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WINTER PLANS



Winter hit us early this year in Colorado. I had to shift quickly from sandals to boots, corn-on-the-cob to hot soup. While I wish we had more of an autumn, I can't say I'm disappointed to see Old Man Winter. This is the time of the year when I come home from work, slip into my very unflattering, comfy clothes, pop in a favorite movie (like *When Harry Met Sally*), and play with my beads.

First up on my list of beads to play with are my new lampworked beads by Lorna Prime of Pixie Willow Designs (right). I so admire Lorna's glass art that we decided to feature her work in *Bead Beat*. Flip to page 10 to see a sampling of Lorna's delectable eye candy! Next on my list are some funky paper-and-resin leaf-shaped head pins from Zoa Art (below). I bought them to include in our Beads to Buy spread, the focus of which is decorative head pins. See these exceptional head pins and many more on page 12. Finally, despite the fact that I need more beads like I need a hole in the head, I just have to get some of the cool, metallic, scalelike beads Erin Strother used in her gorgeous Golden Goddess necklace in the Costume Jewelry section, which starts on page 24. I'm not sure what I'll do with them, but that's beside the point.

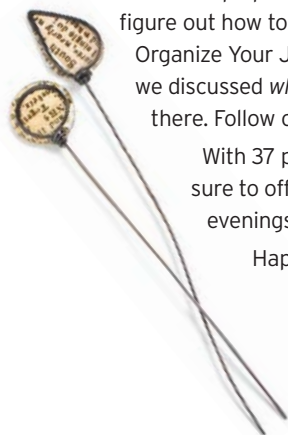
After I whip up some jewelry with my special beads and findings, I'll have to figure out how to store the pieces. Which brings me to this issue's feature: Organize Your Jewelry, Part 2 (page 20). In the Fall 2009 issue of *Stringing*, we discussed *where* to store jewelry; this time we discuss *how* to best store it there. Follow our 13 tips and your jewelry will last longer and shine brighter.

With 37 pairs of earrings, 32 necklaces, and 19 bracelets, this issue is sure to offer inspiration that will illuminate the calm, cold winter evenings ahead.

Happy Holidays. Happy Winter. Happy Beading.

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BEADING DAILY'S NEW FACE. We would like to welcome Leslie Rogalski as the new editor of *Beading Daily*. Leslie is the former editor of our sister publication *Step by Step Beads*, creator of *Doodlebeads* (entertaining bead-technique-oriented video tutorials), and regular presenter on Public Television's *Beads, Baubles & Jewels*. She brings to *Beading Daily* a lifelong love of beading, a passion for teaching, and a knack for entertaining.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED! Pick up a copy of *Bead Star* magazine now to see the forty-five prize-winning jewelry designs selected by members of **beadingdaily.com**. This contest-based magazine is on newsstands now and features full instructions for every winning project, plus information about how to enter next year's contest. It's worth entering—this year's grand-prize winner received an all-expense-paid trip to Bead Fest Santa Fe 2010 and a shopping spree valued at \$1,000!



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