

## About the Program

The **Master Beader Program (MBP)** is an innovative and adaptable instruction program for beaders structured around three increasingly skilled levels:

- **Apprentice/Beginner;**
- **Journeyman/Intermediate; and**
- **Master/Expert.**

As an **Apprentice** you will acquire fundamental skills that will serve you well regardless of the beading path you choose to pursue. You will learn the basics of stringing, knotting, how to use findings, how to choose materials, as well as the basics of color and design. You will also be encouraged to explore a variety of beadweaving and related techniques. This level is designed to kindle your passion for beadwork and give you an overview of the breadth of the amazing world of beads!

At the **Journeyman** level your skills and workmanship will flourish. You will begin to focus your interests and develop expertise in the techniques you most enjoy and gain experience using design and color effectively in your work. You will experiment with technique variations and work on increasingly more complex and interesting pieces. Remember that learning doesn't stop just because you are a Journeyman! You will still be encouraged to add new techniques to your repertoire and explore related areas that you find intriguing.

As a **Master** you will demonstrate your mastery of the craft. This is where it all comes together! At this level you will supplement your beadweaving with research into the historical, cultural, and ethnic heritage of beads. This is your opportunity to focus on the skills you need to achieve your ultimate beading goals.

## As a participant you will receive...

- The Master Beader Program Journal which includes:
  - a complete listing of published guidelines, standards, and requirements; and
  - space to record your personal MBP journey.



## MBP support and prerequisites include...

- expert mentoring;
- monthly Talking Beads! meetings to help you stay in touch with your colleagues and stay on top of happenings in the local beading community;
- help locating beading resources and instruction;
- eligibility for in-store specials;
- a certificate of achievement for each level of the program you complete.



## Frequently Asked Questions

- **How do I start?**  
Enroll anytime! Complete the registration form in this brochure, schedule a meeting with a mentor, and jump in!
- **Do I need to sign up for the entire MBP?**  
No! Sign up for the entire program, or sign up for each level as you are ready. In either case, you progress at your own pace. There is no expiration.
- **I want to bead for enjoyment and relaxation. Is the MBP right for me?**  
Definitely! The MBP is designed to respond to the needs and interests of all beaders.
- **What if I've already completed some of the level requirements?**  
You can get credit for what you know and for what you have already accomplished. You and your mentor will work together to develop an individualized program that reflects your achievements and goals.
- **Do I need to start at the Apprentice level?**  
No! We will work with you to assess your experience and determine an appropriate starting point.
- **Do I have to take classes at a specific location?**  
No! You can find classes that will satisfy the requirements for each level at many locations. And many MBP participants enjoy self-teaching too. Just stay in touch with your mentor to make sure that you are on track!
- **I love the idea of the MBP, but I have many obligations. Is the MBP time-sensitive?**  
No! Sign on, and work through the program at your own pace. The MBP is intended to support you on your beading journey. Go at your own pace and enjoy the experience!

To sign up, send completed form to:

**The Bead Patch**  
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Manchester, NH 03109  
(603) 627-4870

[www.thebeadpatch.net](http://www.thebeadpatch.net)



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

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<b>One-Time Registration Fee</b>	<b>\$50</b>
<b>PLUS</b>	
<b>Level (circle one):</b>	
Apprentice	\$75
Journeyman	\$75
Master	\$75
Complete program (3 levels)	\$200



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## About the designers of the Master Beader Program...

### Deb Fairchild

Deb retired from a career as a financial administrator at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She now has time to pursue her love of teaching and her love of beading by developing and teaching beading classes. She is particularly interested in teaching technique classes and helping students explore the potential of their creativity.



### Judy Bush

Judy retired from a career as an Educator with the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension. With a background in Home Economics, she has found a new career sharing her 40-year passion for beads by opening the Bead Bush Studio. The studio, in rural, stress-free Deerfield, New Hampshire has creative classes, a great selection of beads, vintage buttons and pins, and expert help!



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### For further information about MBP

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## Master Beader Program©



An innovative three-level program designed to allow you to enjoy the challenges and explore the fun of beading as you become proficient at the techniques you love!

