



# THE BEAD FORUM

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## SOCIETY NEWS

**A Message from the SBR President:** This will be my last message to you as President of the Society of Bead Researchers. In the letter enclosed with *The Bead Forum* Number 41, I notified members that David Jeane had resigned and called for nominations to fill the position. In the meantime, I have been Acting Secretary-Treasurer. We now have an up-to-date database of members, a healthy bank balance, and member numbers are slowly beginning to climb.

I submitted my resignation as President to Editor Karlis Karklins on July 1 (see letter elsewhere in this issue), at the same time nominating myself as a candidate for Secretary-Treasurer. I believe I can better serve SBR in this capacity, and I hope that the members will agree. Elsewhere in this issue, you will also find a call for nominations for President.

This issue of *The Bead Forum* is several months late, and I accept responsibility for this. When the former Secretary-Treasurer turned records over to me, it became my responsibility to put together a 2002 Secretary-Treasurer's report based on his records. For various reasons, this proved much more difficult than I imagined. Normally, the Treasurer's report is included in the April issue, but the decision was made to delay it one issue in this case so that we could get an issue out to the members and move ahead with electing officers. The next issue will include this information. I want to thank the Editor of *The Bead Forum*, Smoke Pfeiffer, for his patience and continuing production of a high-quality publication.

I am pleased to report that the SBR website has been updated, and that it will be updated further once we have finished electing new officers. The website can be viewed at <http://www.mindspring.com/~larinc/sbr/index/index.htm>

All of you who were members for 2002 should have received *Beads* Volume 14, which was mailed out several months ago. Editor Karklins continues to do an excellent job of putting together a journal that is both aesthetically pleasing and of the highest scholarly caliber. In my capacity as Acting Secretary-Treasurer, I have become aware of the continuing demand for our publications, both current and past issues. This is gratifying, and demonstrates that we are accomplishing our purpose of fostering and disseminating scholarly research on beads.

----Jeffrey M. Mitchem, SBR President and Acting Secretary-Treasurer

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS  
PRESIDENT**

Nominations are sought for the office of **President** to serve a term of three years (2004-2006). Duties include supervising all of the business and affairs of the Society. The President presides over all meetings of the members and of the board of directors, and appoints committees as necessary to carry out Society business. See the "Corporate and Tax Status" section of the SBR website for more information. Nominations should be directed to SBR Editor Karlis Karklins.

**Resignation Letter**

July 1, 2003

Karlis Karklins  
Editor, Society of Bead Researchers  
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Canadian Parks Service  
1600 Liverpool Court  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0M5  
Canada

Dear Karlis,

The Purpose of this letter is twofold. First, I am notifying you of my resignation as President of the Society of Bead Researchers, effective immediately. Second, I am letting you know that I plan to run for SBR Secretary-Treasurer.

My 5 ½ years as President have been somewhat tumultuous, primarily due to problems with a couple of our former Secretary-Treasurers, and I appreciate your help and counsel during this difficult time. Since David's resignation earlier this year, I have been Acting Secretary-Treasurer, and found that I have been able to clear up several of the problems we had, most notably getting a computerized membership database up and running so that we can produce mailing labels at Parkin. Joan Eppen (with her son's help) set up the initial version, and I (with my assistant's help) have refined it to suit our needs. This entire process strengthened my conviction that if you want something done right, do it yourself. I think I will be able to serve SBR well as Secretary-Treasurer.

These decisions mean that we need to send a ballot (for SBR Secretary-Treasurer) with the next issue of *The Bead Forum* and put a call for nominations for President in the issue itself. I look forward to continued service in forwarding the aims of SBR.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey M. Mitchem  
President and Acting Secretary-Treasurer

### **Annual Business Meeting - 2003**

The SBR business meeting was held on January 16, 2003, during the course of the Society for Historical Archaeology meetings at the Westin Hotel in Providence, RI. The meeting was called to order at 11:10 AM by editor Karlis Karklins.

