

2023 RALA MEMBERSHIP PREMIUM

BEADED KEYCHAIN

BY SUSAN CUDABACK, ROYCROFT MASTER ARTISAN

This year's Patron Membership Premium is a lampwork beaded keychain made by Roycroft Master Artisan Susan Cudaback.

What is lampwork? Lampwork is a term used for making glass beads and other small objects by melting glass with a flame. Hundreds of years ago, glass was melted using oil burning lamps, hence the name "lampworking" which is still the term used today. However modern torches fueled by gas and oxygen are used today.

Each keychain contains three lampwork glass beads hand-crafted by Susan; each bead is individually made. Once a rod of glass is molten in the flame, Susan carefully transfers the glass in a winding motion around a stainless steel mandrel. As more glass is melted in the flame she continues to add it until a desired amount of glass is transferred to achieve a particular size and shape. Susan shapes each bead using a machined graphite marvel, twirling movements, and gravity.

The final step in the bead making process is annealing, which is a slow controlled cooling of the glass bead. This process is necessary for durability and strength. It won't break if you drop it!



JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Use the form on the back of this sheet and send with your membership check

\$50 PATRON
MEMBERSHIP

\$30 ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP

The Patron Membership includes the 2023 RALA Premium lampwork beaded keychain by Roycroft Master Artisan Susan Cudaback. The keychain consists of three lampwork beads.

Visit ralaweb.com to see the full-color version of this item.

ROYCROFTERS-AT-LARGE ASSOCIATION

RALA holds its annual meeting and reception in October.

With Patron-Level Membership support to RALA, members receive an original Artisan-created work of art.

All members receive a newsletter "published every once in a while" as was Elbert Hubbard's tradition.

Your support of RALA enables us to continue these activities and continue to offer and provide educational programs.

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

ROYCROFT SUMMER ART FESTIVAL ▪ This annual outdoor event is held the last full weekend each June where over 60 Artisans are on hand selling their wares.

ROYCROFT WINTER ART FESTIVAL ▪ Thirty-five Artisans display their work at the Hampton Inn in East Aurora. This show has become a holiday shopping tradition for many. There is a small admission fee and a variety of food vendors.

ROYCROFT CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL ▪ As a RALA committee, the Roycroft Chamber Music Festival presents an annual series of fine concerts in intimate settings each year with professional musicians from across the US. In addition, RCMF funds the mentoring of local high school chamber musicians. Visit RoycroftChamberMusic.org.

GOODIE RAFFLE FUNDRAISER ▪ Each year a one-of-a-kind Goodie Box is crafted by one of the Roycroft Artisans. The prize includes the box filled with items donated by various Roycroft Artisans. Chances are sold at the Roycroft Summer Festival and the funds are used to promote arts and crafts programs.

PLEASE DETACH AND SEND IN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHECK

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ for my 2023 membership in the Roycrofters-At-Large Association which runs from June 2023-June 2024

I am joining at the Patron \$50_____ or Annual \$30_____ level. This is a renewal

(Please make check payable to RALA)

Date _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ e-mail _____

(important)

I would like to volunteer in the following areas:

Summer Show _____ Winter Show _____ Newsletter _____ Grant Writing _____ Fund Raising _____

Other areas of interest _____

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