



Bead Talk

A monthly newsletter for customers and friends
of Peyote Dreams jewellery

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Lest We Forget

November is a funny month; a little after the full autumn festivities but just before the winter fun. It is sort of 'get ready for the holidays' month. For me, November is going to be very busy! I'm now teaching in multiple locations and have just secured a fourth location to place Peyote Dreams jewellery. I also have a two-day show coming up. Whew, I'm tired just thinking about it!

Please keep Peyote Dreams in mind when you getting ready for your holiday gift-giving. Connect with Peyote Dreams through any of the Toronto area stores listed further in the newsletter; purchase on-line at www.etsy.com/shop/peyotedreams, drop by any of my shows or just pick-up the phone and call me at (416) 285-5237.

In all of these activities, there is one occasion to just stop, think and reflect. Having grown up in military family (my dad served in WWII, Korea and made the military his career until 1968), we all knew the importance of Remembrance Day. My brother has also made the military his career and has served in Afghanistan.

I don't think war should be glorified but I often think how different life would be if Canada hadn't participated in WWI, WWII or any of the other major conflicts around the world. As a country, we have stepped up, drawn a line in the sand and said 'enough is enough'. I'm especially proud of our peacekeeping initiative that has done all that is possible to find other solutions to war. On November 11th, please take a minute to remember those who have served and are currently serving in Canada's military.

Take care and we'll chat in December!
All the best,

Pamela Kearns
Peyote Dreams

Peyote Dreams now available in four Toronto stores

Two new locations are now carrying a selection of Peyote Dreams jewellery!

Marilyn's, located at 200 Spadina Avenue (just north of Queen Street) is a wonderful women's wear store and is a busy hub of services for women, with the store on the main floor, and an events space on the lower level. Marilyn's stocks fashionable women's wear for all seasons and all sizes – with something for everyone: personal service, sizes 2 - 24,

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accessories, and the famous \$20 temptation rack. Styles cover your needs from smartly casual to gala evening wear.

Marilyn Weston has a passion for women entrepreneurs and provides a business incubator to help women build their businesses. I've purchased some pieces from *Marilyn's* and have found them very well made and affordable. For more information about *Marilyn's*, go to www.marilyns.ca.



Sexy Plus Clothing

is a relatively new store located at 901

Yonge Street and is dedicated to serving women with curves with fashion and lingerie. Stefanie Augusteijn's clothing is young, fresh and includes Canadian designers. I recently bought a top that is bright and colourful and fits great! For more information about *Sexy Plus Clothing*, go to www.sexyplusclothing.com.



Peyote Dreams jewellery is also available at:

Dorly Designs – A boutique in the heart of Leslieville, featuring Canadian and International designers, clothing, jewellery and a wide assortment of gift items. 1173 Queen Street East (at Jones); (416) 478-0009; www.dorlydesigns.com.



Maximum Woman – A wonderful plus size

women's wear store specializing in dresses for all occasions. 2120B Eglinton Ave. W. (near Caledonia); (416) 767-7007; www.maximumwoman.com.



What's Hot Right Now?

I'm not someone who buys according to trends, but I do like to add a piece or two to my current wardrobe. The following is an excerpt from Elle Canada's website, interviewing Emily Scarlett; H&M's Public Relations Manager and Spokesperson.

What is the story for Fall 2011?

It's really all about elegance and easiness in dressing. You want to be inspired by the classics, but with a modern twist. That might mean mixing unexpected fabrics together like silk and heavier, quilted materials, or it might mean trying

out colour-blocking (that's really not about colour at all, but more about pairing neutrals and monochromatic tones together).



Here are some easy ways to can update your fall wardrobe!

When are the key colours we should be looking out for?

Rich burgundies, shades of cognac, pumpkin, cream, mustard, as well as meaningful prints (a throwback to classic Americana) like plaids, twills, brocade, lace and florals.

What are the 5 key pieces every woman should own to make this trend work for them?

A clean suit: Nothing says simple sophistication like a great, tailored suit. Opt for those that are three pieces: Blazer, vest and pants (you can break the look into separates). For the more adventurous, go for a suit in a tweed or plaid for that twist on a classic look.

A chunky, knit sweater: A longer version is your best bet so you can wear it in many different ways: Casual with jeans or dressed up with opaque tights and a thick leather belt.

The "Mary Tyler Moore" dress: If you don't know this reference, Google it immediately, girls! Think the shift dress, but updated. Pair with your tried-and-true boyfriend blazer to turn this dress into one of your classic items.

Cardigans, cardigans, cardigans: No longer relegated to the uber-conservative set, this staple will take you from season-to-season and is a perfect transitional piece. If you want to make it more original, keep an eye out for the details: Oversized buttons, unexpected trim.

