



My bedroom is beginning to look like a jewelry store. Bracelets line the top of my dresser, necklaces hang from hooks on nearly every wall, and earrings dangle in rows on a fabulous hammered metal stand that I found in Tucson a couple of years back. I have many happy childhood memories of time spent in a family-run jewelry store, so perhaps I'm trying to re-create that lovely feeling as an adult. Or maybe it's because in the last three years, I've made 175 projects for *Stringing* magazine.

I feel extremely fortunate that I've been involved with *Stringing* since the very first issue. What started out as a one-time special issue has quickly grown in popularity and, I'm delighted to say, is now available four times a year for all of your jewelry-making needs. In addition to more than 125 necklace, earring, and bracelet designs that we hope will inspire you to make your most beautiful jewelry to date, these pages offer new departments to help you learn even more about what you love—beads!

From product reviews to reader tips and techniques, we've created Bead Babble to keep you up-to-date on all of the new information in the bead world. Beads to Buy displays a themed group of beads that you'll want to add to your stash right away. In this issue, the featured beads and findings are a "flight of fancy." If you're like me and continuously try to expand your library of beading books, check out Books to Buy for three great stringing books. And for all you wire and metal enthusiasts, we present Hot Wire, where you'll learn a new wire technique in every issue. As always, *Stringing* 101 (page 16) shows you everything you need to know to make any of the beaded jewelry designs on these pages.

Please let us know what you think about the new additions to *Stringing* by writing to us at stringing@interweave.com. We adore our readers and, above all, we want you to continue to enjoy *Stringing* magazine.

Have fun stringing,

Join Us!

Interested in designing for *Stringing* magazine? Please visit www.stringingmagazine.com for our contributor guidelines.

Bead Shopping Galore!

We hope to meet you at one or more of our upcoming bead shows. If you are at Bead Expo in Oakland, California, April 11–15, 2007, or Bead Fest in Miami, Florida, May 4–6, 2007, please stop by and say hello. (And do show us the cool beads you've bought!)

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