



## November newsletter

### News

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November the retailers at Basepoint, are holding their annual late night shopping evening from 6-9pm. Proceeds from this evening will be going towards Basepoint's chosen charity Smile. Smile is a charity that enables parents of disabled children to have a break with respite care. Anything we raise during the evening will be doubled by Basepoint!

We hope to exceed last year's total of £300.

Basepoint are again letting us have use of the conference room and reception area for other vendors who, this year include: Crafty Jaxx, Fairyings Chainmail, Cupcakes by Helen, Mollys Makes, Aloe Vera, books, sock toys and knitted goodies.

There will also be a raffle, all proceeds of which will go to Smile. Please come along, maybe do a bit of Christmas shopping and support this worthy charity.

Salsa, Basepoint's very own café will also be open for teas, coffees and Christmassy nibbles.

### Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>...Christmas Day

Due to the popularity of the Steampunk Day, Nancyz Crafts and The Bead Base are collaborating yet again to bring you an all-day series of workshops and demonstrations, the theme of which is Christmas. The Bead Base will be teaching how to make beaded fairies, snowmen, Christmas trees and Angels, Nancyz Crafts will be showing you how to make a different type of Christmas card, there will be a demonstration on how to stamp a candle and a Christmas bow workshop.

Salsa will also be open for teas, coffees and snacks during the lunchtime period.

### New stock

We now have a selection of Christmas beads in stock, faceted agate in beautiful jewel colours, new frosted glass beads, faceted drops and faceted rondelles. New Tila beads and Delica colours are now available. We are awaiting delivery of some new books, some of which retail at £6.99 and would make lovely Christmas gifts for beaders. Look out for our new gift and tool sets that will be arriving soon.

### Charity news

This year we are supporting the Royal British Legions Poppy Appeal. For three weeks we are suspending our two other charities in favour of the Poppy Appeal. Poppies are now available at The Bead Base. Please come in and support this very worthy cause.

Our normal charity collections will resume on the 15<sup>th</sup> November

### **Steampunk Competition results**

1st place: Vickie Mullan, who won a book on Steampunk called Steampunkery.

2<sup>nd</sup> place: Jackie Moulder, who won a storage box

Tied 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> were Rebecca Avery-Hall and Jane Barfoot who both won a £5 Bead Base voucher.

It was nice to see new entrants to our competition.

Congratulations to all.

### **Books**

We have the catalogue for the Guild of Master Craftsmen Publications available in the shop. If you would like to view and order from this catalogue please see Sue or Holly. This may be a very useful tool for some forward Christmas planning!

### **Special orders**

If you require any beads, findings etc. in bulk quantities please be aware that during the busy holiday period the delivery time may be affected by the heavy volume of postal traffic. Bad weather, not only in the UK but also in the USA can effect delivery times too. Please allow plenty of time for ordering those special items.

### **Precious metals and bulk bead quantities**

We have had many queries regarding Sterling Silver and 9ct gold. Due to the volatile metals market we do not stock 9ct gold and very little sterling silver. If you require either of these products please let us know and we will then source them, let you know the price and order accordingly. We can also do this for anything we stock if you require larger quantities. Please allow up to two weeks for this service although some items can be sourced more rapidly.

### **Bead and Banter**

Come and join us for an evening of beading and jewellery making at The Bead Base. Meet with other beading enthusiasts to exchange tips and ideas. Bring projects to finish or maybe start something new!

This is not a class, so you don't have to reserve space ahead of time. You do need to bring your own tools, supplies and probably a lap tray as space at the tables is limited!

Tea or coffee will be provided free of charge although any contributions, should you wish to do so, to either of our charity collection tins will be most gratefully accepted. Charities we are supporting are Holidays4Heroes and St Michaels Hospice.

Dates for the next three Bead and Banter evenings are:

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December (Christmas party)**

## Classes

### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Snowflake bracelet (Fairy Dust)

£12                      1-3.30pm

#### Class requirements:

64 4mm bicone crystals, colour A

28 4mm bicone crystals, colour B

168 3mm bicone crystals

2g size 11° seed beads or Delicas

10g size 15° seed beads

Clasp

Needle

Nymo



### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Beaded Angel

£12                      10.30am -12.30pm

A kit will be provided for this course.

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November – Beaded Rudolph

£12                      1pm-3.30pm

A kit will be provided for this course.



### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Chainmail Earrings

£12                      10.30-12.30pm

Rings will be provided for this course.

### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November – A beaded Father Christmas and crystal Christmas tree

£12                      1-3.30pm

#### Tree

8mm star or other accent bead

48 4mm crystal bicones, colour A (green)

8 4mm crystal bicones, colour B (brown)

7-8-assorted colour 4mm accent beads

3-25 size 11° or 15° seed beads

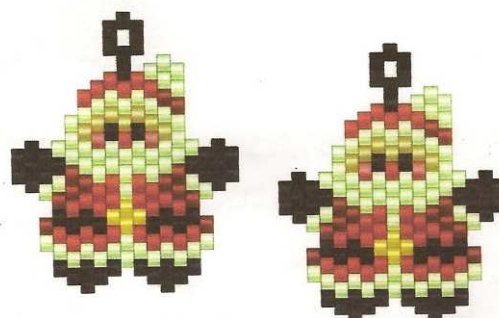
Needle

Nymo



#### Father Christmas

A kit will be provided for this course



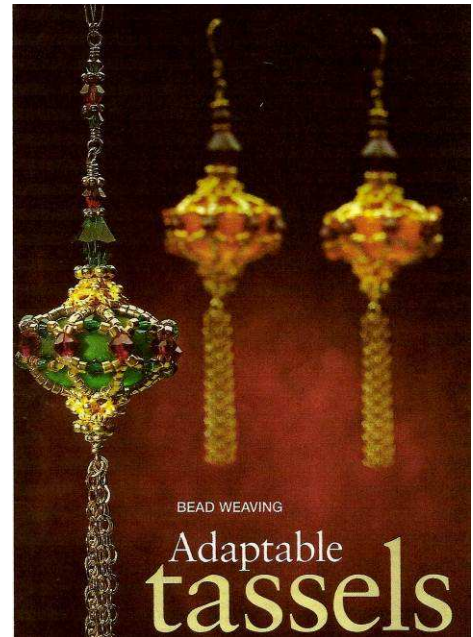
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Beaded crystal tassel**

**£12**

**1-3.30pm**

**Class requirements:**

Large 18mm rondelle  
8mm bicone crystal  
10 4mm bicone crystals  
20 3mm bicone crystals  
1g Delicas  
2 x 6mm spacer beads  
5 x 3mm spacer beads  
Clasp  
2 x 10mm beads caps  
Needle  
Nymo  
10 in (25cm) small link chain  
9" 0.6mm wire



**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December – Snowflake bracelet (Fairy Dust)**

**£12**

**1-3.30pm**

**Class requirements:**

64 4mm bicone crystals, colour A  
28 4mm bicone crystals, colour B  
168 3mm bicone crystals  
2g size 11° seed beads or Delicas  
10g size 15° seed beads  
Clasp  
Needle  
Nymo



Please note that although we advertise most classes as bracelets you can continue working on most projects to extend the length to necklace size.

This completes the programme of Saturday classes for this year.

If anyone wishes to learn the basics; how to make earrings, finish off bracelets and necklaces, or has any query about 'how to' anything please ask Sue or Holly and we can arrange a personal tutorial at a time to suit you.

**Future Classes**

Future class plans are steaming ahead, the first of which will be published in the December newsletter. Please be aware that class's fill rapidly and early booking is advised.

**And finally....**

**Christmas opening hours**

**December**

<b>Sunday 18th</b>	<b>Monday 19th</b>	<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Saturday 24th</b>
<b>Closed</b>	<b>10am-6pm</b>	<b>10am-6pm</b>	<b>10am-6pm</b>	<b>10am-6pm</b>	<b>10am-2pm</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Sunday 25th</b>	<b>Monday 26th</b>	<b>Tuesday 27th</b>	<b>Wednesday 28th</b>	<b>Thursday 29th</b>	<b>Friday 30th</b>	<b>Saturday 31st</b>
<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>Closed</b>	<b>11am-4pm</b>	<b>11-am-4pm</b>	<b>11am-4pm</b>	<b>10-am-5pm</b>

Please note that we will be closed Christmas Eve so any husbands out there with 'Lists' who like to shop at the last minute please come in on the Saturday before! If something needs to be ordered please allow at least two weeks!

From Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January we will resume our normal opening hours.