

Eye On Community

Delco Needleworkers Knit National News

PSU Blanket-Makers Recieve Recognition

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Penn State Delco's Knittany Lion Needleworks was in the national spotlight recently when the organization was mentioned in USA Weekend magazine.

The Knittany Lions was among the honorees nationwide saluted for their efforts as part of USA Weekend's annual Make A Difference Day, a project aimed at inspiring altruistic acts in the community.

Last October, the group's founders Laura Guertin and Diane Shorter, both on staff at PSU Delco, organized more than 30 Penn State students, community members, and faculty members, to create 124 blankets for Project Linus.

Project Linus is named for the Peanuts comic strip character known for his security blanket, and provides gifts to hospitalized children.

The group has also made pet blankets for the Delaware County SPCA and comfort shawls for hurricane victims.

They now are making mittens, scarves and hats for loved ones of seriously-ill children who stay at the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia.

Since its founding in 2003, the Knittany Lion Needleworks has produced a total of 313 blankets for Project Linus.



Beadnik-Mania Attracting New Student Interest

By JULIA HAGAAN
Special to The Lion's Eye

When most students envision a typical night out in West Chester, a trip to the new bead store probably doesn't spring to mind. They might want to revise their plans.

Beadniks, at 119 West Market Street, opened on March 11, and according to store owner Michael Avery, "You haven't been to a bead store until you've been to a Beadniks." The store is designed as a "destination activity experience," and the atmosphere is colorful and exotic with a strong Asian influence. Stations of beads represent different areas of the world, and the plentiful Thai décor enhances the international flavor.

Avery noted that nearly everything in the store is for sale, including the decorations, bead trays, and design boards. The biggest attraction, however, is the vast assortment of beads, ranging from simple and bright Lucite (plastic) to precious stones like Amethyst, and impressive silver from the tribes of Thailand.

Upon entering, customers stop at the store's "altar" to

pick up a bead tray and clipboard to record their selections. After browsing and re-browsing through the countless options, they can bring their beads to an employee who will finish the piece for a small \$3.00 "table fee," strung on the customer's material of choice (wire, leather, suede, silk etc.) Shoppers can also purchase all the materials needed for their own at-home jewelry making, but many don't know how to bead.

To solve this dilemma, Beadniks will offer regular beading classes for beginning and advanced students, ranging from \$20 for basic classes to \$200 for the Precious Metal Clay lesson.

Avery, a former corporate bank manager, is fairly new to the bead business. He took a life altering trip to Martha's Vineyard last summer and met the founder of Beadniks, Sally Roesler, and her husband Craig. He was moved to leave his corporate job and start a bead franchise of his own. Avery chose a site in his hometown of West Chester, quit the corporate job in November, and prepared for the March grand opening.

Avery said that the store has already been busy, with a steady flow of children, college students, and avid beaders. Beadniks offers birthday parties as well as "ladies night out" events. He added, "I guess we could have men's night out too, if they wanted to sit around and bead."

The unrushed selection process is ideal for customers in search of the perfect beads to match that favorite dress, or for a personalized gift for a girlfriend, boyfriend, etc.

"It's an economical way to make their own jewelry," said Avery who noted that many of the bracelets and necklaces featured in today's fashion magazines can easily be constructed at Beadniks.

"They look very much the same," he said. "It's high quality at a very inexpensive price."

"The store seems like fun," said Amy McGregor, a senior at West Chester University. "I make my own jewelry a lot."

For more information on the Beadniks franchise visit <http://www.beadniks.com>.

