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The Beaded Garden: A new twist on indoor gardening keeps green thumbs active year round

Loveland, Colo.: Green thumbs need not retire as winter approaches—you can grow an entire indoor garden with *The Beaded Garden* (Interweave Press, \$21.95)—an exciting new guide to the craft of making flowers with tiny glass beads and thread.

Now, neither snow nor drought nor yardless apartment will stay the gardener from achieving spectacular bouquets throughout the year.

In a marriage made in beading heaven, Diane Fitzgerald, the Bead Diva and author of eight books about the beading craft (www.dianefitzgerald.com), combines her love of beading with her green thumb to bring projects for creating three-dimensional beaded flowers, leaves, and insects.

Part craft book, part field guide, *The Beaded Garden* offers instructions for a wide range of flowers, including a Scottish thistle, Cattleya orchid, rose, daffodil, daisy, pansy, water lily, morning glory, lily of the valley, poppy, calla lily, fleabane, star flower, bromeliad, and tulip. In addition, several flower parts such as leaves, stamens, and calyxes are offered with ideas for designing your own fantasy flowers!

Don't stop at bouquets—*The Beaded Garden* offers ideas for using beaded flowers and garden creatures as embellishments for jewelry, embroidery, and clothing. The book is lavishly illustrated with examples of how these flowers can be used in actual pieces such as a book cover, stylish picture frame, hatband, or gorgeous necklaces and funky shoe embellishments.

The Beaded Garden is one of the first books to offer flower-making projects using needle and thread, not florist wire, and all of the projects utilize common off-loom beading stitch techniques, including brick, peyote, netting, herringbone, and combination stitches.

Step-by-step instructions, stunning photographs, and easy-to-follow diagrams guide you through simple to more advanced projects, and the colorful gallery of pieces from well-known bead artists is sure to give you a year-round case of spring fever.

The Beaded Garden brings new meaning to indoor gardening.

The Beaded Garden: Creating Flowers with Beads and Thread

by Diane Fitzgerald

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About the Author: Diane Fitzgerald is an internationally recognized bead artist, teacher, and author of eight books including *Netted Beadwork* and *Beading with Brick Stitch* (both from Interweave Press). She is continually creating new designs for beadwork jewelry at her shop, Beautiful Beads, in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where Diane also lives. As a bead collector, Diane specializes in contemporary American art glass beads and European and Japanese vintage beads. Diane has traveled to South Africa to study Zulu and Xhosa beadwork and to the Czech Republic, Germany, and Italy to learn about the glass bead industry. Diane writes frequently for several magazines such as *Beadwork*, *Bead & Button*, *Lapidary Journal*, and others. Diane's work has appeared in several exhibits and her Ginkgo Leaf Necklace was featured in the "2001: A Bead Odyssey Calendar." Website: www.dianefitzgerald.com

About Interweave Press: In business since 1975, Interweave Press publishes magazines and books related to fiber, thread, needlework, and beads. Throughout Interweave's evolution, its publications have focused on natural materials and processes, a respect for doing, and an appreciation of the fine, simple things in life. Interweave publishes six magazines including *Beadwork*, *Handwoven*, *Interweave Knits*, *PieceWork*, *Spin-Off*, and *Fiberarts*. Interweave is dedicated to creating a resource for its readers to find the best information in their field of interest, the latest news, the best products, the newest techniques, and the history behind the techniques.

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DIANE FITZGERALD AUTHOR TOUR

Diane Fitzgerald will be signing copies of her book and teaching classes based on its projects in the following cities this year. An up-to-date tour schedule is always available online at www.dianefitzgerald.com

Aug. 16-19 Sonoma, CA

The Lodge at Sonoma

The Beadwork Retreat and Sonoma Glass Art & Bead Festival
www.interweave.com/beat/events/Sonoma.asp

Aug. 26-28, Washington Island, WI

Sievers School of Fiber Arts
www.sieversschool.com

Sept. 10-11, Worcestershire, England

Host: Worcestershire Beaders

Oct. 7-9, Frankfort, IN

Frankfort Library
Location: 208 W. Clinton St., Frankfort, IN; Tel: 765-654-8746

Nov. 12-13, Dallas, Texas

Location TBA

Dec. 2-4, West Palm Beach, FL

Crystal Creations, 4058 Forest Hill Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL; Tel: 561-649-9909
www.crystalcreationsbeadstitute.com

Jan 2-7 DeLand, FL

Location TBA