



**Beadwork:  
Circular Technique  
G220722**  
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Dear participant,

I am very excited to come out to Ghost Ranch this summer, as part of the Festival of Arts offering. As with many of you, I've been looking forward to coming back for my 2nd summer course at Ghost Ranch. The fresh air, open space, and beautiful landscape has been in my mind often and I'm looking forward to meeting you in July.

I will be sharing a technique of beadwork often called gourd stitch, which can be found in Native American dance regalia and certain ceremonial objects. This style of beadwork is self-taught, with advice from many accomplished beadworkers in the Native beading community. I started learning this technique in 2014 and I am still refining my beadworking process to this day.

No beading experience is necessary, but please be advised the patience and time, beadworking requires. The projects we will be working on is a simple beaded keychain, which you can take with upon completion. The schedule for the week will allow for flexibility, as some participants may need more time learning the techniques being taught. Here's what to expect for the week:

Sunday- After supper meet & greet. I will be sharing personal projects I have completed, plus images of different beaded objects to jumpstart the creative process.

Monday-Friday

Class after breakfast 9a-12p. Afternoons will be subject to your understanding of the coursework being taught. If you want to enjoy your own time, you are welcome to. If not, we can schedule individual one-on-one sessions after lunch. Class time will resume after supper break from 6:30-7:30.

Please reach out to me beforehand by phone or email, if you have questions before coming out for the beading workshop.

I'm looking forward to meeting you, be ready to create and make something beautiful to take home with you.

Blessings,

Merrick Tate