

# Grand River Bead Society



## Meetings

### Monday January 25th

"Introduction to Polymer Clay"

Learn creative and exciting techniques for making jewellery from Polymer Clay Artist ~ Helen Breil

### Monday February 22nd

"Wire Crochet Beading" with Roxann Blazetich-Ozols.

### Monday March 22nd

TBA

### Monday April 26th

Forum on "How to Sell Handmade Jewellery". Topics will include tips for having a successful show through selling and artful displays.

### Monday May 17th

Marilyn Gardiner will teach a beaded centre section for a necklace. The centre section can be easily removed and replaced by another one.

### Monday June 28th

Garage Sale and Party!

Meetings are usually held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month from 7:15pm-9:15pm  
at the Evergreen Centre  
683 Woolwich St. Guelph. There is free parking.

## What's Hot

Beadpunk  
Keys  
Owls  
Mixed Media  
Pictures in resin  
Brass, Copper, Gunmetal



At our  
December  
meeting  
Mary-Anne Dalkowski  
demonstrated  
the art  
Kumihimo.



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[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) and type in "Grand River  
Bead Society" in the search field.



**What's new** at Grand River Bead Society...  
A Beading Forum and Member Gallery have  
been added to our website....please send your  
submissions to  
[grandriverbeadsociety@gmail.com](mailto:grandriverbeadsociety@gmail.com)

## Events

**Marilyn Gardiner** is teaching classes at Beadfx (Toronto), Bead Junction (Toronto) and Gecko Beads (St. Jacobs). Check out her website at [www.marilyngardiner.com](http://www.marilyngardiner.com) for more information.

**Roxann Blazetich-Ozols** is teaching classes at the Ottawa Beading Retreat, The Haberdasher's Bead boutique, Third Annual Friendship Beading Retreat and The Evergreen Centre. For more information check out her website at [www.beadaddict.ca](http://www.beadaddict.ca)

**Beads of Colour** – check out over 70 classes at their Dundas store...[www.beadsofcolour.com](http://www.beadsofcolour.com). Marcia DeCoster and Kate McKinnon will be teaching classes later in 2010.

**Beadfx** - lampworking, metal clay, metalworking and wire crochet classes...[www.beadfx.com](http://www.beadfx.com)

**Designing Sisters** - Wire Wrapping classes...[www.designingsisters.ca](http://www.designingsisters.ca)

**Robert Hall Originals** - wire wrapping and beading 101 classes available ...[www.roberthalloriginals.com](http://www.roberthalloriginals.com)

**Conestoga College**...[www.conestogac.on.ca](http://www.conestogac.on.ca).

**George Brown**...[www.georgebrown.ca](http://www.georgebrown.ca).

**Sheridan College**...[www.sheridanc.on.ca](http://www.sheridanc.on.ca).

## Necklace Lengths

### Collar 12/13 inches

- usually made up of three or more strands
- lie snugly on the middle of the neck
- Victorian and luxurious
- goes best with a V-neck, boat neck or off the shoulder fashions

### Choker 14/16 inches

- classic and versatile
- can go with virtually any outfit from casual to fancy and just about any neckline
- **This is a good necklace length for a child.**

### Princess 17/19 inches

- best suited for crew and high necklines
- also complements low plunging necklines
- it is a perfect support for a pendant

### Matinee 20/24 inches

- is the right choice for casual or business dressing

### Opera 28/34 inches

- is the queen of all the lengths
- when worn as a single strand, it is refined and perfect for high or crew necklines
- when doubled upon itself, it serves as a versatile two strand choker
- **This is the most common length for a necklace.**

### Rope or Lariat Over 45 inches

- clasps placed in strategic locations around the necklace enable you to break it down into multi-strand necklace and bracelet combinations
- lariats are at least 48 inches long, with the ends left unattached for knotting or wrapping around the neck

## Websites of Interest

[www.buythekit.com](http://www.buythekit.com)  
[www.beadindaily.com](http://www.beadindaily.com)  
[www.etsy.com](http://www.etsy.com)  
[www.designspongeonline.com](http://www.designspongeonline.com)  
[www.firemountaingems.com](http://www.firemountaingems.com)  
[www.rings-things.com](http://www.rings-things.com)  
[www.interweavestore.com](http://www.interweavestore.com)  
[www.howtotvonline.com](http://www.howtotvonline.com)  
[www.beadage.net](http://www.beadage.net)

### Bead Oasis Show

March 12-14, 2010

Metro Toronto Convention Centre  
North Building

255 Front St. West  
Toronto ON Canada

Friday March 12 12 - 8  
Saturday March 13 10 - 6  
Sunday March 14 11 - 5