Leather shorts: Obviously this is for women who like to play with fashion and trends, but I consider it a definite must! Wear with tights of different patterns and textures. I promise you; you will wear them straight into spring!

To see the full story, go to

<http://www.ellecanada.com/fashion/trends/fashion-trends-modern-minimalism/a/46907>

Peyote Dreams is now on Twitter



I'm still figuring out this new social medium but I'm out there and following some designers, magazines and personalities involved in jewellery and fashion. I even have some followers! You can follow Peyote Dreams too – my Twitter name is @PeyoteDreams.

Remember, you can 'like' Peyote Dreams on Facebook at



www.facebook.com/peyotedreams. All of the classes are listed as well as photos of jewellery and other news that I find and pass along. You're also welcome to 'friend' my personal page too.

Discover your Inner Designer at Dorly Designs

DORLY DESIGNS and Peyote Dreams have teamed up to bring workshops so that others can share the fun of creating jewellery. These workshops will focus on easy to learn, basic techniques that you can use as a starting point. Workshops are held Tuesday and Thursday evenings; 7 – 9 pm, at DORLY DESIGNS at 1173 Queen Street East. Metered street parking is available; the store is easily accessible by the TTC 501 Streetcar.

Each workshop is \$30 and includes all the materials and instruction to create a piece of jewellery. To register, call DORLY DESIGNS at (416) 478-0009, or e-mail fashionhouse@dorlydesigns.ca.

Tuesday, November 1, 7 – 9 pm

Earring Workshop – Learn to create simple earrings with beads and stones. All materials provided including sterling silver ear wires. Participants will create two pairs of earrings.

Thursday, November 3, 7 – 9 pm

Bracelet Workshop – Learn to create wrapped loops with wire. Using beads, metal shapes and wire, you'll create a bracelet; the design can be expanded to create necklaces.

Tuesday, November 8, 7 – 9 pm

Chainmaille workshop – Learn about this ancient art dating back to the Celts! Using only jump rings and beads, you'll learn to do the Byzantine patterns to make a zipper pull or key ring (your choice!).

Thursday, November 10, 7 – 9 pm

Kumihimo workshop – The art of Japanese braiding dates back hundreds of years and lends itself to jewellery and clothing trims. Learn how to create ropes using satin cording to create a bracelet.

Fee includes all the materials. Foam kumihimo disc available to use during class and available for purchase if desired.

Tuesday, November 15, 7 – 9 pm

Basic stringing workshop – Learn to basics of stringing (beads along a wire, finished with crimps) to create a simple bracelet.

Thursday, November 17, 7 – 9 pm

Earring workshop – Learn to create simple earrings with beads and stones. All materials provided including sterling silver ear wires. Participants will create two pairs of earrings.

Tuesday, November 22, 7 – 9 pm

Bracelet Workshop – Learn to create wrapped loops with wire. Using beads, metal shapes and wire, you'll create a bracelet; the design can be expanded to create necklaces.

Thursday, November 24, 7 – 9 pm

Wonderlust special event: Chainmaille workshop and demonstration – Learn about this ancient art dating back to the Celts! Using only jump rings and beads, you'll learn to do the Byzantine patterns to make a zipper pull or key ring (your choice!). See other how other chainmaille patterns are created

Tuesday, November 29, 7 – 9 pm

Kumihimo workshop – The art of Japanese braiding dates back hundreds of years and lends itself to jewellery and clothing trims. Learn how to create ropes using satin cording to create a bracelet. Fee includes all the materials. Foam kumihimo disc available to use during class and available for purchase if desired.

Upcoming Shows

Peyote Dreams will be participating in the following shows. Drop by; I'd love to say 'Hi'!

Date and Times	Location
Saturday, Nov. 12 & Sunday, Nov. 13 10 am to 5 pm	The Heinzman House 135 Bay Thorn Drive, Thornhill
Sunday, December 4 1 to 4:30 pm	Peyote Dreams Open House 991 O'Connor Drive, apt. 8

Additional shows will be sought for and added. For up-to-date listings, please see the events tab at www.facebook.com/peyotedreams or the shows link at www.peyotedreams.ca.

You Asked?

Once in a while, I get questions. This came to me over Twitter:

Q. How do you put together all the tiny beads; from Lily, @ArteGraficaLILY

A. The beads are actually stitched together using a needle and thread. There are various stitches that I use including peyote, spiral rope, brick, crochet and netting.

If you have a question that you would like answered, please send them by e-mail, on Facebook or by Twitter.

Upcoming Classes

A new store has been added to the class roster – welcome Bead Junction and thank you for the opportunity to teach at your store! All classes are listed at www.peyotedreams.ca ('learn how to bead' link) and www.facebook.com/peyotedreams (in events). To register for any class, please contact the store or venue directly.