President's Report: We continue to struggle with trying to update our mailing list and to get our publications mailed out on schedule. I am confident that we will get the problems ironed out soon. We are in good financial health, and I am beginning to send notices to various newsletters to try and spread the word about SBR and to increase our membership.

The recent death of Pete Francis was a blow to the world of serious bead research, and he will be sorely missed. An obituary will be included in the next issue of *Beads*.

I want to thank our hard-working Editors and Secretary-Treasurer. Remember that your officers are unpaid volunteers, and our primary aim is to foster bead research. We hope you will continue to support the Society, and please consider volunteering to serve as an officer in the future.

Editor's Report: The two newsletters for 2002 will be mailed as soon as the mailing list is finalized. Work continues on vol. 14 of the journal, *Beads*, which will be completed as soon as two outstanding manuscripts are received from the authors.

There being no further old business nor any new business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

### **Minutes of a special meeting called by the Board of Directors, April 16, 2003**

As per Article 4, Section 4.5 of the Society's Bylaws, a special meeting of the Board of Directors was held by telephone on April 16, 2003. Participants in the meeting were President Jeffrey M. Mitchem and Editor Karlis Karklins.

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 PM. The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss the resignation of SBR Secretary-Treasurer David Jeane. He notified President Mitchem of his resignation via e-mail on February 6, 2003. Since that time, President Mitchem has been Acting Secretary-Treasurer.

It was agreed that President Mitchem would continue serving as Acting Secretary-Treasurer until someone is elected to fill the position. A Call for Nominations was mailed to members today (April 16), along with the Society's newsletter *The Bead Forum*.

The need to open a local bank account for depositing checks received and paying SBR bills was discussed. It was agreed that a checking account would be established at First State Bank, Parkin, Arkansas. Signatories on this account will be Jeffrey M. Mitchem and Karlis Karklins.

Also discussed was the need to update the Society's website to list Mitchem's name and address as the contact for back issue orders and memberships. Karklins agreed to contact the appropriate person to accomplish this.

The issue of transferring the Society's funds currently held in Citizen's Bank & Trust of Springhill, Louisiana was discussed. It was agreed that the decision to transfer the entire balance will be deferred until a Secretary-Treasurer is elected. The funds are currently earning 1.00% annual interest. A portion of the funds may be transferred to First State Bank if needed to pay for publication of a planned issue of *Beads*, the Society's journal.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Jeffrey M. Mitchem, Acting Secretary-Treasurer.

### **SBR General Meeting**

As many members were not able to attend the Annual Business Meeting, a brief general meeting was held on May 17 in Miami, FL, during Bead Expo 2003. The meeting was called to order at the Hyatt Regency Hotel by Karlis Karklins at 10:30 AM. The president's message was reiterated. An announcement was made that the Secretary-Treasurer had resigned for personal reasons and was temporarily being replaced by president Jeff Mitchem. We are currently looking for a volunteer to take over the job and interest has been expressed by one individual. We hope to know soon what his decision will be.

The newsletters for 2002 were mailed a few weeks back and all paid members should have received their copies. If you paid your dues for 2002 but haven't yet received your newsletters, please contact Jeff Mitchem.

The journal for 2002 (vol. 14) is just about ready to go to press and should be distributed sometime in June.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted, Karlis Karklins.

### **The SBR at Bead Expo 2003**

The SBR participated in Bead Expo 2003, which was held at the Miami Convention Center in Miami, May 14-18. On May 16, Marvin T. Smith and Kim Osibin reported on their bead replication project. During the SBR's "What's New in Bead Research" session which was held on the morning of the 17th, Marvin T. Smith presented "The French Bead Trade in Colonial Louisiana" which was followed by James Lankton's survey of "The Bead Timeline," a soon to be published book from the Bead Society of Greater Washington.

