

bead all about it!

BEAD BUZZ)))

Nature-inspired sterling silver pendants (found paired with copper or plated with 22k gold) designed by artisan Christopher Neal and handcrafted by Balinese metalsmiths. See more at WWW.FUSIONBEADS.COM.

i spy with my beady eye...



Say It with Stitches

Beading isn't just a craft; it's an artistic expression of self. And Robin Atkins invited beaders to take their creative expression to the next level: visual journaling. On June 1, 2007, Robin, an accomplished bead artist, speaker, teacher, and author, launched the first-ever Bead Journal Project. She was inspired by the Journal Quilt Project, an annual exhibition at the international quilt festivals in Houston and Chicago. During this themed quilting adventure, participants sew one free-form quilt while journaling their influences and reactions to the process. The 242 women and one man from across the world who participated in the Bead



Journal Project were only required to follow four rules:

complete twelve projects within a year (one per month); all pieces must be about the same size; all pieces must include beads or beading, though pieces are not required to be beaded solidly; and finally, each piece must reflect "something personal or some sort of statement about yourself." While called the Bead Journal Project, participants were not required to create the typical book-form journal from their pieces. One member created a beaded button each month and used all twelve to make a garment, while another sewed her small masterpieces onto a pillow.

No matter how participants indulged their personal beading fantasies, all had the same primary goal: "to stretch their creative and technical limits." To learn more about Robin and the Bead Journal Project, visit WWW.BEADJOURNALPROJECT.BLOGSPOT.COM.

ON THE **web** **beadingdaily**

Meet Bead Storyteller Teresa Sullivan

Beading Daily Editor Michelle Mach talks to award-winning bead artist Teresa Sullivan about using beads to tell stories about the world—both the real world and the world of superheroines in comics and science fiction.



Question by Teresa Sullivan.
7 x 4 x 3".

Beading Daily asked:

Have you ever sold a beaded item?

More than 1,400 of you responded to the question and **89%** answered **Yes!** **Bracelets** (31 percent) and **necklaces** (30 percent) were the most popular first-sale items. Some of the more unusual items included a roller-skating outfit, a peyote-stitched "stained glass" wall hanging, a sculptural rabbit with a loomed beadwork belt, and a macramé and beaded plant hanger (yes, this last item was sold in the 1970s!).

NEW POLL: WHERE DO YOU FIND INSPIRATION?

Nature, art museums, video games? Share your thoughts at BEADINGDAILY.COM and learn what other beaders have to say!