Bead Alternative: \$35 class fee + materials fee; pre-registration required;
(679 Queen St. West at Bathurst, (647) 350-4910)

Date and Time	Class Description
Saturday, November 19 1 – 4 pm	Knights, Dragons and Chainmaille Chainmaille has its roots in 12th Medieval Europe providing added protection under armour. Learn the Byzantine and the Box patterns and create a bracelet. Kit: \$15 ; everything needed to create your project in non-sterling silvertone.
Saturday, December 10 1 – 4pm	Around and around you go with bead crochet Create a rope of beads using a crochet hook, perle cotton thread and size 8 seed beads. Participants will create a bracelet. Kit: \$18 ; includes everything needed including crochet hook, perle cotton and beads.

BeadFX classes: \$30 class fee + materials fee; pre-registration required
(128 Manville Road, Unit 9, Scarborough, (416) 701-1373)

Date and Time	Class Description
Friday, November 11 6 – 9 pm	Stitch up a Snowstorm – NEW CLASS Create a flurry of snowflakes with seed beads, a needle and thread! Great for ornaments, hostess gifts and as an add-on to a gift, you'll want to stitch up a blizzard of snowflakes in time for the holidays. Snowflakes can be done using any size seed beads. Participants will create three large and three small snowflakes; materials fee \$15.
Friday, November 25 6 – 9 pm	Infinity Beaded Beads – NEW CLASS Why buy gifts when you can create your own for the holidays, graduations, birthdays and more! You'll find infinite uses for this beaded bead! Hang them on ear wires for quick earrings; link them together for bracelets and necklaces. Reminiscent of the X's and O's, pattern these are called 'infinity' beads because of the unending 'figure 8' that run around the beads. Students will create two pairs of earrings using either fire-polished glass beads or Swarovski crystals. Colour choices will be available; materials fee of \$8/pair fire-polished glass earrings; \$12/pair Swarovski earrings.
Friday, December 2 6 – 9 pm	Stitch up a Snowstorm – encore presentation, in time for holiday giving! Create a flurry of snowflakes with seed beads, a needle and thread! Great for ornaments, hostess gifts and as an add-on to a gift, you'll want to stitch up a blizzard of snowflakes in time for the holidays. Snowflakes can be done using any size seed beads. Participants will create three large and three small snowflakes; materials fee \$15.

NEW – Bead Junction: \$30 class fee + materials fee; pre-registration required.
(389 Roncesvalles Avenue, Toronto, 416-533-8555)

Date and Time	Class Description
Saturday, November 26 11 am – 1 pm	Christmas Tree Earrings You will learn how easy it is to create beautiful earrings using a simple even-weave peyote pattern. Wrap the stitching around wooden cubes to complete the design.
Saturday, November 26 2 – 4 pm	Christmas Tree Bracelet Using a simple even-weave pattern, you will learn how to read peyote patterns and make pattern adjustments, how to estimate length and width from patterns. You will create a beautiful Christmas bracelet that matches the morning class's earrings.

NEW – Toronto Bead Society Fall Bead and Jewellery Fair:
CNIB, 1929 Bayview Avenue (at Kilgour) Class: \$35, plus \$15 kit fee

Date and Time	Class Description
Sunday, November 6 12 to 3 pm	"From Russia with Love" Learn all about the St. Petersburg Chain! Great for creating earrings, bracelets and necklaces, this deceptively easy stitch but one that can be embellished in oh so many ways. Participants will make earrings and a bracelet.

Updates and additional classes will be posted at www.facebook.com/peyotedreams and the 'learn to bead' link at www.peyotedreams.ca.

Classes are also available at the **Peyote Dreams' home studio** in East York with convenient day and evening hours.

From the Design Board

I'm still playing with the kumihimo (Japanese braiding) shared with you in previous issues. This time, I've worked it into bracelets with stones or other focal beads. One of the issues with kumihimo is the need to 'cap' each of the ends. In search for affordable rope caps, I found some simple silver-tone caps that don't take the focus away from the beads and stones. The colours of the satin cords reflect the colours of the stones. The extender chain allows for a proper fit for a variety of wrist sizes. The bracelets are not full of shiny 'bling' but would go well with both dressy and casual attire.

These bracelets are available at Maximum Woman. Additional bracelets will be available on-line and at shows. The price for these one-of-a-kind bracelets is \$30.

If you would like to order a bracelet or request a custom design, please call Peyote Dreams at (416) 285-5237.

That's all for now! Thank you for taking the time to read 'Bead Talk'. If there's anything you would like to see covered, please let me know.

All the best,



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With aqua blue glass beads



With lava beads



With vulcanite beads



With red jasper beads