That evening Karlis Karklins moderated "A Celebration of Life for Peter Francis, Jr." Bead Expo kindly provided attendees with a wonderful spread of cheeses, fruits, and desserts. Karklins reviewed Peter's life and career, followed by a pictorial tour of Peter's Center for Bead Research in Lake Placid, NY, by James Lankton. Several friends then came forward to say a few words about their experiences with Peter. As many of you know, Peter was responsible for founding the SBR and advancing bead research to a considerable degree. A memorial to him will appear in the coming issue of *Beads*.

Thanks to the further generosity of Bead Expo, the SBR had a table in the Bead Bazaar. This helped to advertise our Society and resulted in several new memberships and the sale of a respectable number of journals. Also offered was a selection of Peter Francis' publications which were well received.

### **Notice of SBR Annual Business Meeting - 2004**

The Society's annual business meeting will be held during the course of the Society for Historical Archaeology meetings at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at Union Station, St. Louis, MO, from 7-11 January 2004. The exact day and time are yet to be determined so those wishing to attend should come to the SBR table in the book room for this information. All Society publications will be on sale so if you need any, or just want to talk about bead research, drop by. We're at Table 31 near the main entrance.

A general meeting will be held during BeadExpo 2004 on Saturday, 20 March, at La Fonda Hotel, Santa Fe, NM. It is scheduled for 8:30PM. The SBR's *What's New in Bead Research* session will precede the meeting, and will begin at 6:00PM. If you are interested in presenting a 15-min. slide presentation on your current research project, contact Karlis Karklins (karlis.karklins@pc.gc.ca; tel. 613-990-4814).

### **OTHER BEAD RELATED NEWS**

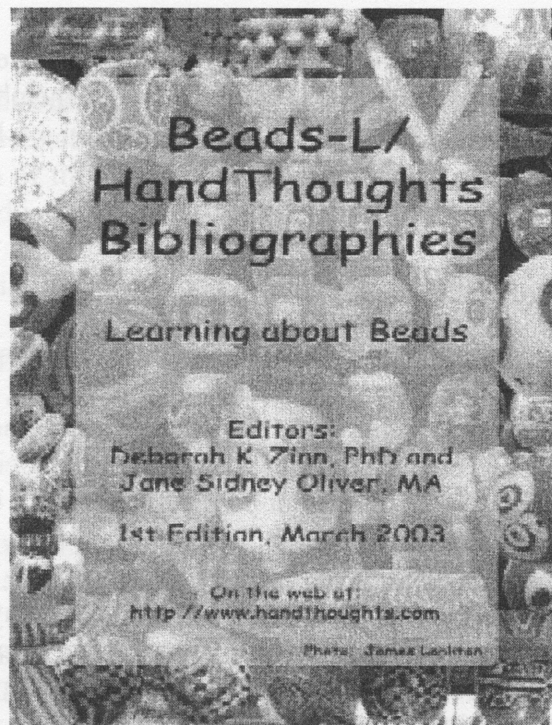
#### **On the Effort to Preserve the Study Collection of the Center for Bead Research**

Shortly after Peter Francis' death, a group of concerned colleagues spontaneously formed a committee, first to help The Reverend and Mrs. Francis decide options for how to deal with Peter's collection, then to facilitate the preservation of the collection through the raising of funds to allow for the various tasks associated with that preservation. Currently those committee members include Karlis Karklins, editor of the Society of Bead Researchers, Alice Scherer, Director of the Center for the Study of Beadwork, Jamey Allen and James Lankton, consultants to The Bead Museum in Arizona and The Bead Museum-DC, Gabrielle Liese, Founding Director of The Bead Museum in Arizona, and Stefany Tomalin of the Bead Society of Great Britain.

The Francises have decided to donate the collection of the Center for Bead Research to the Bead Museum in Arizona. Mrs. Liese, founding director of the Museum, reminds us that "The Bead Museum was founded to share knowledge and certainly we will do all in our power to preserve Peter's CBR collection and make it easily available. For the present, and probably permanently, we do not plan to 'meld' or 'fold' the collection into our own. We want to keep it intact in its own space with its own designation (PFJR/CBR), and this will take planning." From: <http://home.europa.com/~alice/> Click on "The Effort to Preserve Peter's Collection".

