



The Bead Read

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Classes Starting!!

*W*OW! I can't believe how many of you have asked us to offer classes!

So . . . here's our schedule for the next month!

UPCOMING CLASSES:

Thursday, May 21, 6:00-9:00 pm
Saturday, May 23, 11:00-2:00 pm
Tuesday, May 26, 1:00-4:00 pm
Thursday, May 28, 6:00-9:00 pm

Saturday, May 30, 1:00-4:00 pm
Thursday, June 3, 6:00-9:00 pm
Saturday, June 6, 11:00-2:00 pm
Tuesday, June 9, 1:00-4:00 pm
Thursday, June 11, 6:00-9:00 pm
Saturday, June 13 11:00-2:00 pm
Tuesday, June 16, 1:00-4:00
Thursday, June 18, 6:00-9:00pm

BASIC STRINGING
PEYOTE BRACELET
TENNIS BRACELET
MULTI-STRAND WIRE
LOOPS BRACELET

CHAIN-MAKING NECKLACE
PEARL KNOTTING
BEAD WEAVING
PEYOTE WRAPPED EARRINGS
FRIENDSHIP BRACELET
THEME BRACELET/NECKLACE
SILVER SPARKLER BRACELET
GARDEN NECKLACE

For more information, please see our new website at www.anacortesbeads.com, or stop by the store for a class description sheet!

PEARL SALE!

June is PEARL MONTH!! We urge you to stop by the store to see all the pearls that we have!! Many of them will be priced at **LESS THAN WHOLESALE!!!** This is one sale that you can't afford to miss!!

NOTE!

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS ONLINE & IN STORE ONLY

Due to rising postage costs, this is the last newsletter that we will be sending out by U.S. Mail! But don't despair! You can still receive it online and we will have copies of future newsletters available here in the store! Please send us your email address so we can keep you up-to-date! (We promise not to share it with anyone else.)

Limerick of the Day:



Beaders are all rather
funny,
They only buy beads
when it's sunny.
They shop and they
spend,
And their wire they
bend,
At the end of the day,
they have no more
money!

(Howard thought of this one and I KNOW you readers can do better! So, please submit your entries to me at lionlady2@aol.com. We will publish our favorite on the new website! (We definitely don't want to leave the next one up to Howard!)

NOW OPEN 7 DAYS!!



A Message from Marsha

THE SNOWBIRDS HAVE LANDED!

First of all, I want to tell you how happy Howard and I are to be back "home" after spending part of the winter in the warm, sunny parts!! A big thank-you to our wonderful employees, **Lori Reed** and **Ellen Queen**, who ran the store BEAUTIFULLY in our absence. We got lots of great emails and messages from customers who raved about them. A big thanks to both of you! xox

NEW EMPLOYEE:

We are very pleased to have a new employee, **Leilani Dyer**, who worked for many years at The Garuda and I Beadstore in Friday Harbor. We love her enthusiasm and experience!

CLASSES ARE STARTING!

Howie and I are very excited about all the plans that we have for the store! I'm sure that many of you have noticed all the new "stuff" we've been accumulating!! Also, we started classes this week and have some great classes planned for the future!

ARE YOU AN INSTRUCTOR?

If so, we would love to talk with you about your special skill!! We are looking for good, enthusiastic teachers!

NEW WEBSITE — www.anacortesbeads.com

We are very excited to announce the launching of our new website! Please check out all the good stuff inside!

SPECIAL DISCOUNT COUPON!!

Check online for the special discount coupon that you can use here at the store!!! The discount can be found **ONLINE ONLY!!**

Beaded Watch Instructions

- Misc. Beads, crystals, pearls, etc. (your choice)
- Watch face
- Clasp set
- Bead stringing wire
- Crimp beads or tubes
- Crimp Covers
- Needle nose pliers
- Wire cutters

Cut 2 pieces of beading wire about 10-12 inches long. Thread one piece of wire through hole on one side of watch.

Thread three seed beads on each thread, then bring wires together into a crimp bead and crimp the doubled wire. Cover with crimp cover.

