

ARIZONA PATHFINDERS AMERICAN INDIAN BEADWORK CLASS

SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 16, 2019
ARIZONA HISTORY MUSEUM AUDITORIUM
949 EAST SECOND STREET
TUCSON AZ
11:15AM TO 4:00PM

If you are interested in **American Indian beadwork**, here is a chance to learn something about it and even make a small project.

Jim Verner, a native of Arizona, grew up in Phoenix, graduated from the University of Arizona and then attended Thunderbird International Business School, living most of his adult life overseas. But from his earliest days he was fascinated by Native Americans, prehistoric and historic, and beadwork was one of his main interests.



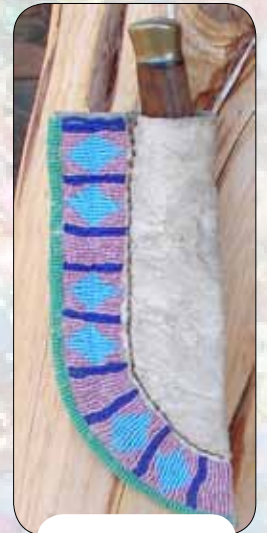
Lady's boots

As a youth beadwork was still affordable, but as it became more and more expensive Jim decided to do some on his own. After many years of trial and error, and some helpful advice from others, Jim was finally making items, from small pouches to pipe bags to knife sheaths to moccasins to rifle cases, that he could be proud of. He has given most of these items to close friends and relatives.

While most of what he makes is very traditional, he sometimes strays and does things that may be special to someone, like his Arizona flag knife sheath, a strike-a-light bag he made for his mother with the design of his great-

grandmother's quilt, and lady's boots. While many people have asked him to make something to sell, he always replies, "I don't think anyone would pay me what I think it is worth."

While American Indians used many beading techniques, for this Pathfinders class Jim will focus on what is called "the lazy stitch." While it is often referred to as a quick and easy method, it is anything but that. Jim



Knife Sheath



Strike-a-Light bag copying quilt design



Pipe Bag

favors the lazy stitch because its ridged effect reminds him of quill work, one of the ways Indians decorated their clothing and other objects before glass beads were available, and he suspects the Indians saw that resemblance as well.

The project for this class will be a small pouch with a simple design so attendees can get the feel of how to bead. Leather, needles, thread and beads will be supplied and can be taken home to finish the beading. There will also be references for those who want to pursue beading. For those who do, Jim would love to be part of a group so we can all learn and practice together.

Please bring a straight-edged ruler, a pencil and a pair of scissors. Any scissors should do for cutting the thread, but for cutting leather Jim likes 8" Fiskars.



Rifle case

REGISTRATION FORM

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February 16, 2019

Some material needs to be ordered so please register by the end of December

Name(s) _____

Telephone: _____ e-mail: _____

Included _____ x \$35 = \$ _____

Please mail this registration form and your check drawn in favor of

Arizona Pathfinders by February 6, 2019 to:

Arizona Pathfinders
949 East Second Street
Tucson AZ 85719

The class fee is \$35 per person. This includes all necessary materials, which you will take home to finish your project.

Bring your own sandwich for the lunch break. Free parking is available at the Arizona History Museum parking lot, one block west of AHS at the corner of Euclid and Second Street. Enter from Second Street and drive straight in.

For more information e-mail azpathfindersahs@gmail.com.