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Kazuri and Rivoli, and Brides!

Kazuri and Rivoli - sounds like an exotic pasta dish, no? "No" would be the answer here, as we are talking beads from Africa and Austria!

The Kazuri beads are back in stock - these are the totally delicious handmade African beads with the shiny sensuous surface. These are fabulous - check them all out, new and restock alike!

As for the Rivolis - well - they are a Swarovski shape - a disc with a point at the hub. These can hang in earrings, or as pendants or be used in other creative ways.

And speaking of Swarovskis - we've added a few more of the 10 mm bicones - These are a bead with PRESENCE!



For the members of the Toronto Bead Society who are working on the Bag o Beads challenge - we have the Red Rattail Cord in stock if you need/want more.



(For those of you not in the TBS - each year this group of beady (mostly) ladies has a Bag O Beads challenge. For a nominal fee you receive a package of beads and beady items and at least one "odd" thing that you wouldn't associate with beading (like a cog or an electronic part, for instance.) Everyone gets the same package. The challenge is to make something using at least one of everything. Often, as it is not colours and beads you would have picked, it is something of a stretch and you learn all sorts of interesting things from doing it. The following month is a big show and tell.)

In finding some Findings - we have the Wire Guardians in Antiqued Gold and Antiqued Copper, and some new ClamShell Tips with a ring instead of a bendable loop - if you prefer, in Silvertone and Goldtone. We also got these cool Swarovski Flower connectors - with all their loops - there are lots of ways to combine and connect these together!

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And for those of you who've been so busy writing with your lampwork bead decorated bead pens that you've run out of ink (and I know at least one of you!) - Here's the refills!

If you are looking for really tiny needles - try these size 15s. Measuring a measly quarter millimeter in thickness, or 250 microns or 250,000 nanometers, if you are so inclined. Do be careful opening the package, because if you bend the package, you can snap all the needles. How would I know that? Oh, no reason . . . no reason at all. <whistling nonchalantly>

Classes - we are getting more classes listed on the site - check out February's schedule. How about that Fringe Fantasy? I love fringes - and once you learn it - you can do it on anything and with practically any bead. It's totally easy to get carried away and fringe everything! (Although, I grant you - making a fringe out of 8 mm beads would probably count as a lethal weapon!)

This week's inspiration (hopefully now the holiday madness is done, we can go back to having one every week again!) - This week we have "Tally me Bananas" - using those fabulous Banana beads. It comes with the advice to not walk around singing the Banana boat song all day, but I can't think why not? Hey - wouldn't that make a great ring-tone?

We also have a head's up from SoftFlex that their Extreme Silver Softflex is in production and will be available soon. They are planning to have some at the bigs shows in Tucson and will be shipping to store shortly afterwards. Not sure if can get some for you in Tucson, but we'll see what we can do. For those that missed it - the Extreme Silver Softflex is a wonderfully shiny sterling silver version of the softflex cable, but the manufacturing plant was located in New Orleans and was destroyed by Katrina. Retooling and set up elsewhere and getting it back into production has taken nearly a year and a half.

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And last, but most certainly not least, we are very excited to announce the inauguration of beadFX Bridal. Do you want a stunning, one-of-a-kind custom piece of jewellery for your wedding? Would you like help designing and making an heirloom that you can wear, and that your children and grandchildren can thrill to also use? Do you dream of making thoughtful, matching jewellery for all your bridal party - priced to fit your budget but also so appropriate for you and this special time? Or perhaps some family member has tasked you with "making the jewelry for the wedding party" and you're feeling a little overwhelmed? If you can dream it, you can do it and we are here to help -- not just with the beads and components, but also the designing, and even construction. If you want us to make it for you, we can do that too!

Well - that's quite a bit to be going on with, so, as always - Cheers!

