls.



22. Rie Maywar is a mother and wife who lives in upstate New York. She accidentally fell in love with the beauty of natural stones and pearls and enjoys making them into jewelry.



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!



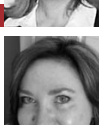
24. Diana McDermott loves designing and creating her own unique jewelry! Her handmade jewelry line can be found online at www.dmexclusives.com.



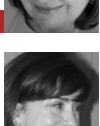
25. Denise Yezbak Moore and her husband, Rusty, live in Yorba Linda, California, with their two children, Garrett and Britton. Her designs are influenced by antique jewelry. Denise is a frequent contributor to *Stringing*.



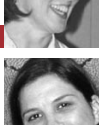
26. Kelly Morgan first picked up a bead twelve years ago to use as an embellishment for a rubber-stamping project. She hasn't looked back since. Her work is deeply inspired by the beaches of Southern California. When she's not making jewelry, Kelly blogs about her beady adventures and life as a single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



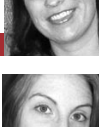
27. Sharon Palac is an English teacher and artist whose passion is creating polymer clay pendants and jewelry. Her newest foray into the arts involves the potter's wheel and bronze metal clay. Sharon lives in Las Vegas, Nevada, with her husband and three rowdy canines. You can visit her at www.bijouxjardin.etsy.com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



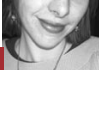
28. Gwyn Cooley Pearce of Raleigh, North Carolina, started beading as a hobby to help ease her transition into being an empty nester. When not hanging out in her basement making jewelry, she likes to spend time on the Outer Banks of North Carolina.



29. 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.



30. Kristie Roeder was a winner of a first-place Bead Arts Award in 2008 for her handmade stoneware clay and recycled-glass jewelry components. She enjoys living with her family in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, creating and sharing her work with jewelry designers through bead shows and her websites, www.artisanclay.com and www.artisanclay.etsy.com.



31. Yelisa Rojas started beading when she was thirteen years old. This early start and her passion for traveling have given her many opportunities for collecting beads and styles. Creating jewelry had always been a part-time job for her, but now it has become her primary occupation.



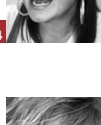
32. Stephanie Sersich is from a family of artists and collectors and has been making jewelry since she was a child. While she works in many mediums, her signature Spiny-Knotted jewelry incorporates a mixture of her own lampworked beads, vintage glass, ethnic beads, natural materials, and fibers. She teaches her beadmaking and jewelry techniques all over the world, and her book *Designing Jewelry with Glass Beads* was published by Interweave in 2008. Visit Stephanie's website, www.sssbeads.com, to see more of her work.



33. Erin Siegel is a jewelry designer, teacher, and ceramic artist. She has worked at a local artisan shop, The Riverwalk Gallery, where she has sold her ceramic jewelry and taught a variety of jewelry-making classes for the past four years. See her handmade ceramic jewelry components at www.everyheartcrafts.etsy.com.



34. Samantha Slater continually challenges herself through art, music, books, and various creative endeavors. When she moved to Seattle, Washington, from South Africa, she finally found a medium with which she can express her yearning for beauty, her love of art, and her desire for perfection, all in one.



35. 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.



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.



37. 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.



38. 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.



39. Katie Wall has been a beadworker for fourteen years. She works at Fusion Beads in Seattle, Washington.



40. When **Dorothy Winchell** isn't making ceramic beads and pendants, she is spending most of her time trying to keep up with her husband and toddler son. Her ceramic jewelry components can be found at her website, www.winchell-clayworks.com.