#### **Learning About Beads!**

Members of Beads-L, the Online Bead Knowledgebase Project and Discussion Group, have compiled 80 pages of short annotated bibliographies and publication lists of noted bead scholars as a public service. The audience is bead collectors, bead workers, curators, conservators, antique jewelry dealers, students, design historians, and others interested in the world of beads.



Beads-L includes many of the world's leading bead and beadwork authorities, as well as other related subject-matter specialists. The topics covered reflect both the current interests of the compilers as well as topics of discussion on the Beads-L list.

Bibliography Topics: African Beadwork, Ancient Technologies, Beads in Asia, Beads of the Vikings, Beadwork Technique, Collectible Beads, an Introduction, Contemporary Beadwork as Art Form, Glass Bead making, Historical Glass Bead making, Islamic Jewelry, North American Glass Trade Beads, Ostrich Eggshell Beads, Plastic Beads of the Early 20th C, Prosser Beads, and Stefany Tomalin's Favorites Symbols.

Publication Lists of Bead Scholars: Jamey D. Allen, Peter Francis, Jr., Karlis Karklins, Carole Morris, PhD, Lester Ross, Sciama & Eicher (Beads and Beadmakers, Table of Contents), Marvin T. Smith, PhD, Roderick Sprague, PhD, Stefany Tomalin's Bibliography from Beads! Make Your Own Unique Jewellery

At <http://www.handthoughts.com/beadsbibliosub1.htm> -- all Bead Bibliographies can be viewed or downloaded and printed (as one 80-page document) using the Free Adobe Acrobat Reader.

#### Call for Additional Bead-Related Bibliographies

Beads-L and HandThoughts are dedicated to broadening awareness and appreciation of beads and beadwork through providing reliable information about this fascinating field. We invite anyone with expertise in any subject relevant to beads to join Beads-L and submit short, annotated bibliographies designed to introduce adult learners to key readings in their fields.

For more information:

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<http://home.attbi.com/~judvan/>

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## SAD NEWS

**George Quimby**, a respected anthropologist, professor and author, died of pneumonia Feb. 17 at Northwest Hospital and Medical Center in Seattle. He was 89. He was the director of the Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture at the University of Washington, from 1968 to 1983. After high school, Mr. Quimby attended the University of Michigan, where he earned a master's degree in anthropology. In 1941, he became director of the Muskegon County Museum. Soon after, the family moved to Chicago, where he became curator of North American archaeology at the prestigious Field Museum. Mr. Quimby held that position and lived in Chicago for 23 years. During that time, he and his wife had four children.

In 1965, Mr. Quimby was offered a post as an anthropology professor at the UW and couldn't resist. In 1968, he became director of the Burke museum. He was awarded an honorary doctorate in anthropology from Grand Valley State University in Michigan, and was given the Distinguished Service Award from the Society for American Archaeology. Mr. Quimby is survived by his wife of 62 years, Helen; his daughter, Sedna Quimby-Wineland, of Boulder, Colo.; sons Ed Quimby, John Quimby and Robert Quimby, all of Seattle; and five grandchildren.

**Albert Summerfield** passes from this life 21 July 2003

(Excerpted from e-mail announcement by Jamie Allen to Beads-L list)

I am the bearer of the sad news that Albert Summerfield of Seattle, Washington passed away yesterday morning. He was 90 or perhaps 91, and had been struggling with liver cancer over the past three or four years. By the grace of God, he managed to persevere some two years longer than the original diagnosis predicted. He was a strong man.

I met Albert in 1983, when I traveled to Seattle to address the newly formed Northwest Bead Society. Albert had one of the most inspiring collections of beads I have ever seen in private hands, and he was very generous toward me, in allowing me to document anything that interested me--this continuing up to this past March, when I last saw him. He had a very respectable collection of mosaic-glass folded beads, and we spent hours together discussing these mysteries. In point of fact, the theories I developed about the manufacture of folded beads were considerably helped by ideas we passed back and forth. In 1988, when I had begun to work in polymer and to make reproductions of old beads, I concentrated a lot on folded beads--and Albert bought the first full necklace of my versions, and this was possibly my second necklace sale ever of that bead production.

