

2026 Creative Challenges

- 1. Small Bead and Button Mosaic, sponsored by the National Pearl Button Museum.** This year, there is no pre-determined theme – it's up to you . Your mosaic must be 12 X 12" or smaller .
- 2. Capture the show theme, 9 X 12":** A Button Revolution – 250 Years of Buttons in Fashion
- 3. Make a button**
- 4. Button embellished needle art, up to 12 x 12"**
- 5. Jewelry**
- 6. Accessory or clothing**
- 7. Tell a button story, 9 X 12":** Use pictures (drawings, photos or illustrations), text, and buttons to tell a graphic story .
- 8. Free choice mounting, 9 X 12"**
- 9. Choose a fashion era, 9 X 12":** Use buttons and illustration to express an unmistakable era in fashion .
- 10. Buckle it!** Mount one or more buckles in a 9 X 12" surround/background of your choice, to showcase your buckle and create a beautiful whole .
- 11. Free-standing object, up to 12 X 12" footprint**
- 12. Anything else:** whatever you want to show that just doesn't fit in the other categories .



Button by Emily Dubois, first place in Make a Button



Loon by Cindy Kibilko, second place in Small Bead and Button Mosaic

The Creative Challenge Team would like to thank **Cindy Kibilko** for her work in administering the Creative Challenges over the past two years! See Cindy's prize-winning mosaic entry above .

And of course, we'd like to express our appreciation to the **National Pearl Button Museum** in Muscatine, Iowa, for their generous sponsorship of Challenge #1, the Bead and Button Mosaic .