

The Indiana Bead Society

Our Mission

The mission of the Indiana Bead Society is to actively pursue the education, sharing and networking of beading and to preserve the heritage of the art of beading.

History of the Society

The Indiana Bead Society was founded in 1997 by a small group of people dedicated to bringing together individuals interested in all aspects of beads and beadwork.

Our current membership brings together many individuals interested in the history of beads and beading, collecting beads, making beads, and the use of beads in jewelry pieces, wearable art and displays.

Policies

The Society is open to anyone regardless of gender, nationality, color, religion or physical limitations.

Membership

Memberships are available in three categories: individual, family and business. Minimum age for an *individual* membership is 18. *Family* membership is open to partners, parent(s) or guardian, plus children between the age of 16 and the child's 18th birthday. who are living with the parent(s) or guardian. Members under 18 must be accompanied by a member parent or guardian during all IBS meetings and events. Any business owner/operator may elect a *business* membership.

Annual Elections

Officers of the Society are elected by a majority of active members in the Fall for terms beginning in January. All active members in good standing are eligible to run for office. Positions include: President, First Vice President-Events, Second Vice President-Publications, Treasurer and Secretary.

Annual Dues

Dues for the first year's membership are due at the time of application. Membership renewal occurs each May. Dues for the first renewal year will be prorated in order to maintain a common renewal schedule.

Membership Categories and Dues:

Individual \$25 Family \$35 Business \$35

Meetings will be cancelled when Indianapolis Public Schools cancel due to severe weather or if a snow emergency is declared. Meeting information will also be posted on the Society website (www.indianabeadsociety.org).

The Indiana Bead Society meets the third Wednesday of the month.

An annual workshop is held in each Spring. Visiting Artist workshops are held several times throughout the year. The annual Bead & Jewelry show is held in October.

Board meetings begin at 6 PM with the general membership meeting following at 7 PM. All members are invited to attend the board meeting and participate in Society discussions. However, only those holding Board positions may vote on Society issues.

Membership Application

There are many different types of beads and beading techniques. IBS would like to know what interests you.

Please check any of the following that apply and circle your skill level

0 = no experience

1 = beginner

2 = intermediate,

3 = expert

Make a suggestion of your own for techniques not listed.

making jewelry with beads	0	1	2	3
bead stringing	0	1	2	3
Native American beadwork	0	1	2	3
loom bead weaving	0	1	2	3
off loom bead weaving	0	1	2	3
polymer clay	0	1	2	3
bead embroidery	0	1	2	3
crocheting with beads	0	1	2	3
knitting with beads	0	1	2	3
3-D beading	0	1	2	3
wire work and wire wrapping	0	1	2	3
glass bead making	0	1	2	3
glass fusion	0	1	2	3
Other	0	1	2	3
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I am interested in presenting a technique or educational program on:

Other than beads, what areas of expertise could you share with IBS?

How many years have you been involved in beading?

Birthday and Month (The year doesn't matter, beaders are ageless!):

Member Information

Your name and address information will be included in the annual IBS membership directory distributed ONLY to active Society members. Please indicate any information you *do not* want published.

Membership Type: Individual (\$25) _____ Family (\$35) _____ Business (\$35) _____

Individual Membership

Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email:

Phone:

Web Site:

Family Membership

Name 1:

Name 2:

Name 3:

Business Membership

Business Name:

Address:

City:

State:

Zip:

Email:

Phone:

Web Site:

Other Comments:

Signature:

Date:

Educational Programs

One of the purposes of the Society is to educate our members and others interested in the art of beading. Each meeting includes an educational program lasting approximately 1.5 hours. Topics are presented in both lecture and hands-on format. Past meetings have included sessions on the history and cultural significance of beads, color selection, design, beading and wire wrapping techniques, glass bead making, incorporating beads in fabric and weaving designs, and marketing your art.

Each year, the Vice President – Programs solicits ideas and suggestions from the membership for upcoming meeting topics. Programs are presented by members of the Society with expertise in a particular subject, outside instructors and other professionals in the art world.

Special Events

Currently, the Indiana Bead Society sponsors various workshops and a bead show & sale each year.

Beading Workshop: Scheduled for late April, the Society sponsors a special day-long event dedicated to providing instruction on beading techniques. A combination of half-day and full-day sessions are usually offered various instructors and active members. The workshop sessions are open to all members and the general public for a nominal fee. Information regarding workshop sessions and fees is distributed at general membership meetings, posted on the Society website at www.indianabeadsociety.org and published in IBS newsletters, special flyers and mailings. Speciality workshops will be held throughout the year. Information regarding these workshops will be promoted in the same manner as the Spring Workshop.

Bead & Jewelry Show: The bead show and sale is an opportunity to display, sell and trade handcrafted beaded creations, beading supplies and materials. Participation in the sale is open to members, business owners and beading suppliers and vendors. The sale, held in the Fall, is publicized on the website, at general membership meetings, and through newsletters, public notices and mailings. Attendance is open to the public. A nominal entrance fee is charged.

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