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Stringing Magazine Auctions 20 Stunning Pieces of Jewelry to Benefit the HOPE Bracelet Project

Loveland, Colorado, October 24, 2005: Twenty stunning pieces of jewelry from the *Beadwork*[®] Magazine Presents *Stringing Fall 2005* special issue will be up for auction on eBay November 7–14 to benefit the HOPE Bracelet Project.

The HOPE Bracelet Project (Helping Organizations Promote Education) is a charity that collects beads and materials, then teaches beading to the students at the Medhane-Alem School in Yetebon, Ethiopia, sells their limited edition creations, and gives the proceeds back to them in order to foster new skills, revenue, and pride in their craft. Website: www.cindybeads.com/projectmercy.htm.

“The HOPE Bracelet Project is helping to improve the quality of life of women and children in this community of Ethiopia. Bidding on these fashionable pieces is a great way to help support the cause. I thank all of our talented designers for personally donating their works to the auction,” said Jamie Hogsett, editor of *Stringing*.

Starting today, people can visit the *Beadwork* website at: www.interweave.com/bead/events/ebay_2005/ to preview the necklaces and bracelets up for auction, or they can pick up the current issue of *Stringing* magazine on newsstands nationwide. Each piece of jewelry is labeled as an auction item in the table of contents and on its project page in the magazine.

Beginning November 7, bidders will have seven days to place a bid on eBay. Items on the auction block include a harvest-hued Swarovski crystal and pearl necklace, a vibrant purple turquoise necklace, a fiery wireworked crystal bracelet, a luminescent pearl and organza ribbon necklace, and 16 other original designs.

Those who covet the jewelry but are outbid should not despair. Detailed instructions for making the jewelry in the auction are in the *Beadwork Magazine Presents Stringing Fall 2005* issue (\$7.99), on newsstands nationwide through January 30, 2006.

ABOUT BEADWORK[®] MAGAZINE

Beadwork[®] magazine, published 8x/year, including special issues, is the fastest-growing publication of Interweave Press, the Loveland, Colorado-based publisher of six magazines and more than 150 books related to crafts and natural living. *Stringing*, a special issue publication, puts a stylish and contemporary spin on the jewelry-making pastime.