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This issue marks my one-year anniversary as the editor of *Stringing* magazine. I mention this not because I expect paper goods or clocks or other first-anniversary gifts, thank you very much, but because this hallmark has made me reflect on all that I've learned in the past year: most importantly, that the editors, contributors, and readers of *Stringing* are part of a *humongous* community of talented, superfriendly jewelry and bead designers spanning the globe.

Over the past year I've become more and more immersed in this ever-growing community and have made many new jewelry-artist friends, several of whom are making their *Stringing* debut in this issue. I'm proud to welcome our new contributors: Ruth Aschaffenburg, Karen Brown, Amy Burman, Candie Cooper, Kay Daniels, Marilyn DeCarlo, Mysti Gulsrud, Silvija and Taya Koschnick, Tara Leitermann, Jennifer Lewis, Paula McDonough, Elaine Mills, Hwasoo Park, Veltette Ray, Katherine Wheeler Sanz, Molly Schaller, Carter Seibels, Nathalie Robitaille, Deb Warman, Janet Wilkinson, Yelena Yershova, and Jen Zeiger. Their designs, combined with designs by our favorite frequent contributors, make for what I think is the most inspiring *Stringing* magazine yet!

And speaking of community, I would like to take this opportunity to announce the recent launch of the Beading Daily forums (beadingdaily.com/forums)—a new place for us beading and jewelry fanatics to virtually congregate. Already, beaders from Norway to New Jersey and New Zealand to Nova Scotia have introduced themselves and are talking about topics such as whether G-S Hypo Cement is preferable to E-6000 and how to best make a three-strand bracelet—using cones or a three-to-one connector.

I especially encourage you to visit the *Stringing* section of the forums. That will be our place to share ideas, ask questions and give answers, and otherwise chitchat about the magazine. I know we can learn a lot from each other, and I look forward to “meeting” you there. So, come join the fun—it's free!

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Send in Your Designs!

I invite you to submit your favorite necklace, bracelet, and earring designs to *Stringing*. We're always looking for new designers. For submissions guidelines, please visit stringingmagazine.com. Here's a list of upcoming due dates and issue inspirations:

Summer 2009: due January 5, 2009

Playful and sporty. Sexy and funky. Colorful and bold.

Fall 2009: due April 13, 2009

Chic and stylish. Some glitter, some granola. Down-to-earth tones and saturated colors.

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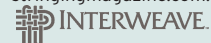
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