

# Panda's Crossing

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## Shop Hours

**I want to remind everyone that our hours are:**

**Tuesday – Friday 11am-6pm**

**Saturday 10am-5pm**

**During the week our register will close at 6:00pm. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. We will be open late for shopping on all Bead Club and UFO Nights.**

As always, there is a lot going on in the shop over the next 2 months. Here's the pertinent stuff that you need to know:

- The Make-It/Take-It on Saturday was a blast! I am encouraged to continue having more in the future. Maybe in early December...
- The Stitch Retreat is on the schedule in October. The sign-up deadline has passed, but I wanted to mention it so our newer customers know that the shop will be open our regular hours on that day.
- Don't forget about the **Ornament Contests**. The deadline for submitting your entry(ies) is Saturday, October 15th. You can enter as many ornaments as you want. All I ask is that you only submit ornaments you've made this year. It can be from an old pattern, just made this year.
- I have scheduled this year's **VIP Club Member's Special Event**. We are having a sale from October 18th through the 22nd that is exclusively for our VIP Club members. The only rules are that you have to have an active VIP membership before the sale starts. No one that signs up that week will be eligible and that includes expired VIP memberships. I will send a special mailing to my VIP members with more information about the sale. I will have sale sheets here for active members. No sale prices will be posted since this is an exclusive event. If you are not sure what the VIP Club is, please see that section of this newsletter.
- It's time for another UFO Night! This is always lots of fun. I've been asked many times when I was going to schedule another one, so here it is!!!!!!!!!!!! This is just an excuse to get together to laugh, cross stitch or bead, and shop.
- Back when some of us started the Bead Club, we had 2 meetings a month. The first meeting we had a volunteer teaching everyone a project. The second meeting we just had a free-for-all where everyone worked on their own project, and got to see what others were working on. It was a blast! We are going to try it again on this schedule, in November. Come on down...
- Please note that the shop will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and the day after. We will be here on Saturday for your shopping pleasure.

- The last two Saturday's on the schedule are kinda light in the class department due to lack of shop coverage. If that changes, I might add another class in there. More information about that later.
- Last, but certainly not least, is that Baby Lucy is going to be 1 year old in a couple of weeks. We don't have anything special planned, but I thought I'd add it to the calendar. Just know that no one else rates a Birthday mention in the newsletter, including me.

## **Directions To The Shop**

If you are heading south on I-385, go to exit 31. This is the Hwy 417/Simpsonville/Laurens Rd exit. It is also the Toll Road exit. Stay to the right so you don't get on the toll road. There's a red light at the bottom of the exit ramp. Turn right towards Mauldin. We are located ½ mile on the left at The Shoppes at 400 S. Main.

If you are heading north on I-85, get off at the Laurens Rd exit heading towards Mauldin(exit 48-A). Go through Mauldin, past the main light that crosses Butler Rd, then take the left fork when the road splits. That takes you over a bridge towards Simpsonville. We will be on the right about 1 mile down.

## **VIP Club**

Do you know about our VIP Club? The cost is \$30.00 and you get 10% off all your classes and purchases, excluding gift certificates, consignment beads, and a few other items, for a full year from your sign-up date. Ask about it the next time you are in the store.

## **Ornament Contests**

I am thrilled to announce that, once again, we are having 2 separate (but equal) contests. One for cross stitched ornaments and one for beaded ornaments. All entries must be here by October 15. You can submit more than one ornament for each contest, but I am going to ask that the ornament(s) that you enter are made this year. Each ornament must be accompanied by the following information, on a 3x5 index card:

- Your name and phone number
- Designer name or your own design
- What chart, magazine or website did you find the pattern
- Materials used

Then, each ornament will be provided with a number for voting purposes. All ornaments will be on display starting September 2nd. Customers will vote on favorite ornament in cross stitch and beading category, if you want, but please only vote once for each category. The winners will be announced, and prizes handed out, on Saturday, December 3rd. Winning ornaments, and the winners' names, will be posted. All the ornaments will remain on display until December 17th. The prizes in each category are as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Place	\$50.00 gift certificate
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	\$25.00 gift certificate
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	\$10.00 gift certificate

Employees and Instructors are not eligible for prizes, but can bring in ornaments to help decorate the tree. Think of this contest as an idea tree for your own gift giving as well. I am very excited about this contest, and I hope we have a lot of participants.

