

# Beading - Desert Strands Bracelet

Classroom 1  
Thursday, May 26, 2011  
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM



**This class offers a hands-on knotted bracelet** (or anklet) accented with Southwestern stones and beads (including turquoise nuggets, shells, coral, lapis, hematite, and sterling silver). It is strung on waxed linen cord with sterling hook closure. Students will leave with a finished bracelet (or anklet). You can see more of Linda's beadwork at [www.desert-strands.com](http://www.desert-strands.com).

**Instructor: Linda Davis**

Incorporating fibers into beadwork design is a fabulous way to showcase the unique colors and textures of natural stones and other jewelry components. With a background in instructional design, Linda Davis loves the structural and assembly aspects of creating textural beadwork.

Using non-traditional stringing elements such as fibers (linen, silk, hemp, etc.) lets bead artists break away from stiff beading wire and colorless fishing line. The supple nature of the fibers, combined with the rainbow of colors to choose from, inspires new creativity in jewelry design. By adding knots, hand-tied loops, and other textural elements with fiber, Linda shows students how the "string" can now be just as critical to a jewelry design as the beads!

Linda is a founding member of the Wooden Cow Gallery and a board member of the Bead Society of New Mexico. In 2008, she won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Fiber Arts Fiesta jewelry design competition. In 2008, Linda was a finalist in Fire Mountain Gems jewelry design contest. Two of her designs are in the Fire Mountain Gems' "Gallery of Designs".

**Level:** All

**Class size:** 5-15 students

**Cost:** \$35 (This does not include EXPO parking fee or show entry fee)

**Students need to bring the following:**

- **Cord:** Approx 2 yards of waxed linen cord, 3-ply or 5-ply, your choice of color
- **Beads:** turquoise nuggets, shell, coral, lapis, sterling silver (or your own bead selection). Avoid pearls in this project, they typically have small holes.
- **Wire:** Approx 6" of 16 gauge wire to secure loop closure. Your choice of metal.
- **Closure:** 1 hook closure. Your choice of metal

**(Optional):**

- personal task lighting - bead reamer - embroidery scissors - chain nose pliers – awl or doll needle – bead mat – (instructor will have items available to borrow)

**OR**

**Instructor will provide the following:**

**Kits** for this design may be purchased for \$25 at the show.

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**Fiber Arts Fiesta 2011  
Guild-Sponsored Class Registration Form**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Registration Postmark Deadline: **April 30, 2011**

Make checks payable to: **BSNM (Bead Society New Mexico)**

Send registration form and class fee to: **Bead Society New Mexico**

**P.O. Box 36824**

**Albuquerque, NM 87176-6824**

(Please specify **Linda Davis Class/ Fiber Arts Fiesta** on envelope)