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Hello everyone!

Welcome to June's Polymer Clay Polyzine and I welcome all the new members on our mailing list.

Some of you may be wondering why you haven't gotten a reminder for Polyzine these past two months -- well, I have the reason why.

I have been keeping the list in my account on Yahoo, which has allowed me to send to 100 people at a time (and I got to use the blind carbon copy function, to protect our privacy), so I only needed to send out seven or eight e-mails (now it would be 10, since we are over 1000 on the mailing list!).

However, two months ago, I tried to e-mail out the list, using the method I've been using for two years now, and suddenly it didn't work. I sent messages to Yahoo's technicians, but the responses I received were canned and of course not helpful.

Never fear, I thought, I have accounts on three other servers; I can use them to send out mass e-mails.

Was I ever wrong! One account allows me to send out e-mails to 30 people at a time; another to 25. The third allows me to send out e-mails to 50 people at a time, but only once every 30 minutes.

I've written to the techs at all three servers, but they all say the same thing: no mass e-mailing.

So, there you have it. With my best method -- 30 names per mailing, with 3 minutes between each mailing (they tend to get backed up and I have to wait awhile to assure myself they've gone through) -- it takes upwards of 100 minutes to send out the notice, and that's if I have an hour and a half of uninterrupted mailing time.

So with getting up and coming back, etc., I lose my place in the list, so some of you

haven't been getting your e-mail reminders.

I tell you all of this not to complain, but to see if anyone has a solution! How can I mass mail to the list in a reasonable amount of time? If you know, let me know!

On to other matters -- it's a great magazine this month -- lots of neat projects, and good questions for you to answer.

[Valerie Aharoni](#) has written a wonderful tutorial for making lentil necklaces. Her advice for constructing a mold for the lentils is excellent and will allow you to produce a lovely necklace of uniform lentil beads. In addition, her examples are just beautiful, so be sure to check out her [website](#) to see more examples of Valerie's work.

Allan Vernall has written a tremendously interesting and useful tutorial for making butterfly and other types of wings. His use of TLS and silk ensure strong and transparent wings.

Carol Stewart shows us how to create treasure boxes using paper mache boxes, glass stones, and polymer clay. At the wedding and party season approaches, these lovely boxes would make wonderful bridal shower favors as well as terrific gifts.

[Sunni Bergeron](#) rounds out this month's projects with a great tool -- the beadpusher. If you've ever worked with beads, you know how their diminutive size can be a real pain to work with -- this beadpusher helps control and aim those beads towards their final destination.

Have a great June!

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