## **Panda's Crossing Return Policy**

No Refunds. Exchange or store credit will be honored only if accompanied by its receipt, and in resalable condition. You must return item(s) within 30 days of your receipt. Books, magazines, patterns, fabric, and special orders are not returnable.

## **Bead Club**

**The first Tuesday of every month is when our bead club meets.** The meetings start at 6:00pm. We take turns teaching everyone...something. Everyone is welcome, and there is no fee for attending. Call us to find out what you need to bring, if anything. You don't have to participate with the planned project, however. You are welcome to work on your latest project and visit. You are encouraged to bring jewelry you've made to show it off. We have lots of fun. Come join us!

**Special Note: If you would like to start attending our Bead Club, and would like to be notified by email about monthly projects, please come in and put your name on our special email list.**

## **Stitch Club**

**The second Friday of every month is typically when our stitch club meets.** If you think you would like to join us, please come. We meet at 6:00pm. It is a very fun group! Please check the calendar to be sure that we haven't changed the date.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Stitch Group**

This is a recently formed group of stitchers who are interested in working on select projects together. Anyone who is interested in these projects is welcome to join, but you just have to let me know, in advance, so I can be sure to have the materials here for you. If you would like to see the projects just come in and take a look.

## **UFO Night**

UFO stands for **UnFinished Objects**. It is really just an excuse to get together and play. This gives you an opportunity to work on one of your beading or cross stitch projects and visit with others. It starts at 6pm. Come on down!!! We are open late for shopping on UFO Night.

## **Cross Stitch Finishing**

We have a wonderful finisher at our disposal, and her name is Wendy Austin. She does absolutely fabulous work! We have samples of her work here for you to look over. Come on in and check them out.

## **Framing**

Since framing is not my forte, I have worked out an agreement with, in our opinion, the best framer in the upstate. Everyone who we've talked to that has taken their needlework there, or seen pieces framed by David raves about his work. The shop name is **Laurel Creek**, and is located on Cleveland St., downtown. They have had lots of experience framing needlework. If you let them know you are a Panda's Crossing customer they will give you a 10% discount on your framing order.

**Laurel Creek**

**864-271-7723**

**121 Cleveland St.**

**Greenville, SC 29601**

## Classes

Below you will find descriptions of the classes we are offering for this schedule. Due to health reasons, we must cut back on our evening class offering, so please sign-up early as some of our classes fill-up quickly. To be fair to all class participants, and instructors, we have instituted some new rules for class participation.

### Class Policies:

- 1) **Payment is required at time of sign-up. If you need to cancel, please call us as soon as possible. With a 24 hr. cancellation, you will receive a shop credit for the class fee. If your cancellation is less than 24 hours, or you fail to show up for the class, there will be no credit or refund.**
- 2) **If we have to cancel a class, you will receive shop credit for your class fee, and we will make every effort to reschedule.**
- 3) **If you are more than 5 minutes late to a class, you cannot take the class, and your fee will be forfeited. You are welcome to come early for classes and shop. It is not fair to everyone else, who got there on time, to wait for latecomers to arrive, pick-out colors, and get settled.**
- 4) **Because some people are sensitive to certain scents, please be careful about applying perfumes and body lotions the day of the class. Some people have allergic or asthmatic reactions.**
- 5) **Please turn the ringer off on your cell phone during class. It is distracting to others when cell phones ring, or people talk on their phones during class.**
- 6) **Please bring magnification or additional lighting if you need them.**
- 7) **If a class requires a book or magazine, please let us know when you sign up for the class if you need us to order it for you.**

We, and your fellow class participants, appreciate your cooperation with these policies.

I want to clarify the experience level/prerequisites required for our classes.

**Prereq: None** – No beading experience required at all. *No further clarification needed.*

**Prereq: Some beadweaving experience is required. (Just not your first beadweaving class, but it can be your second.)** *Again, no further explanation needed.*

**Prereq: Some beadweaving experience.** *You need to have taken at least 2 beginning beadweaving classes. Beadweaving uses a needle. This does not include beadstringing or wirework.*

**Prereq: Intermediate beadweaving experience.** *You have to not only have taken beginning beadweaving classes, but have had a fair amount of experience in beadweaving. You have to have taken some of the “some beadweaving experience” classes and done well at them.*

Most stores will simply take your money, no matter what skill level is required for a given class. Since everyone pays the same amount, it is my policy that everyone needs to be at the same skill level for any given class. We want our classes to be a fun experience for everyone involved, not just make as much money as we can. We will be happy to assist you in determining which classes are right for you.

