



Newsletter September 2011

Issue #13. It's September and my Autumn Retreat is only a month away – hope you can join us!

Summer isn't over yet!



I hope you had a fabulous, relaxing, inspiring and colorful summer!

My family is back home, we've gathered pencils, calculators, reams of paper and backpacks, ready to start back to school, back into days full of structure.

Living through my kids, I remember the first days of September, a mix of excitement in seeing friends, showing off new clothes, a new hair style, a 1 inch burst of height, or new braces... but also the sorrow of letting go of spontaneity, picnics at the beach, and flip flops.

Hold on!

Even though I can't show off a burst of height, or new braces (thankfully), I'm still wearing sandals with bright teal toenails, crimped a colorful feather in my hair (who says I can't still be spontaneous?) and am diving into preparations for my Autumn Retreat – with lunches and dinners and wine (and beads and felt and color!!) at the beach!!



For me, the Autumn Retreat is a melding of all that I love of summer (entertaining, being creative,

hanging out at the beach) and the coziness of autumn (deep rich colors, cooking, gathering of friends). It is deeply satisfying to me to choreograph the classes, pull together menus, set up tables in the sunroom to take advantage of all of the gorgeous, beachy light, plan a day sightseeing on the island for out-of-towners and correspond with all of the lovely ladies who will come into my home for a day, or a week, of creativity. I am so very excited to reconnect with past students and to meet new ones.

And on top of all of this, I am absolutely thrilled to welcome [Arlene Watson](#) to teach her popular series of nuno felt classes! (Yes, I am taking ALL of her classes).

Speaking of Arlene... her work is now on display at [The Mad Hatter](#) in Port Townsend (one of my favorite PT shops) – and after seeing her pieces in person, I can't sleep at night for all of the ideas and inspiration racing through my head. So much color and texture possibilities... Fabric and Felt and Beads – oh my!

There are still a few spots open in my beadweaving classes and Arlene's felting classes including an opening in my previously filled [Wander With Color](#) (Oct. 12 – 13)



and Arlene's previously filled Stringy Thing (October 24). I hope you can join us for some days of color, creativity, inspiration and yummy food!



Margie Deeb and Beverly Ash Gilbert - Newsletter coming soon!



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

To kick off this fun color partnership, Margie and I asked for your color questions – and had a fabulous response. We are putting the final touches on our 1st newsletter, check back to see who's questions were chosen and who won a [complementary copy of my new eBook: DIP INTO COLOR!](#)

In our first newsletter:

Lots of colorful inspiration, color harmony tips like the importance of proportions when combining colors. See similarities and differences of how Margie and I create color palettes from the same inspirational photo!

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

Autumn Retreat 2011

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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

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



Queen of Unfinished Projects

Friday, October 14



Wanderlust Bracelet

Wednesday, October 19 (1/2 day)



Cornucopia of Gems

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



A Day at the Beach

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!

Autumn Retreat 2011 - Continued

Classes by Arlene Watson:

Felt Series –

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

Friday, October 21



Felt Series (Day 1) Nuno Felt Basics

Saturday, October 22



Felt Series (Day 2) Scarfs and Ruffles

Sunday, October 23



Felted Ropes and Cords

Monday, October 24



Stringy Thingy

Join us for a day, or multiple days!

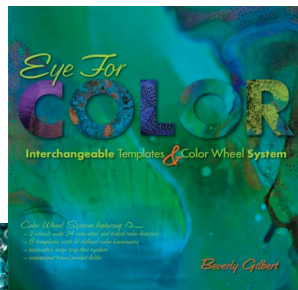
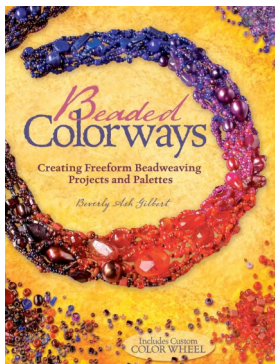
The 2011 [Autumn Retreat](#) is a small, intimate retreat held in my island cottage with class size between 6 and 12 students per day (felting classes limited to 7 students).

REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL OCT. 5th
Some spots now open in previously filled classes!!

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

On-line Shop - Will re-open after the Autumn Retreat

Thank you for all of your notes and kind e-mails regarding my decision to scale back my business and focus on my family as well as your patience over the summer while my shop was closed. After my Autumn Retreat, and once I am able to inventory my beads, books and fibers, I will update my website and open up my shop. My guess is it will re-open in early November... don't worry, you'll be the first to know!



About my Newsletter

Thank you so much for being a part of my mailing list! Because of you, I have decided to start a newsletter and this is it! You are receiving this newsletter either because you asked to be on my mailing list and/or you have placed orders through me in the past. 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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