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## SOCIETY NEWS

**A Message from the SBR President:** The normal message delivered on this occasion is a sunny, self-congratulatory statement of how well the Society is doing. This is not a normal message from a Mutual Admiration Society but rather a plea for more participation, volunteerism, and publishable manuscripts, to name just a few of our needs. Jeffrey M. Mitchem, ([jeffmitchem@juno.com](mailto:jeffmitchem@juno.com)), our former President, resigned that office to make the extreme sacrifice of volunteering as Secretary-Treasurer, the major Society office.

The small group of dedicated officers (your president excluded) are continually involved in the acquisition and publication of suitable manuscripts. The publication of longer works, especially with quality photographs, is the domain of *Beads* and its dedicated editor, Karlis Karklins ([karlis.karklins@pc.gc.ca](mailto:karlis.karklins@pc.gc.ca)). You can aid in this work by sending your own suitable manuscripts or ferreting out manuscripts held by others (think about theses). If you do not want to track these down then at least give Karlis the author's address and a quick summary. The greater the pool to choose from, the better the content of the journal. Contact Karlis or any other officer today, please.

*The Bead Forum* with the subtitle of *Newsletter of the Society of Bead Researchers*, serves two functions, a place for Society news and announcements and an outlet for shorter works not appropriate for *Beads*. Michael A. (Smoke) Pfeiffer ([mpfeiffer@fs.fed.us](mailto:mpfeiffer@fs.fed.us)), the *Forum* editor, is a relatively new but hard working member to the SBR staff. Again, Smoke needs all the help you can offer in your submission of news and brief articles as well as new publication listings. The brief article route is also an excellent way to obtain ideas and opinions of others before committing a long manuscript to the scrutiny of a formal publication review.

Both editors, of *Beads* and the *Forum*, need to receive copies of new bead books so that they can be announced in the *Forum* and sent out for review in *Beads*. When submitting new publication announcements to the *Forum*, if you cannot send a copy then include all of the pertinent information plus a short description (not a review) as found in any recent *Forum*. For those who wonder how they can volunteer, while thinking about it, please submit your name as a willing reviewer to Karlis with an indication of your areas of expertise.

An important area of volunteer work is the translation of bead articles into English from other languages especially (alphabetical) Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Russian, Spanish, and occasionally several eastern European languages. If you feel confident to undertake professional translation of bead works, please let me know ([rsprague@moscow.com](mailto:rsprague@moscow.com)). No, I do not speak Russian; Moscow is in Idaho.

The records of the Society are now in order thanks to Jeff Mitchem's dedicated work. Now we need to increase the membership. Two classes of membership need your help as a

volunteer. First, corner any of your friends in their office or around the water cooler and ask why they do not subscribe to such an inexpensive but beautiful journal with its color plates. Lay it on and if each of us gets one more membership, things will be vastly improved. The second thing to do is get the local office, regional office, local library, and university library to subscribe. A subscription to *Beads* for your rich and/or lazy brother-in-law who has everything, is a good Christmas gift. PayPal is now accepted and all back issues are available. *Beads* has appeal to both collector and professional and in at least one case with which I am familiar, a collector has turned into a dedicated researcher because of *Beads*.

Check the SBR web site at <http://sbrwebsite.home.comcast.net/index/> and please find those manuscripts, reviewers, and new subscribers. Don't forget yourself and do it today.

Roderick Sprague, SBR President

## REPORT OF THE JOURNAL EDITOR

As will be evident to all SBR members, the Society's journal, *Beads*, is again behind schedule. This unfortunate situation has been caused by a lack of publishable articles. About a dozen articles have been promised to the editor, some as far back as 7-8 years ago, but only a couple have actually made it to his desk. In most cases, the problem is that the writers also have other commitments and cannot devote sufficient time to the completion of manuscripts. Another problem is that the journal must now compete with several bead society newsletters, the publications of two bead museums, and both domestic and foreign archaeological societies for publishable items. The internet is also pulling items that would once have gone to either the SBR journal or newsletter. This is understandable, but it does cause problems for the editors. I will not reiterate what has already been said by President Sprague, but I do urge those who have agreed to submit articles and book reviews to make good their promises. Without your input, the journal will not be able to continue.

On the bright side, Vol. 15 is currently being edited, and it is hoped that it will roll off the presses in June. Vol. 16 will follow as soon as there is enough material to fill its pages.

## SBR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND BEAD EXPO 2005

The Annual General Meeting of the Society of Bead Researchers will be held during the course of Bead Expo 2005 on Saturday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency in the James L. Knight Convention Center, 400 SE Second Ave., Miami, Florida. The Society will have a table in the International Bazaar where our publications and related bead publications will be available for perusal and purchase.

While there is no formal symposium at this Bead Expo, there will be two slide presentations--both at the Hyatt Regency Hotel--that are free and open to the public:

"An Introduction to Bohemian Beads," by Karlis Karklins: Friday, May 20, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

"Tibetan Nomad Beads and Ornaments," by Phila McDaniel: Saturday, May 21, 8:30 - 9:30 p.m.



## OTHER BEAD RELATED NEWS

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Frankel, David, and Jennifer Webb

2004 An Early Bronze Age Shell Pendant from Cyprus. *Bulletin of the American Schools of Oriental Research* 336:1-9.

Illustrates examples of a distinctive style of pendant (made of both shell and picrolite) and discusses the meaning of their distribution at several sites on Cyprus.