## **Beginning Peyote Bracelet**

Karen has come up with a new project for our beginning peyote class. You will be making a patchwork bracelet using peyote cubes. I really like the project...I think you will too. Kit includes all materials and instructions.

Prerequisite: None

Cost: \$35.00

## **Chinese Coins Bracelet**

This bracelet utilizes a basis netting stitch to create flat circles with 15/0 seed beads. Grace's sample has attracted a lot of attention, and since I've worn it I can tell you that it is very comfortable to wear. **The Chinese Coin bracelet and necklace pattern is required. If you do not own this pattern, please let us know when you register.** Kit includes all materials needed to complete the bracelet.

Prerequisite: Some beadweaving experience required.

Cost: \$35.00

## **Chinese Knots**

This class is intended to get you started in the world of Chinese Knots. You will learn how to make Buttons Knots, and the Snake Knot. You will also learn different ways to make adjustable necklaces, including how to make an adjustable Button Knot. You will complete an adjustable necklace using rattail and a semi-precious donut. Kit includes all materials needed to complete project.

Prerequisite: None

Cost: \$35.00

## **Christmas Carol Ornament**

Ornaments are a great gift, as well as a nice way to decorate your own tree. Liz was voted the winner of our instructor ornament contest last year with this ornament. You will stitch two flat netted circles, then join them together with seed and bugle beads to create an elegant lacy cover for any ornament. This ornament is fairly quick to make. **Beadwork December 2008/January 2009 is required. If you do not own this issue, please let us know when you register.** Kit includes materials to complete the project.

Prerequisite: Some beadweaving experience required.

Cost: \$35.00

## **Christmas Tree Earrings**

These are adorable miniature Christmas trees. They are not your basic Swarovski crystal earring. You will be using seed beads for the branches. Years ago we made some tree earrings using a different pattern and it was a royal pain. Glenda has figured out the secret to making these earring so, so easy. Kit includes beads and instructions.

Prerequisite: Some beading experience required.

Cost: \$35.00

## **Counterbalance Bracelet**

Layers of beadwork embellished with crystals give this bracelet irresistible dimension and drama. The diamond shapes are worked as interlocking squares of right-angle weave, embellished with an additional layer of right-angle weave, and then finished with a peyote-stitched toggle clasp. This is truly a gorgeous bracelet. **Super Beadwork**

**February/March 2011 is required. If you do not own this issue, please let us know when you register.** Kit includes materials to complete the project.

Prerequisite: You must know right-angle weave already, and have intermediate beadweaving experience.

Cost: \$40.00

### **Courtesan's Jewels**

Rebecca developed this project for our last Bead Retreat. It incorporates beadweaving, ultrasuade, chain, and wirework, and then you finish it off as a lariat! We've had quite a few requests for this class...so here it is. Kit includes beads and instructions.

Prerequisite: Some beadweaving and wire experience.

Cost: \$35.00

### **Crystal Donuts**

In this class you will learn to make circles out of crystal rondelles and 11/0 seed beads. You can then turn those circles into a pendant, earrings, bracelet, necklace... This class is pretty easy, but we just don't want it to be your first ever class. I brought my necklace in to show it off and soooo many people asked me immediately if it was going to be a class so... Kit includes all materials and instructions.

Prerequisite: Some beadweaving experience is required. (Just not your first beadweaving class, but it can be your second.)

Cost: \$35.00

### **Diana's and Kate's Ring**

I got this pattern free from *Bead and Button* and knew I had to make it right away. Only problem...had to wait for the 2mm Swarovski beads to arrive. Love this ring, and I'm not usually a ring person. We will be making the version with 2 rows of crystals, unless you would prefer a smaller ring. There are a few pointers I will be sharing from my experience of making this ring. If you have been wanting a project to teach you how to weave around a rivoli you might want to try this. Cost of class includes instructions and materials required to complete ring.

Prerequisite: Peyote and intermediate beadweaving experience.

Cost: \$45.00

### **Earrings 101**

Make 2 different styles of beaded earrings. Basic wire-wrapping and other techniques will be learned during this class. Many earring examples will be available for viewing, and techniques used to make them will be explained. Kit includes all materials. You may want to bring your own basic set of tools with you to class. This is a 2 hour class.

