



Newsletter June 2011

Issue #12. Summer is here and with it some big changes at Gilbert Designs – read on to see what plans lie ahead. A few more spots open in the 2011 Autumn Retreat on Whidbey Island – hope you can come! Join Margie Deeb and me as we dive into our first Color Journal with some of your color questions. And stop by www.gilbertdesigns.net (a special page link below) for a huge 3 DAY SALE before my on-line shop closes for the summer (July through October).

Home and Heart

The Bead & Button Show swirled past - a whirlwind of colorful people and gorgeous jewelry. There is an intensity and excitement that



hangs in the air, despite overfilled schedules and exhaustion. Creativity rises like a fever, infecting teachers, students, staff, exhibitors and even passers by...

Such a thrill to be a part of it, an honor to have taught for 6 years.

But my family needs me now. So I will be staying home, finding balance. Tilting the scale towards my kids, my husband, my home.

I will miss all of the lovely places I've met in my journey with beads. No, I'm not going away, and notice I didn't say goodbye to the lovely, creative *people* I've met along the way! I will still be here, just forging a new path, doing things a little differently.

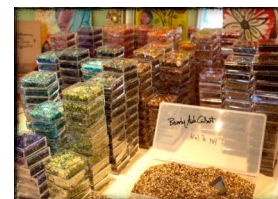
You see, over the last few years, I've thrown myself into my creative business – loving it all. But the more time I spend traveling, teaching, making bead soups while holed away in my studio, the less time I spend with my precious family, who is growing up so very quickly.

So as we launch into the unstructured days of summer, I am turning over a new chapter and forging a new path.

Here is my plan...

A few activities/items will be tenderly, lovingly wrapped and placed on the shelf:

- No more traveling to teach (hope you can come to me!)
- And (gulp) I am phasing out my Bead Soup Collection – I'll keep the companion Seed Bead Medley (and guide you on how to add gems), but handpicking gems is just too time consuming... boxes still in stock will be saved for students in my Whidbey Retreats.



By staying home, I will have time for other interests:

- More writing
- More on-line stuff like e-books, e-courses (oh so exciting!)
- Focus on my first love... Color – in all mediums!
- Maybe add another Whidbey Retreat in the Spring?!



- More volunteer work for the schools
- More creating – side-by-side with my boys

I hope you have a lovely summer! I'll post photos of our adventures, send color inspirations along the way, and will keep in touch (blog, facebook – are you a friend?, newsletters).

All my best to you as you enjoy the 'Lazy, Hazy, Crazy Days of Summer'!
-Beverly



On-line Shop - *Celebrate Summer Sale!*

You are invited!

What:

A Special [Celebrate Summer Sale](#)

- 60% off *Dip Into Color*
- 20% off *Beaded Colorways* and *Eye For Color*
- Unbelievably low prices on slightly 'used-looking' books and color wheels

When:

For 3 days only: June 26, 27, 28 (my on-line shop will close for the summer from June 30 - October 1)

Why:

My kids got out of school this week (finally), the summer solstice is upon us (my favorite excuse for a party), it is my hubby and my anniversary (sigh) and the sun has finally come out in the beautiful Puget Sound (yippee)... so, I want to celebrate!

Where:

A special [Celebrate Summer Sale](#) page on my website

Margie Deeb and Beverly Ash Gilbert - Color Queens



Margie Deeb and Beverly Ash Gilbert
have teamed together to bring you exciting
color inspiration and new colorful palettes!

Our first Color Journal is coming out in late summer! Thank you to all who posed such lovely colorful questions – the winners from our 'Call for Questions' will be announced in my next newsletter!

If you would like to pose color questions for future publications, please e-mail them to me [here](#) with the subject line: 'Color Question for ColorQueens'. If your question is chosen, you will receive a complementary copy of my [Dip Into Color](#) eBook!

Join my [mailing list](#) to receive our quarterly Color Journal
(if you are already on my mailing list, you will receive them!)

Autumn Retreat 2011 - A few more spots open!

Autumn Retreat

Wearable Art* Workshop Retreat on Whidbey Island

**This year I will be joined by renowned nuno felt artist and teacher, Arlene Watson!*

Creative days filled with beads, color, wine and food

October 12 - 24, 2011
Whidbey Island, WA

Retreat syllabus, class details, registration information and accommodation suggestions on-line
(www.gilbertdesigns.net, under [Autumn Retreat 2011](#))

Wednesday – Thursday, October 12-13



Wander with Color
(Sold Out)

Friday, October 14



Wanderlust Bracelet
(3 spots open)

Sunday – Monday, October 16 & 17am (1 ½ day)



A Day at the Beach
(4 spots open)

Monday – Tuesday, October 17pm & 18 (1 ½ day)



Queen of Unfinished Projects

Wednesday, October 19 (1/2 day)



Cornucopia of Gems

Thursday, October 20



Tour Whidbey Island

A day in the middle for you to explore Whidbey Island with us or even hop the ferry to Port Townsend. Bring your camera!

...and more on next page!

Autumn Retreat 2011 - Continued

Classes by Arlene Watson:

Felt Series –

Friday, October 21 – Saturday, October 22 (2 day)

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Felt Series (Day 1) Nuno Felt Basics (2 spots open)

Saturday, October 22



Felt Series (Day 2) Scarfs and Ruffles (2 spots open)

Sunday, October 23



Felted Ropes and Cords (2 spots open)

Monday, October 24



Stringy Thingy (1 spot open)

The 2011 [Autumn Retreat](#) is a small, intimate retreat held in my island cottage with class size between 8 and 12 students per day (felting classes limited to 8 students).

Registration is now open!

SPECIAL 'MAIN' RETREAT DISCOUNT:
Attend the 5 classes between October 16 and 23 to qualify for a special discount!

Workshop and registration details on line:
www.gilbertdesigns.net

A bit about my COLORFUL eBook

DIP INTO COLOR

Now available in my on-line shop

www.gilbertdesigns.net



Come along with me and dip your fingers into the world of color! We will journey together from inspiration through the various iterations of creating a personal palette. Along the way we will learn the basic language of color in easy-to-visualize steps and understand the importance of color attributes such as 'value', 'undertones' and 'transitions' when pulling colors together. Follow along in this 38 page e-book as we use powerful tools to define then enhance our color palette.

Get ready to fall in love with color again and again! But watch out - you may find that you want to jump in for a long swim!

Order during my [Celebrate Summer Sale](#) and save!

About my Newsletter

Thank you so much for being a part of my mailing list! Because of you, I have been writing a newsletter since December 2009! You are receiving this newsletter either because you asked to be on my mailing list. Of course I would never pass on your name or e-mail to anyone else.

Don't worry – I won't bombard you with lots of e-mails. I expect to send out 6 to 10 a year and include news from my studio, upcoming events such as book signings and classes, color inspirations, special discounts for you special readers, perhaps even a recipe or two.

Go ahead and pass this on to friends you think would enjoy my musings. If there is anything you would like for me to discuss or share in future newsletters, let me know. And of course, if you decide you would rather opt out of receiving it, don't hesitate to shoot me an e-mail asking me to remove your name from my list – no hard feelings!

Here is to you, my dear readers! May your creative journeys be filled with color and beads!

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