

# Madison Bead Society

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## Welcome Back and Happy 2020!

Hope December and January treated you well. We'll ease into the new year with a program about color at the February meeting. There's some information on upcoming events and more ideas for upcoming meetings.

## February 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Color Theory

**Location:** Warner Park Community Recreation Center (1625 Northport Dr.). Meeting is from 6:30 to 8:30, Board meeting at 6:00, any member may attend.

**Presenter:** Mallory Shotwell

**No supplies or fees required:** Please R.S.V.P. if you plan to attend ([info@madisonbeadsociety.org](mailto:info@madisonbeadsociety.org))

Are you like me? I probably have 2 or 3 go-to colors when I'm trying a project for the first time. Then, when I do expand my color pallet, I have all these leftovers that don't go with anything else. Then there's the added complication of the bead finish. Shiny beads, matte beads, opalescent beads – oh my!

Mallory is an artist and educator in the Madison area who will talk to us about color theory. We hooked her up with Shannon at Meant to Bead so she can see materials with which beaders typically work.

When we do "bring your own supplies" projects, the different color combinations are always fun to see. We'll have to step up our game after this program.

## Art Glass and Bead Show's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – March 20-22

MBS will have a table this year and we need volunteers to staff it – in 2 to 4 hour shifts. There are classes on Fri. and the vendor hall is open Sat. 10 to 5 and Sun. 10 to 4. Come to the Feb. meeting or email me if you can volunteer.

## University of Wisconsin Hospital Display – May 2020

The UW Hospital display is almost here so I hope you've been working on pieces for display/sale; we'll be collecting them soon. To have a good display, we'll need between 75 and 100 pieces. If you do choose to sell, remember that 20% of each sale goes back to the hospital's art fund. More details in the next letter.

## Advice to New Beaders

At the October meeting I asked members what advice they would give to a new beader and this is what they said [comments in brackets are mine]:

- Have a good light source [I use an Ott light but that's just one brand]
- Spend the money for a good chain nose pliers and wire cutters and try them first if you can
- Use a tool dip to cover your tools (pliers) when working with wire

- Use an awl to pick out knots in your thread, not the needle
- Have an adequate amount of space to work and don't forget the ergonomics
- Have a good go-to book
- Trust a reputable You Tube source, not just any You Tube video
- Use a good bead mat and tray
- Study before you buy and don't be afraid to ask [anything, from tools to kits to bead components]
- If you're at the bifocal stage, magnifiers (there are lots of options) are a must [I have an Ott light with a magnifier]
- Try to finish one project before starting another [okay, we all got a good laugh at that one]
- Join the Madison Bead Society 😊

## Closing thoughts

Back in November I was so happy my trigger finger was getting better, but I resolved to take a break from beading and knitting for the winter; I was afraid of a relapse. So far so good and I can't wait to bead again (I did start knitting a scarf with no problems). I keep finding inspiring projects on Pinterest! But that's why I like Pinterest, I can pin to my heart's content and not spend anything. I do think about what I can share with the membership as I'm scrolling through my feed and I did find a couple more potential projects; I'll bring them to the Feb. meeting and you all can tell me what you think.

Other future projects we're working on include bead loom, a wirework primer (possibly with a wig-jig), and bead embroidery. If you have a request, please let us know. I mentioned wanting to have a discussion on color and another board member found Mallory. Amazing!

**2020 Meetings:** February 25, March 24, April 28, May 26 (day after Memorial Day), June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27, November 24 (that's Thanksgiving week)

Thanks for reading and bead on!

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