Prerequisite: None

Cost: \$30.00

### **Elegant Choices**

This bracelet uses ladder-stitch and sharp triangles to create enough structure for this bracelet to be made as a slip-on bangle, or you can add a clasp for a more traditional finishing touch. Then, embellish with seed beads and pearls. ***Super Beadwork August/September 2011 is required. If you do not own this issue, please let us know when you register.*** Kit includes materials to complete the project.

Prerequisite: Intermediate beadweaving experience required

Cost: \$35.00

### **Fishing For Compliments**

Pretty crystal roundels are scattered amongst a base of netting. This bracelet was very well received when I first brought it in on Saturday. It defies description...you just have to see it to know how gorgeous it is. Kit includes all materials required to complete the project.

Prerequisite: Intermediate beadweaving experience

Cost: \$35.00

### **Flat Herringbone Bracelet**

You will make a bracelet using the flat herringbone stitch. Kit includes beads and instructions.

Prerequisite: Some beadweaving experience is required. (Just not your first beadweaving class, but it can be your second.)

Cost: \$30.00

### **Netted Gem Bracelet**

This is a gorgeous wide cuff bracelet!!! It has diagonal stripes of crystals, pearls, and fire-polish, and uses 11/0 seed beads.

Prerequisite: Intermediate beadweaving experience

Cost: \$40.00

### **Ornament Collar**

This is a great netted collar that you place over an ornament. The beauty of this project is that it gives you a very elegant look for ornaments that you can make for gifts, or to sell, and they don't take very long to make. Start working on your Christmas gifts now!

Kit includes all materials needed to complete project.

Prerequisite: Some beadweaving experience required

Cost: \$35.00

### **Peyote Stars**

You won't be able to stop with just one of these wonderful 3-D stars. You can make a variety of sizes with this surprising technique that involves no decreases! Susan will walk you through the steps, and you will receive full color instructions. You will get tips for creating stars in different sizes. **The *Peyote Stars* pattern is required. If you do not own this pattern, please let us know when you register.** Kit includes all materials needed to complete the bracelet.

Prerequisite: Proficiency in peyote and herringbone.

Cost: \$35.00

### **Rhinestone Tennis Bracelet**

Once again, I was trying my hand at making something I'd seen on the internet...no instructions. It didn't come out like I thought it should so, again, I considered it unfinished. I brought it into the shop to show my progress, and was told it looked like a "rhinestone tennis bracelet", and got lots of requests for a class. (Just goes to show...judging yourself is usually the harshest criticism you will ever get! I'm not sure if I'll ever get that concept.) Kit includes everything you need to complete the project.

Prerequisite: Intermediate beadweaving experience.

Cost: \$35.00

### **Russian Spiral**

Learn this wonderful “netted” spiral stitch and make a gorgeous bracelet. Kit includes beads and instructions.

Prerequisite: None

Cost: \$35.00

### **Spiral Rope Bracelet**

Learn the basics of beading with the spiral rope stitch. This is a wonderfully versatile stitch. You will be making a bracelet. This technique has endless variations. Kit includes beads and instructions.

Prerequisite: None

Cost: \$35.00

### **Tiny Bubbles**

Previously this class was called *Cubes and Stuff*, but I modified the bracelet and changed the name. Now this bracelet is thinner and uses a metal push-pull clasp. It is loads of fun to make and gets lots of comments. You will be using cube and drop beads to make this bracelet. Kit includes beads and instructions.

Prerequisite: Some beadweaving experience is required. (Just not your first beadweaving class, but it can be your second.)

Cost: \$35.00

### **Waves Bracelet**

This bracelet uses a variety of beads and makes a very cool bracelet. The base is made with ladder stitch, and then the beads are added in...you guessed it...waves. This is the first pattern introduction from a wonderful company who's patterns and kits we will be carrying very soon. . **The *Waves Bracelet* necklace pattern is required. If you do not own this pattern, please let us know when you register.** Kit includes all materials needed to complete the bracelet.

Prerequisite: Intermediate beadweaving experience required.

Cost: \$35.00

### **Wraptastic Bracelet**

It appears that wrap bracelets, similar to the very expensive ones made by the Chan Luu label, are one of the hottest trends going on right now. We are going to show you how to make your own trendy bracelet. By not using really small beads, and keeping this to a double wrap, we will be able to show you everything you need to know...from start to finish.

Prerequisite: None

Cost: \$35.00