Thread half of your beads onto the doubled wire. Attach doubled wire to one end of clasp set with crimp bead.

Repeat with other 18" wire and attach to the other end of clasp set with a crimp bead. Cover crimp with crimp cover.

*We have many watch faces to choose from!! They are regularly \$9.99, but are **on sale for just \$7.50!** This is an easy, unique gift to make for that special someone in your life!!*



Ladies Night!

Due to popular request, we are starting our "LADIES NIGHT" again! We invite you to join us **each**

Wednesday evening from 4:00 to 7:00, starting May 20! We will be serving food, sodas and maybe even a little wine for you "party-ers!" Just bring a project that you're working on and meet other ladies who enjoy beading, too! These nights are always a lot of fun, so we hope you will join us!





Q & A's

Q: *Is the color on dyed pearls permanent?*

Because pearls are porous, they often absorb human oils, makeup and perfume, which can stain. In fact, pearls are soft, porous and accepting to all contact with natural and chemical substances, such as dyes. Pearl treaters take advantage of this porosity to achieve finer, more uniform colors with natural extracts and inorganic and/or chemical dyes. These dyes can fade over time. But to stress the positive: matched strands are easier to create, and more affordable! Anacortes Beads & Crafts has a wide selection of pearls, both natural and dyed, to choose from!

Q: *How do I use an eyepin?*



An eyepin is a piece of wire with a loop on the end of it! They are very handy to use when you are creating dangles for earrings, bracelets or necklaces. You simply insert the eyepin into a bead and make a loop at the top. The "eye" on the bottom of the bead allows you to add dangles while you can use the loop at the top to attach to your earrings or other jewelry.

Q: *My crimps don't hold. What should I do?*

First of all, you need to decide what size of crimp to use. Your crimp will need to be big enough for two strands of your wire, with a little extra for the crimping process.

There are two ways to crimp: First, you can place a crimp on your wire, attach a clasp, then bring your wire back down through the crimp. The easiest method is to use a pair of chain nose pliers and flatten the crimp with the pliers. This will work if your wires are separated correctly.

My preferred method, however, is to use a set of **CRIMPING PLIERS** to make your crimps. Once again,

place a crimp on your wire, attach a clasp, then bring your wire back down through the crimp. Then, make sure that you separate the wires when you put them inside the crimp bead.



Next, using the "v" section of the crimping plier, you will squeeze the crimp bead so that it is flat, making sure that your wires are separated. The "v" will actually make a dent in the crimp bead. Then, using the special "c" curve on your pliers, you will actually fold the flattened crimp on top of itself. This crimp holds very well and looks very professional. If done correctly, it will actually look like a bead!

Anacortes Beads sells this **CRIMPING** tool and we will be glad to demonstrate how to use it when you come into the store!

Q: *I am a new beader. I get so overwhelmed when I look at all of the tools and supplies that are available. What basic tools do I need to start with?*

I can totally understand how you feel! In fact, we've all been there!! In my opinion, there are four basic tools that you need which you will use your entire beading life: A set of Chain-nose pliers, some round-nose pliers, a side cutter or nipper, and a crimping tool. With these tools, you can do virtually almost any type of jewelry work. Just make sure that the tools feel comfortable in your hands because they are going to become an extension of your hands! We carry each of these tools at Anacortes Beads!

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We hope that you have enjoyed this question and answer section. Please check back in our next issue for more questions and answers! We also welcome your questions and comments!

~Marsha



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PEARL SALE!
 STARTING JUNE 1!

NEW OWNERS ... NEW STORE ... NEW STUFF!

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24	25	26 Tennis Bracelet 1-4pm	27 Ladies Night 4-7pm	28 Multi-Strand Wire Loops Bracelet 6-9pm	29	30 Chain-Making Necklace 11-2pm
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If you'd like to see samples of the jewelry being made in these classes, please visit our website at www.anacortesbeads.com or stop by the store to see the "REAL DEAL!" If you have questions, please call us at (360) 588-6994.

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