

# Christi Friesen Classes and Workshop

**April 17, 18, and 19th, 2009**

**Co-Sponsored by the Indiana Polymer Clay Guild  
and the [Indiana Bead Society](#)  
to Benefit Ponsawan Silapiruti's daughter Ada.  
Ada was struck by a drunk driver and has brain damage.  
All proceeds will go to Ada's care.**

**Christi Friesen's generosity allows us to offer these  
wonderful classes at a huge discount. So, join us for 3  
fun filled days of great bead making while helping a local  
artist's family.**

Learn how to make unique polymer clay figures that can be used as focal beads or pins. In 6 different classes you will learn how to make a whimsical variety of animal and flower shapes. These classes are perfect for an introduction to polymer clay or for the experienced clay artist who wants to learn sculpting and embellishments.

All skill levels are welcome. All materials, tools and supplies are provided - all you need to bring is your imagination and your fingers.

Get your registration in early, as the class size is limited. This is "first come, first placed" event determined by the postmark on your registration or upon receipt of PayPal payment.

If you can't attend the workshop and want to help Ada, consider making a donation at <http://dearada.blogspot.com/>.

## Class Descriptions:



**Fiber Lion or Cat:** Full of feline fun. The big cats - lions and tigers and pumas, (oh my!) will roar to life as polymer clay focal bead. But not to be outdone, you could decide to make a parade of kitties that will show who really rules. Throughout the class you'll learn how to use embellishments of beads, fibers, and surface treatments.



**Phoenix:** step-by-step instructions and a quirky sense of humor make this class a great way to explore sculpting with polymer clay, no matter what your skill level.



**Jungle Necklace:** In this extended class you'll learn to make an exotic and colorful necklace. Fanciful flowers and leaves intertwine and swirl with colorful beads.



**Garden Dragon:** Ahhh, dragons! No matter how many times you make one, there's always something else to add to make it more fun. This class is always a favorite - you'll learn clay mixing, sculptural techniques and of course techniques for adding embellishments. For this workshop, there will be lots of options for your dragon - garden dragon, sea dragon, ice dragon, fire dragon... or whatever dragon look you are in the mood for!



**"Steampunk" Chameleon:** When it comes to a fun look, 'steampunk' (a Victorian-era-clockwork and fantasy kind of thing) is so much fun to create you won't want to stop! The trick is to make the steampunk creature look like the gears and little metal embellishments are a part of him, not just something added on top. Which is exactly what we're going to be doing in this class! There are a lot of little tricks that make this chameleon bead look like a little mechanized cutie, color blending, sculptural techniques and how-tos for adding the embellishments.



**Crystal Bird:** (Need description from Christi) Take flights of fancy with this stunning bird.

## Christi Friesen 2009 Workshop Registration form:

Date	Time	Class	Fee includes all materials	Check for YES
Friday April 17th	10 am - 1 pm	Fiber Cat or Lion	\$45.00	
Friday April 17th	2 pm - 5pm	Phoenix	\$45.00	
Saturday April 18th	9 am - 3 pm	Jungle Necklace (extended class)	\$70.00	
Saturday April 18th	3:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Garden Dragon	\$45.00	
Sunday April 19	12 am - 3 pm	"Steampunk" Chameleon	\$45.00	
Sunday April 19	3:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Crystal Bird	\$45.00	
		<b>Registration Total \$</b>		

There is a lunch break in the middle of the day. Please bring your own lunch. Restaurants are nearby; however, bringing a lunch will save time...you won't want to miss out on anything.

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, St. & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose your payment for the workshop(s) you want to take in the form of a check made payable to **Indiana Bead Society**. Checks must be received on or before **Tuesday, March 31st, 2009**. You will receive a confirmation of your registration and directions to the classroom locations upon receipt of your check.

**Register on line with PayPal at: <http://www.indianabeadsociety.org/index.htm>**

**Mail check and completed registration form to:**

**Indiana Bead Society  
C/O Carol Marlin  
9570 Broadway St.  
Indianapolis IN 46240**

<p><b><u>Workshop Location</u></b>  <a href="#">Jewish Community Center</a>            6701 Hoover Rd            Indianapolis, IN 46260            (317) 251-9467  <a href="#">Get Directions</a></p>	<p><b><u>Special Discount rooms are available at:</u></b>  <b>Holiday Inn Express</b>            7220 Woodland Drive            Indianapolis, IN 46278            (317) 290-1212  <a href="#">Get directions</a></p>
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**About the Artist:** Christi Friesen was born at a very young age, kidnapped and raised by lemmings. She escaped to California where she got married, had various wonderful kids, and amassed credit card bills. She is currently considering having a midlife crisis, unless there's something good on television.



CF works in mixed media, combining polymer clay, glass, acrylic, found objects, gemstones and semi-precious stones, glass beads, pearls, precious metals, and pigments to make her unique sculptures and art jewelry. Her preference for polymer as her sculpting medium is a result of the versatility, durability, and unparalleled ease with which it can accommodate gems, pearls and stones. These are worked into the sculpture while the clay is uncured, thus allowing for a very organic design in which the stones are an integrated into the design. The medium is also colorfast and lightweight.

CF is an artist because she must be. Her goal is to amuse herself, and if others are also amused, so much the better. All her pieces are one-of-a-kind and although she may make pieces that are similar in theme or subject, no two will ever be alike. Where would the fun be in that? She is happy to consider commissioned work if the project interests her.

CF's work is available at galleries and juried fine craft shows. She is a contributor to magazines and books. Christi's unique creations and books will available for purchase during the workshops.

More of Christ's pieces can also be found on her website: [Christi Friesen](#)

## About the Ponsawan and Ada:

[Ponsawan Silapiruti \(Silastones\)](#) started making Polymer clay beads in 2005. She sold her first batch and started sending them out to the bead stores and bead shows. Ponsawan started a blog to share her experiences with polymer clay and started a tutorial blog to show how to make some of beads. Her art has been featured on [Polymer Clay Daily](#) and you can see those posts [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).



Learn more about Ada [here](#).