

MID-OHIO



Jewelry Arts  
GUILD

# Summer Newsletter



August 2025

## Meetings & Events

Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>

Guild meeting  
at Flyers Pizza  
from 6-9 PM



Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>

Next Area 51  
Launch  
(see article)



Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>

Guild meeting  
at Flyers Pizza  
from 6-9 PM

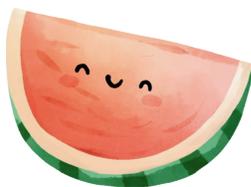


Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>

Create-It  
Saturday at  
Ohio Craft  
Museum



## Announcements:



- We have the following events still in planning:
  - October 25: Create-it-Saturday at Ohio Craft Museum
  - Visit to Ronald McDonald House
- Mark your calendar for March 7, 2026, for the MOJAG Spring Retreat to be held at Spring Hollow Lodge in Sharon Woods Metro Park in Westerville, OH. Bring your un-finished objects and come bead with us! Aren't working on a beading project? Bring your knitting, crocheting, scrapbooking - whatever you're working on or just come and hang out with your fellow MOJAG members! More details to follow.

## Ronald McDonald House Charities



# June Meeting: A Creative Field Trip with Jane Garcia

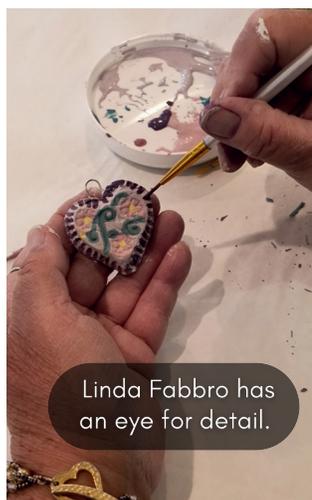


Our June meeting was a real treat—Jane Garcia took us on a field trip to the Dublin Arts Center, and it was amazing! We got a full tour of the historic building, where lots of the original architecture is still beautifully preserved. The staff were great and gave us the inside scoop on the space.

Jane was incredibly well-prepared. She had everything ready to go—from a super helpful handout to a table full of supplies and some awesome sample pieces to get our creative juices flowing.

The workshop was a hit! We had 12 members there (plus our fearless leader), and once we picked our shapes and textures, the creativity really took off. Now we're all counting down the days to see how our pieces look once they've been fired.

Big thanks to Jane for putting together such a fun and inspiring afternoon!



# Coastal Maine Bead Retreat



The sunset from our room in the Beachmere

**May 1-4, 2025 • Ogunquit, Maine**

Ocean views, good friends, and a table full of beads—what more could you want?

The Coastal Maine Bead Retreat at the Beachmere Inn opened with a Thursday night dessert party and the legendary pendant exchange (yes, we all left with treasures).

Our hostess Sue Burleigh kept the surprises coming: a lighthouse cabochon, raffles, free kits, and patterns. Beads appeared as if by magic.



Our booty from the pendant exchange

We stitched our way through the weekend with:

- Marginal Way Necklace by Miriam Shimon
- Octafly Necklace by Apolinarya Koprivnik
- Bloom Bracelet by Sherry Serafini—also perfect as a pendant or purse bling

Sunrises and sunsets from our room were pure postcard material, and the laughter at our table never stopped. When the “three intrepid bead explorers”—Cindy, Barb, and Lynda—finally packed up, we left with new friends, new skills, and just enough beads to tide us over... until next year.



The three intrepid bead explorers: Cindy, Barb, and Lynda



The Octafly necklace, designed by Apolinarya Koprivnik



We each received a commemorative cabochon of the Nubble lighthouse

The Marginal Way necklace designed by Miriam Shimon



Sherry Serafini's Bloom bracelet had a colorway for each of us.

## Area 51: Tackling UFOs, One Bead at a Time

If you've ever started a beading project with the best of intentions—only to tuck it away half-finished—you're not alone. That's exactly what inspired the creation of Area 51, a lively beading group dedicated to helping members finally complete their "UFOs" (UnFinished Objects).



I originally participated in this challenge in 2019 in the Facebook group Seed Beads and More.

Members choose six designated projects to focus on for 4 weeks. Daily prompts keep the momentum going, making it easier (and more fun!) to stitch consistently. The group cheers each other on, celebrates progress, and shares tips to maintain high motivation.

Our next session will begin on October 6th, with project selections starting about one week prior. Click to join the [Area 51 WhatsApp Group](#)

Whether your UFOs are big, small, or years in the making, Area 51 offers structure, encouragement, and a touch of accountability to help you bring your projects across the finish line. Because every beader knows: finished jewelry shines brighter than one left in the drawer!



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