Perttula, Timothy K., with contributions by Thomas E. Emerson and Randall E. Hughes

2004 41HO64/41HO65, Late 17th to Early 18th Century Caddo Sites on San Pedro Creek in Houston County, Texas. *Bulletin of the Texas Archeological Society* 75:85-103.

The majority of artifacts from the two sites are glass beads. One color plate and 5 black-and-white photos illustrate them.

Powell, Eric A.

2005 The Turquoise Trail. *Archaeology* 58(1):24-29. January/February.

Includes photographs and discussion of turquoise beads from Chaco Canyon in the southwestern U. S. and the past trade in turquoise objects with Mexico.

Sode, Torben

2005 Glass Bead Making Technology. In *Ribe Excavations 1970-76*. V5:83-102.

Glass beads excavated in Viking age Ribe at the early excavations from 1970-76. The text is in English and with a few illustrations. (from e-mail from Torben Sode to Bead-L list)

van Wyk, Gary

2003 Illuminated Signs: Style and Meaning in the Beadwork of the Xhosa- and Zulu-speaking Peoples. *African Arts* 36(3):12-33.

### NORTHWEST GRADUATE STUDIES CONCERNING BEADS

All are predominately glass beads unless marked otherwise.

Andrews, Rebecca W.

1989 *Hiaqua: Use of Dentalium Shells by the Native Peoples of the Pacific Northwest*.

Doctoral dissertation, University of Washington, Seattle. Ann Arbor: University Microfilms International. Shell.

Barton, Andrew J.

1994 Fishing for Ivory Worms: A Review of Ethnographic and Historically Recorded *Dentalia* Source Locations. Master's thesis, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby. Shell.

Combes, John D.

1968 Burial Practices as an Indicator of Culture Change in the Lower Snake River Region. Master's thesis, Washington State University, Pullman.

Crabtree, Robert H.

1957 Two Burial Sites in Central Washington. Master's thesis, University of Washington, Seattle. Shell.

Crull, Scott

1998 *The Economy and Archaeology of European-made Goods and Glass Beads Used in First Contact Situations in California, Oregon, and Washington*. Doctoral dissertation, University of Sheffield, Sheffield, England. Ann Arbor: University Microfilms International.

Erickson, Kevin

1983 Marine Shell Utilization in the Plateau Culture Area. Master's thesis, University of Idaho, Moscow. Shell.

Evans-Janke, Leah K.

1998 Results of Archaeological Excavations at Looking Glass Village (*Kam-nak-ka*) and a Cultural Resource Summary. Master's thesis, University of Idaho, Moscow.

Finster, David E.

1973 Beadwork of the Nez Perce Indians. Master's thesis, Washington State University, Pullman.

Grabert, Garland F.

1965 Archaeological Excavations at Fort Okanogan, Washington; A Contribution to the Ethno-History of the Sinkiaetk. Master's thesis, University of Washington, Seattle.

Kaehler, Gretchen Anne

2002 Patterns in Glass: The Interpretation of European Glass Trade Beads from Two Protohistoric Sites in the Greater Lower Columbia Region. Master's thesis, Portland State University, Portland.

Loeb, Barbara Ellen

1983 *Classic Intermontane Beadwork Art of the Crow and Plateau Tribes*. Doctoral dissertation, University of Washington, Seattle. Ann Arbor: University Microfilms International.

Newman, T. Stell

1959 Toleak Point—An Archaeological Site on the North Central Washington Coast. Master's thesis, Washington State University, Pullman.

Osborne, Douglas

1951 Excavations Near Umatilla Oregon: The Archaeology of the Columbia Intermontane Province. Doctoral dissertation, University of California, Berkeley. Abstract: *Kroeber Anthropological Society Papers*, 16:88–89; 1957; Berkeley.

[This is the only known publication using his full name of Homer Douglas Osborne.]

Pullen, Myrick W., III



1970 Numerical Analysis of a Palus Burial Site. Master's thesis, University of Idaho, Moscow.

Riordan, Timothy B.

1976 The Euroamerican Component at Alpaweyme (45-AS-82). Master's thesis, Washington State University, Pullman.

Saastamo, Susan A.

1971 The Application of a Functional Typology in the Analysis of Artifacts from the Excavation of Old Fort Colville, Spring, 1970. Master's thesis, University of Idaho, Moscow.

Shiner, Joel

1954 *The McNary Reservoir, A Study in Plateau Archaeology*. Doctoral dissertation, University of Arizona, Tucson. Ann Arbor: University Microfilms International.

Smith, Janice Christina

1974 Pomo and Promyshlenniki: Time and Trade Goods at Fort Ross. Master's thesis, University of California, Los Angeles.

Sprague, Roderick

1959 A Comparative Cultural Analysis of an Indian Burial Site in Southeast Washington. Master's thesis, Washington State University, Pullman.

Stapp, Darby C.

1984 Late Protohistoric Burials with Copper Artifacts in the Pacific Northwest. Master's thesis, University of Idaho, Moscow. Copper.

Stenger, Alison T.

1995 Native American Usage of Foreign Objects During the Early Contact Period: Archaeological and Historical Evidence of Change in the Northwest. Master's thesis, California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Wilson, Amy

1996 Comparative Analysis of Bead Assemblage from the Fur Trade Posts Fort Colville and Fort Vancouver. Master's thesis, University of Idaho, Moscow.

Acknowledgments: Additional sources were provided by Lester Ross.

Roderick Sprague

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 September 2005. 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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