

NATIONAL BUTTON SOCIETY
ANNUAL CONVENTION
MINING IN BUTTON MOUNTAINS
August 1-6, 2016
BUTTON FUNDAMENTALS &
JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

FUNDAMENTALS

Attending National for the first time?

3-4pm Monday INTRODUCTION to NBS & the BUTTON SHOW We will have a “meet & greet” with NBS Board members for first time attendees. (Second time attendees are welcome too!) Come and meet other button collectors and hear about the NBS and attending a convention.

1pm Thursday Delicious Decorative Finishes
by Beth Schaut

The diversity of Decorative Finishes on buttons is amazing. See the write-up for this presentation on the workshop page.

10am Friday Joy of Patterns! *by Frances Howell*

Patterns just can't help but show up on buttons, and are often the main design feature. They also enrich the beauty of buttons in borders and as backgrounds. This presentation will introduce the basic pattern classes, and the many variations you can find on your buttons.

4pm Friday Making Button Dolls: A Hands-On Creative
Activity (kits free to juniors) by Joy Journey

There's nothing cuter than a button doll! Directions and materials are available free to our juniors. For other attendees, feel free to bring your own supplies or purchase complete kits (\$5) or individual items at the workshop. Plan ahead to dig through the giant poke for buttons to build your dolls! Feel free to take kits home, too.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Adults, please join us if the topic interests you!

TUESDAY

10am Juniors Judging and Clerking

Juniors gather to judge and clerk the trays entered in the junior divisions.

THURSDAY

10am Hands-On Junior Small Group Introduction:

Decorative Finishes & Shapes by Beth Schaut

Beth will introduce the great number of decorative finishes we can find on buttons, and has example cards of every type that the group will explore to learn their identification.

11am Mining for Finishes self-paced activity

Attendees have the option to use the knowledge gained from our introduction to decorative finishes in the giant button POKE to see how many finishes they can find.

Participants can also choose to use any of the many work study sheets available to explore a specific topic of choice from the poke or dealer stock in the showroom.

4pm Hands-On Small Group Introduction: Get Connected with Snap-Togethers by Beth Schaut

Attendees will have the chance to explore the types of snap togethers—some obvious and others quite surprising! Beth has many example cards of these fun buttons, illustrating the many different fitted parts, body materials, decorative finishes, material embellishments, and construction types.

FRIDAY

11am Mining for Shapes & Patterns self-paced activity

Attendees have the option to use the knowledge gained from the introduction to patterns in the giant button POKE or the juniors poke. Participants can also choose to use any of the many work study sheets available to explore a specific topic of choice from the poke or dealer stock in the showroom.

6pm Junior Pizza Party & Games