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**The Bronx Council on the Arts and the Huntington Free Library present
A Paper Clay Bead Making Workshop on Saturday, March 19, from 12:30-3:00pm
A Free, Family-Friendly Craft Workshop at Huntington Free Library**

(Bronx, NY – March 3, 2011) The Bronx Council on the Arts (BCA) and the Huntington Free Library (HFL) present a family-friendly, hands-on paper clay bead making craft workshop with Gail Sharbaan on Saturday, March 19, from 12:30 to 3:00 pm at the Huntington Free Library (9 Westchester Square, next to the Apple Savings Bank). This workshop is free and open to the public. All are welcome.

Ceramicist Gail Sharbaan invites you to get your hands delightfully messy while transforming clay into treasured memories. In this fun-filled, family workshop, Gail will show you how to use air dry clay and imagination to create wearable art.

Gail Sharbaan teaches crafting and creative writing to youths and adults at various community-based programs in the Bronx. Her artwork has been featured in exhibitions both locally and internationally. Through her work, Gail inspires artists of all ages and abilities to explore various materials and processes of creativity.

Gail is the author of a collection of short stories entitled, "Tales from the Streets" and has also contributed to various anthologies and publications.

This workshop is part of the free series of Third Saturday Family Craft Workshops presented by BCA and HFL through April 16, 2011 at the Huntington Free Library. The final workshop is:

- **Saturday, April 16, 12:30-3:00 pm. Crochet Flower Pin.** Artist Lucy Aponte will help you create a beautiful crocheted flower pin of your own design.

Admission is free, but space is limited. For information, call 718-931-9500 or 718-829-7770, or visit www.bronxarts.org.

Directions: The Huntington Free Library is located at 9 Westchester Square (next to the Apple Savings Bank) in the Bronx and can be reached by the #6 subway and BX 4, 21, 31, 40 and 42 buses. All destinations are to Westchester Square. For additional directions or information, call 718-829-7770.

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