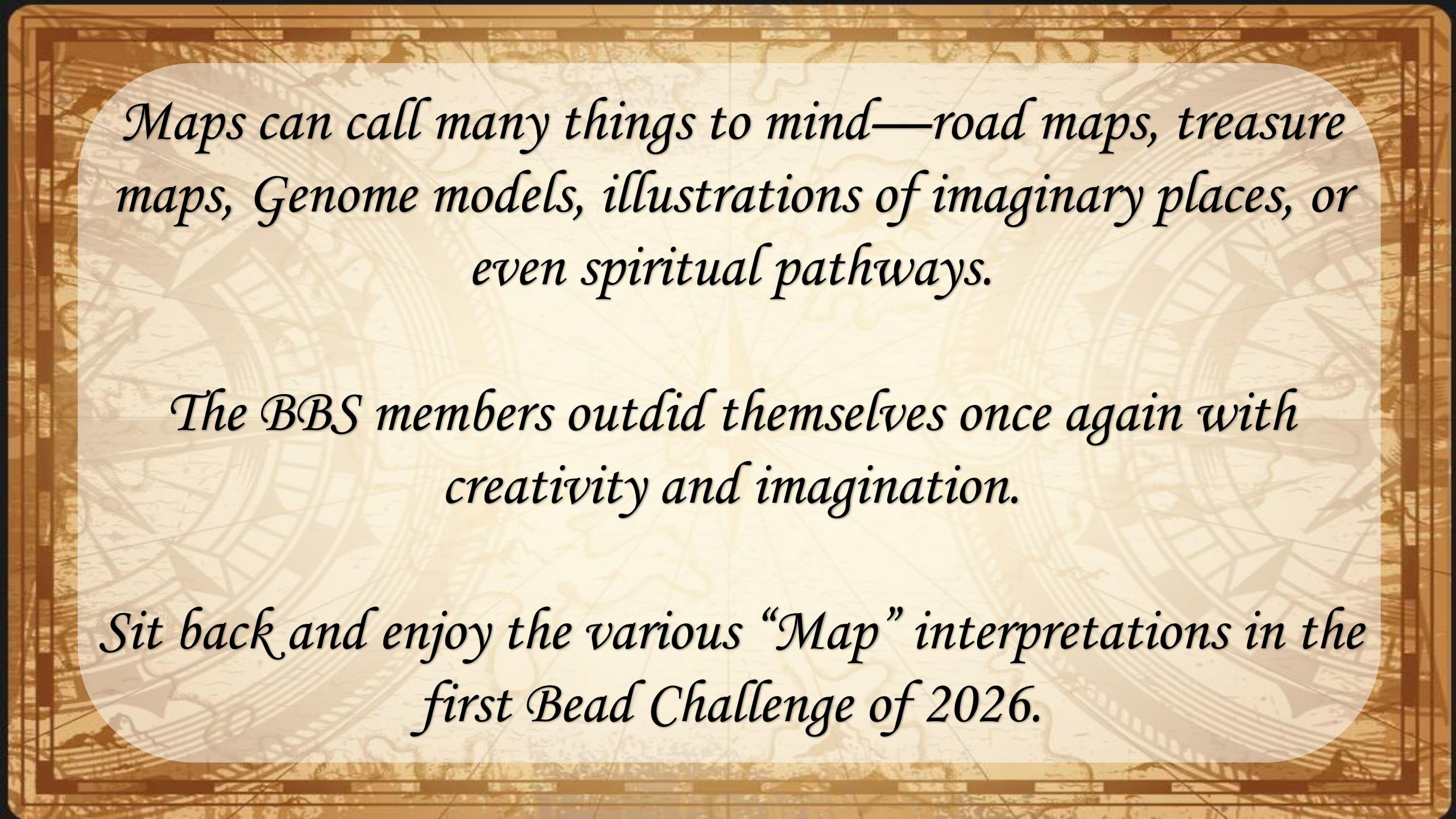


**BALTIMORE BEAD SOCIETY  
2026 WINTER BEAD CHALLENGE:  
“MAPS”**



*Maps can call many things to mind—road maps, treasure maps, Genome models, illustrations of imaginary places, or even spiritual pathways.*

*The BBS members outdid themselves once again with creativity and imagination.*

*Sit back and enjoy the various “Map” interpretations in the first Bead Challenge of 2026.*

