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Press Release:

Re-String Your Bling! Workshop

Learn how to re-string, re-purpose, re-fashion and recycle your outdated beaded costume jewelry.

Alexandria, VA (May 11, 2009) Remember that earring that you were sure you'd find its mate? What about that necklace that you were so convinced would come back in fashion but hasn't? Perhaps that lone earring and the throw-back necklace could be re-purposed, recycled and re-fashioned into a brand new piece! This workshop is not about repairing the pearls that were passed down through the family, but rather a way for you to take your unworn costume jewelry and make it rock!

High-energy jewelry designer, Jen Judd will cover some basic beading/wire-working skills (stringing, crimping, simple loops, wrapped loops and jump rings) as well as lead a discussion about the different types of materials (beads, metal, wire) available. She will focus on different price levels so you will learn your options, providing handouts with the basics plus a reference list for future use. Jen's work can be seen in the Spring issue of "Stringing" magazine as well as her website <http://jenjuddrocks.blogspot.com/>.

Students should bring broken and/or outdated jewelry as well as any tools for jewelry they may have on hand from home. After providing some basic instruction, Jen will work one-on-one with students to develop a design and help with technical solutions.

This class is intended for adults of any skill level and is handicap accessible. The registration fee (\$35 for DRA members and \$40 for non-members) includes some basic "make and take" supplies including beading wire, crimps, clasps, pins, hooks and work surfaces (pads and stringing trays). There will be some basic supplies and tools available for purchase directly from Jen during the workshop.

Prior to the workshop, discount coupons for two local bead merchants, Bead Obsessions in Old Town Alexandria and Off the Beading Path in Occoquan, will be provided to those enrolled. Participants are encouraged to bring jewelry and any supplies (beads, wire and tools) they may already have on hand for a trade or swap.

The workshop will be held on Friday, June 12th from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm in the Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301. Register online by 6/9/09 at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or contact Theresa Kulstad at (703) 283-0399 or tkulstad@verizon.net. Be advised that space is limited.

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