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WELCOME BACK, SPRING



I love spring because it's a time of renewal. Everything that emerges from the dead of winter seems shiny, light, and new. To me, the soft tones and elegant filigrees in the necklace and bracelet that grace this issue's cover embody this spirit of renewal. Made by co-owners of Artful Beads Studio and Workshop in Pennington, New Jersey, Barbara Falkowitz and Amy Haftkowycz, these pieces inspire with the unique ways in which beadweaving stitches are used to join seed beads and pressed-glass rounds (page 58). Because beaded components are so versatile, you'll imagine endless design possibilities for these pieces.

Welcome longer days and more sunshine with Kelly Angeley's brilliantly colored and ever-cheerful bead-embroidered Happy-Go-Lucky Cuff (page 74). Unveil the most time-honored symbol of spring, the flower, in Melanie Potter's stunning and lacy Wildflower Earrings (page 36), Barb Switzer's beautifully embellished right-angle-weave flower necklace (page 50), and Laura McCabe's contemporary take on the jack-in-the-pulpits that signify spring in the woods near her home (page 40). Perhaps to you spring means preparing for summer adventures. Travel to the high seas with Scarlett Lanson's Anchors Aweigh (page 26), a seed-bead-and-chain necklace with an ingenious cubic right-angle-weave pendant. If your sense of adventure compels you to learn a new technique this season, you'll find more than seventeen jewelry-making techniques to choose from in this issue.

Here in Colorado, spring usually brings one last big snowstorm—a great excuse to spend a day beading and motivation for planning summer getaways. For myself, I've booked a great California beading retreat in July (more on that later). And I hope to meet many of you at Bead Fest Philadelphia, August 18–22. If you're like me and can't leave home without a beading project, check out my new How to Build a Portable Bead Studio video at beadworkmagazine.com.

Have fun,

Melinda

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