



Color by Design Bead Retreat

September 15-17

Welcome!

We are so excited about our upcoming Bead Retreat. We have booked the St. Francis Retreat Center in San Juan Bautista, California. It's 40 miles south of San Jose and hidden among the beautiful rolling hills above the quaint village of San Juan Bautista. Kate has been to St. Francis for quilt retreats and has fallen in love with the charm, serenity and the creative energy that seems to roam freely along the shaded paths. Bring your beads, some casual clothes, and get ready to relax with new and old friends.



"Every time I go, I leave more excited and energized. I love the food, the meeting rooms are large and easy to configure to our needs, and Brother James and his staff are so nice and ready to help. I just love it. I can't wait to dive into color blocking and bead mixing."
~Kate

Kate, Janice and guest instructor, Emily Miller, are ready to share a weekend with you on color, design and beading. They will be teaching patterning, finding your color "finger print", beading techniques and so much more. Emily will have you dyeing beads and then beading around them. Janice and Kate will be team-teaching color blocking, finding your inner designer through color, and building jewelry that is not only unique but worthy of a museum.



"There was one class I taught at The Bead Shop that seemed to impact everyone; it was Tricks of The Trade, my color and design class. I even had non-beaders take it and walk away energized with gorgeous jewelry and a new perspective on the world and color. I'm so excited to be able to teach it again."
~janice



"As an instructor I have taught more than 90 beading classes and one of my very favorites is staining beads and then beading over them to create embellished masterpieces. I'm so excited we'll be doing this on Friday night and then incorporating them into our weekend projects."
~Emily

About the Retreat...

Beginning on Friday afternoon, we will be gathering at the St. Francis Retreat Center to begin our wonderful weekend. Weather can still be quite warm in Autumn in California, so bring lightweight, casual clothes. But California weather does bring cool nights, so don't forget a jacket and long pants.

What to Bring....

Bring your beads! Yes, we will be having an amazing trunk show of beads from all over the world available for purchase, but don't forget your bead stash. This weekend you'll be wanting and using more beads than you thought possible. So, a couple of tackle boxes of your favorite glass, metal, stone, seed beads, and spacers would be great. We're going to include a goody bag of essentials, but if you need a special lamp (and extension cord) or a magnifier, please bring them with you. Conference chairs can get uncomfortable, so if you need a seat cushion, best to bring it with you!



St. Francis Retreat Center, a ministry of the Franciscan Friars of the St. Barbara Province, located in historic San Juan Bautista, provides a peaceful and contemplative environment conducive for renewal of mind, body and soul. In the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, the Center's staff commits itself to preserving and honoring the natural surroundings while extending hospitality and support to peoples of all faiths.



Known for being a very special location for spiritual retreats, St. Francis has also become a gathering place for people who want to renew their creative souls. We feel that this location, in the beautiful foothills of California, will reinvigorate us and create new bonds of friendships among all who attend.

Beading is just the beginning of this journey for us; From Friday afternoon until Sunday afternoon, we are hoping to share stories, make new friends, create memories and find new confidence as designers.



St. Francis Retreat Center will supply us with delicious meals. They can accommodate restricted diet requests with some advanced notice. We will have an early evening Wine and Cheese reception on Friday evening and then all sit down to dinner at 6pm. After dinner we will dive into beading with Emily! And then it's a full weekend of beading, trunk shows, color palleting and more.



Accommodations are nice but we're going to a Retreat Center, not the Ritz! Rooms are shared, unless special arrangements are made. Please let us know if you have any special needs. Retreat fees are based on double occupancy. Please note room-mate preferences on your registration form.

St. Francis Retreat Center is a Non-Smoking Campus. Wi-fi is spotty and reception is best with Verizon, but available with other providers in certain areas.

Note: There is no television on the campus.



We will be out among Nature! Bring comfortable shoes and a jacket for the evenings. There are no room keys, please leave valuables at home. You can lock your room from the inside when it's occupied. If you forget your sun screen, Janice will have some!

Please complete the [sign-up form](#) so that we can learn more about you and any special meal requests or things you'd like us to know.

We will also be sharing information about transportation, ride-sharing, etc as we get closer to end of the summer.

Please consider purchasing trip insurance. We do not recommend any company in particular, but there are many available on the internet.

We can't wait to meet you and have this experience of a lifetime!