

Kathleen O'Brien Artist Statement for *Talismans*

Talismans is an exhibit of bead jewelry and beaded mixed media artifacts.

Whether worn on the body, or displayed on the wall these talismans were created as power objects that exude energy, prayers for healing, good luck and protection.

The jewelry, like the necklace *Talisman for the Heart*, collages a variety of beads from across time – ancient Roman glass, antique faceted Russian Blues, vintage Millefiori and contemporary handmade beads. The beads inspire my designs by color, material and shape. People feel empowered to wear these *Talismans* and value the human touch of history they contain.

Nine radiant jewels to cover your heart:

[pattern of legacy](#)

[warmth of love](#)

[empathy of heart](#)

[mystery of longevity](#)

[silence of centering](#)

[success of deeds](#)

[nurture of fortune](#)

[courage of journey](#)

[contentment of being](#)

The artifacts for wall like *Talisman for Eastern Bluebirds* (mixed media collage with a 3D talisman), *Talisman for Writers* (beaded assemblage), *Talisman for Farmers* (horse bridle ornament) and beaded gourd rattles for clearing energy with sound also transmit healing power and energy for your environment.

Nine joys to surround your soul:

[energy of harmony](#)

[holiness of wholeness](#)

[choice of crossroads](#)

[swiftness of wing](#)

[triumph of bees](#)

[glory of gardens](#)

[innovation of artists](#)

[innocence of animals](#)

[luminance of elements](#)