

# Madison Bead Society

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## President Letter – November 2019

My trigger thumb is better and I'm so happy!!

I know the website looks different and information is missing. There was an upgrade to the platform and our Web Goddess, Wally, is working on updating it. She is authorized to make cosmetic changes so I look forward to seeing what she comes up with.

Meanwhile, the last program this year is coming up soon. The next meeting is Feb. 25, 2020. Programs we're working on for 2020 will include bead looming, color, bead embroidery, and wrap bracelets.

### November 26th Meeting: Bugle Bead earrings

**Location:** Alicia Ashman Library, 733 N. High Point Rd.

Board meeting 6:00 – 6:30, Regular meeting 6:30 – 8:30

**Supplies:** 6mm bugle beads (size 2) in 2 colors; size 11 seed beads; size 8 seed beads; two 2" head pins (22-26 gauge); 1 pair ear wires; 6 lb Fireline; needle (size 11); **Tools:** chainnose pliers; roundnose pliers; wire cutters; bead mat

A member requested a project using bugle beads and I found one, a pair of earrings, that we should be able to finish in 2 hours. One hitch, the pattern doesn't include how many bugles you need. When I can bead again, I'll update the supplies list.



### 2020 Art Glass and Bead Show – Volunteers for MBS Table

The next Art Glass & Bead show is scheduled for March 21 - 22, 2020 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, WI. This is a good opportunity to recruit new members and reconnect with those whose memberships have lapsed. Grab bags are sold and provide us a modest source of income that is used for administrative purposes, including maintaining the website, renting a PO box for MBS mail and offering an honorarium to individuals who come to meetings to teach us new beading techniques.

Chris Mode, who runs the show, has always given us a substantial discount for a booth inside the Vendor area, because she supports our efforts. This year, she is offering extra space, at no additional cost, to groups who are willing to do active demonstrations, make and take activities, or hand out free samples.

We have rented a booth at the show for many years. For the 2020 Show, the MBS Board is considering NOT renting a booth, because it is difficult to staff the booth for the 2 days that the Vendor area is open. The 2019 show was particularly challenging since our membership numbers had dropped and few members attended the monthly meetings when show volunteers are usually recruited. Before finalizing this decision, the Board felt we should put the question to the members in the newsletter, since attendance at monthly meetings continues to be unpredictable.

The Vendor area is usually open for 8 hours on Saturday and 7 hours on Sunday. Typically, we need 2 individuals to staff the table, in 4-hour shifts. For the full weekend, we'd need a minimum of 8 members who are willing to donate some time to work at the table. If you think we should continue to rent a booth at the show AND are you willing to help staff the booth, please let the Board know by November 30, 2019. Please send the Board an e-mail ([info@madisonbeadsociety.org](mailto:info@madisonbeadsociety.org)) with the date(s) and hours you are willing to commit. We would really like to continue our participation in this event, but it cannot be done without your support.

Thank you from the Board

### **Closing thoughts**

I have not been able to bead, knit, or crochet for over 6 weeks so I can't wait to dive into the November project and work on some Christmas projects.

Thanks for reading and bead on!

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