The Lion's Eye is proud to recognize the Spring 2006 graduates of Penn State Delaware County

MAJOR	NAME	MAJOR	NAME	MAJOR	NAME	MAJOR	NAME
2BACC	Kathleen Conway	BSBCC	Bryan Haring	COMCC	Scott Battersby	IST	Brie Benson
2BACC	Norma Johnson	BSBCC	Brian Jennings	COMCC	Jeremy Branch	IST	Ryan Blickos
		BSBCC	Michael Johnston	COMCC	Francesca Cosmi	IST	Alma Clark
2FSAL	Jennifer Sweten	BSBCC	Timothy Johnston	COMCC	Brent Creedon	IST	Matthew Garcia
		BSBCC	Paul Lalos	COMCC	Nadia DiGiulio	IST	Alexander Jensen
2FSCC	Emily Poole	BSBCC	Lisa Lee	COMCC	Gerald Dungan	IST	Samantha Park
		BSBCC	Yee Tak Liu	COMCC	Nikki Ferell	IST	Windy Tanuhidayat
2LACC	Mecca Hunter	BSBCC	Xiaoxuan Liu	COMCC	Nicholas Gallo	IST	Anthony Testa
2LACC	Katherine Ora	BSBCC	Megan Lodise	COMCC	Nicholas Gallo	IST	Jason Trainer
		BSBCC	Laura Lubrano	COMCC	James Halligan		
AERSP	Matthew Guza	BSBCC	Brian Luzzi	COMCC	Kristin Laudadio	KINES	Christopher Himler
		BSBCC	Rayanne Lynch	COMCC	Jen Rufo	KINES	Megan Kiczek
		BSBCC	Jenna Manero	ENGCC	Sarah Cass	LASCC	Allison Brown
AMSCC	Gloria Boyd	BSBCC	Stephen McDade	ENGCC	Karen Craig	LASCC	Jake Lucas
AMSCC	Patricia Fleck	BSBCC	Stacey McMinn	ENGCC	Ashley Podracky	LASCC	Thomas Maguire
AMSCC	Mollie Stull	BSBCC	Dina Mingrino	ENGCC	Ryann Rouse	LASCC	Angelo Sciortino
AMSCC	Linyu Zhang	BSBCC	Ngoc Nguyen	ENGCC	Charles Sandor	LASCC	Allsion Showalter
		BSBCC	Alexander Parisella	ENGCC	Frank Vaccaro	LASCC	Megan Warnock
BSBBL	Jonathan Snyder	BSBCC	Joshua Roby	ENGCC	Yasmin Waris	LASCC	Matthew Zagursky
BSBCC	Jason Babich	BSBCC	Thomas Rufo				
BSBCC	Jacob Barrett	BSBCC	Michael Russell	HFSCC	Shervonne Felton	MEDIA	Ryan Keller
BSBCC	Mitchell Boyer	BSBCC	Danielle Sakers	HFSCC	Yaneth Garcia-Lopez		
BSBCC	Stephen Browne	BSBCC	Maggie Smith	HFSCC	Rebecca Kucharik	URBCC	Wakia Allen
BSBCC	Elizabeth Callaghan	BSBCC	Thomas Spaventa	HFSCC	Amy Lentes	URBCC	Jembrehessa Bowman
BSBCC	Luigi Carannante	BSBCC	Jaelyn Varisano	HFSCC	Clare McCabe	URBCC	Laura Burns
BSBCC	Tiffany Ciafre	BSBCC	Stephen Varisano	HFSCC	Megan McLean	URBCC	Natalie Demeis
BSBCC	Steven Corey	BSBCC	Jenna Ward	HFSCC	Phuong Phan	URBCC	Tara Erickson
BSBCC	Michael Deluca	BSBCC	Douglas Webster	HFSCC	Larissa Pron	URBCC	Stephanie Hinkelman
BSBCC	Adiane Elvanian	BSBCC	Yoest Megan	HFSCC	Amber Quinn	URBCC	Kimberlea Latsha
BSBCC	Jonathan Fenicle	BSBCC	David Zapalo	HFSCC	Joelle St Jean	URBCC	Hisham Rahmi
BSBCC	Sara Fetterolf	BSBCC		HFSCC	Kia Thomas	URBCC	Amanda Ross
BSBCC	David Filiaggi	CAS	Frank Slovenec	HFSCC	Justin Vernot		
BSBCC	Joseph Flyntz	CAS		HFSCC	Quinetta Wilson		
BSBCC	Shannon Forshey	CASCC	Ramona Bodkin				
BSBCC	Tiffany Giannangeli	CASCC	Morgan Kelly	INTPL	Alexandra Mack		
BSBCC	Shana Goldson						
BSBCC	Matthew Gormley						

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