



# Austin Bead Society

## E-Newsletter

April 2014

### April Meeting

Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.

Camp Mabry- see website for directions

Caged Beauty

Presented by Jessica Blackwell

Got some stones lying around your house that don't have holes? Take them out of storage and turn them into fashion! In this class, we're going to learn how to do a simple cage wrap on chunky, irregular shaped stones (no cabs or flat stones). We'll finish the look by creating a bail, and then add embellishments. This is a beginner friendly technique, so all levels of wire workers are welcome!

Needle nose pliers    round nose pliers    flush wire cutters    flat nose pliers nylon jaw pliers (optional, but strongly suggested)    3 or 4 – 1' lengths of 20g round or square wire (dead soft or half hard)    3" - 6" 22g or 21g half round wire    optional: embellishment beads (must fit onto your 20g wire)

a stone that has a chunky, rounded shape with at least one flat side. *Experienced* wire workers can do spherical beads or marbles, no less than 8mm is probably best. Rough stones are easier to wrap than tumbled, smooth stones. No flat stones and no cabochons!



# March Meeting Election Time!



## Election Results

President: Caron Bailey

Vice President: Nora Pero

Secretary: Jane-Michael Stallings

Treasurer: Connie White

Members At Large: Pam Larson, Ida Stringfellow

Librarian: Linda Burkett

Special Events Coordinator: Michele Iaci

Newsletter Coordinator: Nora Pero

Hospitality Coordinator: Suzie Ortiz

Website Coordinator: Jane-Michael Stallings

Membership Coordinator: Natalia Dercaci

Congratulations to the new board for 2014-2015!

We do still have some open positions, so if you are interested in participating, contact a board member. Your Bead Society needs you! The following are open:

Publicity Coordinator

Bazaar Coordinator

Both of these positions are critical to organizing and producing our Annual Bead and Jewelry Bazaar. Are you up for the challenge?

## Bead Jar Raffle

The winner of this years Bead Jar is Pkaye Washington. We are pretty sure her family may not see her for several weeks as she sorts and fondles her newly acquired treasures.

# Member Sales

We had lots of good stuff on sale, from supplies to finished items!



# March Show and Tell



Connie White



Michele Chesak



Natalia Dercaci



Nora Pero

## April Board Meeting

The April Board Meeting will be held Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Camp Mabry. Submit agenda items to Caron Bailey by April 7<sup>th</sup>. All board members are required to attend. All coordinators are encouraged to attend. All newly elected board members and coordinators - attendance is required so you can start to learn your new roles. All ABS members are welcome to attend. Board members, please contact Caron if you cannot attend the meeting. For directions to the Board Meeting, contact Caron at: [abspresident@austinbeadsociety.org](mailto:abspresident@austinbeadsociety.org).

## News from The Board

### Door Prize Changes

This year the board voted to sell tickets for the door prize. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 dollars. Members get a free ticket in their Birthday month.

### Newsletter Changes

The board also voted to go green! We will no longer be killing trees to get our newsletter out. This move will also have an impact on our budget. Between publishing and postage, it costs on average over \$150 to send out the newsletter each month. You will still receive mail from us in the form of a postcard reminder for our monthly meeting.

### Bead and Feed

We are still looking into hosting a bead and feed, where we get together for part of a day, work on beading projects and eat. Fun, friends and food sounds like a good time to me. If you have any suggestions for likely locations, forward the intel to any of the board members.

### Are you Due?

Is your membership up to date? Your renewal date will show on the address label on your postcard. You can now renew your membership online on our website, [www.austinbeadsociety.org](http://www.austinbeadsociety.org).

## Diamond Trivia

Everyone knows diamonds are hard and beautiful, but did you know a diamond could be the oldest material you might own? While the rock in which diamonds are found may be 50 to 1,600 million years old, the diamonds themselves are approximately 3.3 *billion* years old. This discrepancy is because the volcanic magma that solidifies into rock where diamonds are found did not create them, but only transported the diamonds from the Earth's mantle to the surface. Diamonds also may be formed under the high pressures and temperatures at the site of meteorite impacts. The diamonds formed during an impact may be relatively 'young', but some meteorites contain star dust, debris from the death of a star, which may include diamond crystals. One such meteorite is known to contain tiny diamonds over 5 billion years old. These diamonds are older than our solar system!

Diamonds have been known and treasured as gemstones since ancient times. However, their only significant source was in a limited supply in the alluvial river deposits of India. Small amounts of Diamonds were also found in Brazil in the 1700's, but it wasn't until the 1870's that the vast Diamond fields of South Africa were discovered and exploited. Since that time, many new significant worldwide deposits have been discovered, and since then the popularity of Diamond has grown tremendously due to increased supply and technological advances in cutting. The most typical color used for Diamond jewelry is colorless. However, most Diamonds have a light tint, usually yellowish or brownish. Perfectly clear Diamonds are much more valuable than their lightly tinted counterparts. Although light yellow tinting is frowned on, a deep yellow color renders the Diamond as a fancy. Fancy yellow Diamonds have recently increased in popularity in jewelry. "Fancy", the term used to describe any deeply colored Diamond, not only includes the more common yellows and browns, but it also is used to describe the very rare tones of red, pink, purple, blue, and green. Black Diamonds, which are more common and less expensive, are occasionally faceted as opaque yet shiny gems.

# Happy Birthday!

April 7 Tami Newitt  
April 12 Lydia Johns

Don't forget- you get a free ticket for the door prize raffle this month!

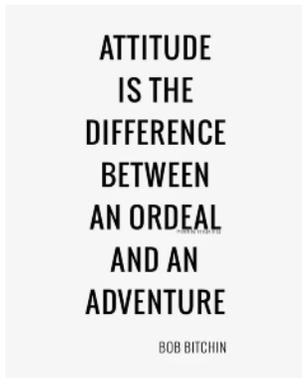
## Beady Type Events

**April 5 & 6- San Antonio Bead Market.**  
Pedrottis Event Centre. Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4.

**April 18, 19, 20- Houston International Gem & Jewelry Show.** Houston Reliant Center. Fri 12-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 11-5.

**May 3 & 4- San Antonio Bead Society Annual Bead and Jewelry Show.** Schertz Civic Center. Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5.

## Quotes to Ponder



## April Happenings

**Zodiac Sign:** Aries, Taurus

**Flower:** Daisy

**Gemstone:** Diamond

**April 2- National Peanut Butter and Jelly Day.** Branch out and try some exotic jelly flavors! One of my favorites with peanut butter is guava.

**April 7- No Housework Day.** An easy holiday to observe, unless you just watched a marathon of hoarders.

**April 8- Draw a Picture of a Bird Day.** Talk about a random holiday! Get your crayons out for this one. Better yet, go buy a new box- you know you love that new crayon smell!

**April 11- Eight Track Day.** Remember those? Fond memories of "Put the Lime in the Coconut"- hard not to sing along with that song! Here's the Muppet version:  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wg\\_L0wGTyA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1wg_L0wGTyA)

**April 14- Ex-Spouse Day, and International Moment of Laughter Day.** Coincidence? I think not.

**April 17- National High Five Day.** See how many you can do today, even for the most trivial of accomplishments. Poured your coffee without dribbling? High Five! Locked your front door without dropping your keys? High Five!

**April 22- National Jelly Bean Day.** I'll take your unwanted black ones.

**April 26- Hug an Australian Day.** Guess I'll have to go out and find one.

# April Gemstone: Diamond

Did you know that Diamonds occur in different colors? Feast your eyes on these beauties!

