The beaded Creation Story consists of a program designed for
Meditation
Reflection
Beadwork

"An epiphany enables you to sense creation not as something completed, but as constantly becoming, evolving,"
ascending. This transports you from a place where there is nothing new to a place where there is nothing old, where everything renews itself, where heaven and earth rejoice as at the moment of Creation.”

**The Essential Kabbalah**
Daniel C. Matt

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THE GREAT STORY is a way of telling the history of everyone and everything that honors and embraces all religious traditions and creation stories. It is the sacred narrative of an evolving Universe of emergent complexity and breathtaking creativity and cooperation — a story that offers each of us the opportunity to find meaning and purpose in our lives and our time in history.

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The Beaded Creation Story, which draws on The Great Story described above consists of a gathering to engage in ritual, fellowship and to create a personal string of beads that you will construct. Contact Jane Stoffer to discuss the process for designing a workshop for this purpose at:

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