He and his wife Ella began to become interested in beads when Albert purchased a whole collection from a local woman who had acquired a lot of beads, but needed the money and was ready to dispose of her stuff. Albert was then bitten by the bug, and proceeded to look for more.

In the early '70s he met Michael Heide, who had begun to bring African beads and trade beads back from West Africa.

The two of them were primarily responsible for founding and sustaining the NWBS, shepherding it through its formative years, making sure there were always interesting programs and speakers. I was very grateful for the many opportunities I had to travel to Seattle, since it is not only where I was born, but also a place I love to be at and experience.

Anytime a wonderful man passes, and it's known that he leaves behind a great collection of beads, people will want to know what will become of those worldly goods. Albert had a plan for his collection, and I have no doubt it will be handled as he wished. I am not at liberty to say what I expect this will be. However, I would ask people to please not bother his family at this time. Albert had already made an agreement with certain participants whom he trusted, and these people will be handling the bead portion of his estate. The bead world will hear about its disposition when it's appropriate for everyone to know.

I am truly saddened by the loss of a gentleman--in the true sense of that word--that I can honestly say I loved and admired, and will miss. I extend my condolences to his widow Ella, daughter Gail, and the rest of the family. - Jamey D. Allen

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Glover, Ian C., Helen Hughes Brock and Julian Henderson (editors)  
2003 *Ornaments from the Past: Bead Studies After Beck*. The Bead Study Trust, London and Bangkok. ISBN 974-911659-3.

This is a book on glass and semi-precious stone beads in history and archaeology for archaeologists, jewellery historians and collectors. Interest in ancient beads is not confined to archaeologists, and, starting some thirty years ago, there has been an extraordinary growth of interest in archaeological and ethnographic beads among collectors and the general public. We think that this volume will appeal both to archaeologists and professional historians of jewellery and ornamentation and to collectors, and find a readership substantially greater than normal academic publications. To achieve this we felt it necessary to include a large number of high quality colour illustrations. This volume comprises eleven papers on glass and hard stone ornaments surviving from ancient societies, and those made and worn by some traditional communities in the modern world.

The contents include: Robert K. Liu—'Horace C. Beck and his influence on non-academic bead research and collecting'. Helen Hughes-Brock—'The Mycenaean Greeks, Master Bead-Makers'. Kalliopi Nikita—'Mycenaean Beads: Technology, forms and function'. Johann Callmer—'Scandinavian Beads, ca. AD 700 - 1100'. Torben Søde—'Ethnographic Research and Glass Beads from Ribe, Jutland'. St John Simpson—'Sasanian Beads'. Chris Robinson—'The nature of Celtic bead-making sites'. Ian Glover and Bérénice Bellina—'Alkaline Etched Beads East of India'. Margret Carey—'Powder Glass Beads in Africa'. John Haigh—'Present-day Bead making in Ghana'. Barbie Campbell Cole—'Ancient Hard Stone Beads and Seals from Myanmar'. Soft cover, 170 A4 size pages, 174 illustrations, mainly in colour, approximate price £20.00 (\$32.00, €30.00) + £2.00 postage and packing. To be available from June 2003.

The Bead Study Trust was founded in 1980 to promote bead research internationally, thus continuing the work of Horace C. Beck. In furtherance of this aim it publishes a Newsletter



twice a year to exchange information on beads of all periods worldwide and administers the Guido Awards, a fund designed to facilitate the study of beads. For more information about this volume contact to Mrs. Margret Carey at 2 Frank Dixon Way, London SE21 7BB, UK, <margret@macarey.demon.co.uk> or through the BSTN web site, [www.beadstudytrust.org.uk](http://www.beadstudytrust.org.uk)

Janetski, Joel C.