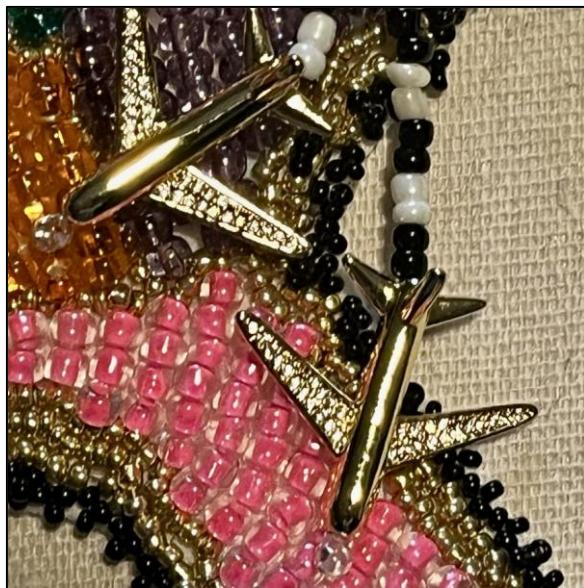
# **ENTRY 1: “THE ROAD GOES EVER ON AND ON” JESSAH TIEMENS**

Framed bead embroidery depicting where the road meets the Brandywine River in the Shire, home of the Hobbits, as featured in the works of J.R.R. Tolkien



**ENTRY 2:**  
**“FLY WITH ME  
ACROSS THE USA”**  
**VANESSA  
BRADDY**  
**2ND PLACE**

Bead embroidery map of the USA with flight destinations cleverly depicted with airplane charms. Full piece photo and a close-up of the airplane charms near Florida.



## **ENTRY 3: “INTERSECTION OF I-695 AND I-70” PAULETTE PRIVOTT**

Interstate 695 (north to south) and Interstate 70 (east to west) depicted in gold bugle beads. The colored seed beads are merging ramps, and the gold bead borders connect I-695 to I-70.



# ENTRY 4: “MANDALA” JONI WHITE

Mandalas are described as maps of the universe, and function as guides for meditative mental journeys. This one is made of anodized aluminum, featuring a strip of embellished Hoodoo weave (rose gold) and finished with a Rivoli center and a filigree back.



**ENTRY 5:  
“FOLLOW THE  
YELLOW  
BRICK ROAD”  
PAULETTE  
PRIVOTT**

♪ We're off to see  
the Wizard... ♪

Bead embroidery  
depicting the  
colorful pathway  
featured in Frank  
Baum's Oz series.



**ENTRY 6: “GARDEN  
TERRACE AVENUE CUFF”  
ANN LESNIK  
FIRST PLACE**

Bead embroidery bracelet depicting a drive through a neighborhood—lush green yards with bushes, and colorful flowers along a river's edge.



## ENTRY 7: “CAPE COD DESK CADDY” PATTI MCCORMICK

Crafted from a peanut butter jar, a napkin, Mod Podge, and seed beads, this nautically themed desk caddy is a creative example of upcycling with an anchor cuff to hide the jar’s threading and jaunty lighthouse and dolphin charms



**ENTRY 8:**  
**“DOUBLE HELIX – THE MAP OF LIFE”**  
**STEPHANIE DEABREU**  
**THIRD PLACE**

Bugle and seed beads form the DNA double helix—the map for the development and functioning of every organism on earth. This lovely spiral rope is set off with focal bead in the shape of a woman's profile



# ENTRY 9:

## “SUMMER ROAD TRIP”

### BARBARA SVOBODA

Summer Road Trip features beads decoupage with maps, paired with polymer beads whimsically suggesting the beach. The piece is finished with a scallop shell focal, and earrings made from a China plate.



# **ENTRY 10:**

## **“INTERPRETATION OF THE HIGHS AND LOWS OF THE TIDES”**

### **BARBARA HIRSCH**

A tide chart is a map that predicts daily high and low tide times and water levels for specific locations. (Example Washington, D.C. for Jan 11, 2026: High Tide: ~1:59 AM (2.3 ft) & ~2:22 PM (2.58 ft). Low Tide: ~8:29 AM (-0.1 ft) & ~9:26 PM (0.03 ft)). This piece is an interpretation of a tide chart using rivolis and seed beads.