2002 Trade in Fremont Society: Contexts and Contrasts. *Journal of Anthropological Archaeology* 21(3):344-370.

A study of prehistoric (A.D. 400-1300) trade in Utah which focuses on shell and turquoise beads and pendants as examples. Several black-and-white illustrations.

Mitsou, A.

2002 Early Bronze Age Faience Beads from Aghios Mamas, Chalkidiki: A Short Note. In *Archaeometry Issues in Greek Prehistory and Antiquity*, edited by I. Bassiakos, E. Aloupi, and Yorgos Facorellis. National Hellenic Research Foundation, Athens, Greece.

Reyman, Jonathan E.

2003 Beauty and the Beads. *The Living Museum* 65(1):3-7. Illinois State Museum, Springfield.

A description of the Museum's Frost Trade Bead Collection, which includes beads and beadwork from many parts of the world. A number of color photographs of necklaces, beaded bags, and late 19<sup>th</sup> century sample cards.

Sempowski, Martha L. and Lorraine P. Saunders.

2002 Dutch Hollow and Factory Hollow: The Advent of Dutch Trade Among the Seneca. Charles F. Wray Series in Seneca Archaeology III. *Rochester Museum and Science Center Research Records* No. 24. Rochester, New York.

What makes it of interest to bead researchers is the profusion of beads that appear at this time period, mostly from Dutch traders. The recovered specimens are illustrated in color.

Williams, Walter

2003 Prehistoric American Indian Beads. *Central States Archaeological Journal* 50(2):66-69.

A short article with general discussion of shell, bone, and copper beads from North American prehistoric sites. Six black-and-white photos.

Woodward, Ann

2002 Beads and Beakers: Heirlooms and Relics in the British Early Bronze Age. *Antiquity* 76(294):1040-1047.

One of two case studies investigates the use and heirlooming of amber beads and spacer plates in Bronze Age Britain.

deWidt, Penelope Diamanti

2002 *The Bead Business*. Revised Edition. 79pp, 5 1/2 x 8 1/2 softcover.

This book is for bead lovers who want to work with beads for a living, either part of full time. It is filled with valuable advice drawn from the author's personal experience, which she shares in the hope it will make the path of entrepreneurship easier for other bead enthusiasts. Seven chapters cover the spectrum of practical matters from business basics and work environment to pricing, selling, and promotion. Additional sources of information are cited throughout and assembled in a handy appendix that lists books, magazines, show guides, business services, and bead societies.

The new "Journal of African Archaeology" is now available. Among others, there are 3 bead articles in Vol. 1 (1) 2003:

C.R. DeCorse, F.G. Richard & I. Thiaw  
Toward a systematic analysis of archaeological beads? A view from the Lower Falemme,  
Senegal

S. Magnavita  
The beads from Kissi, Burkina Faso

P. Robertshaw, M.D. Glascock, M. Wood & R.S. Popelka  
Chemical analysis of ancient African glass beads: a very preliminary report

To read the abstracts, please visit our website  
<http://www.african-archaeology.de>

The Society is a non-profit corporation, founded in 1981 to foster research on beads of all materials and periods, and to expedite the dissemination of the resultant knowledge. Membership is open to all persons involved in the study of beads, as well as those interested in keeping abreast of current trends in bead research. The society published a biannual newsletter, *The Bead Forum*, and an annual journal, *Beads*. The society website is: <http://www.mindspring.com/~larinc/sbr/index/index.htm>.

Contents of the newsletter include current research news, requests for information, responses to queries, listings of recent publications, conference and symposia announcements, and brief articles on various aspects of bead research. Both historical and pre-historical materials are appropriate. The deadline for submissions to the next *Bead Forum* is 15 March 2004. Electronic submissions should be in Word for Windows 6.0 or later, or RTF (Rich Text Format) with no embedded sub-programs such as "End Notes". References cited should be in *American Antiquity* format.

Send electronic or paper submissions to the *Forum* editor:

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