

# Madison Bead Society

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## President Letter – June 2020

I am a small scale DIYer -- if I need/use it and can do it within the confines of a condo, I'm willing to give it a try. I've sewn face masks, made a baking soda air freshener, and, of course, many, many bead projects. There are 2 problems I encounter with free project ideas on Pinterest: 1) the directions lack specifics sometimes and 2) where the heck did they get some of those supplies? The problem I have with beading patterns (online or in magazines) – where the heck did they find those beads in those colors? [Disclaimer: I'm not big on shopping online. If the bead stores I frequent don't have what I need for a project, I'll find another project.]

I wanted this meeting to be about using something from my stash, hence, the bohemian necklace program!

### June 23rd meeting: BoHo Necklace

**Location:** Meant to Bead (201 E. Main St., Sun Prairie). Meeting is from 6:30 to 8:30, Board meeting at 6:00, any member may attend. **You are encouraged to wear a mask.**

**Presenter:** Pat Reichert

**Suggested Supplies:** 1mm-2mm leather, beads and spacers with holes large enough for the leather to pass through once or twice, leather crimp, jump rings, clasp, ear wires, tools [add a stone donut or metal ring, or any large stone that the leather will fit through as a focal point]

Every year as summer approaches, I want to make a boho inspired bracelet or earrings to wear on vacation. A lot of bohemian style necklaces pop up in my Pinterest feed and I thought, why not do that at the next MBS meeting! I pinned a bunch and dug out some leather cording and large hole beads and spacers from my stash and had fun one afternoon. I recommend using good leather cording; in my experience, craft store leather can break if you tug on it too hard.

So, go through your stash and bring what you have. We'll go over some ideas first then you can shop for what you need.

Here are some of the pieces I came up with (more examples at the meeting):



Pictured: 3 necklaces and 1 pair of earrings

A lariat-style necklace, a sliding clasp necklace, and a necklace with a lobster clasp.

## University of Wisconsin Hospital Display – July 2020

We were able to reschedule the UW Hospital display from May to July this year, returning to May in the future. All of this is contingent on the Stay at Home order lifting and if the CDC guidelines allow this type of travel. Wally will know more when she talks to her contact in June.

This is the 14<sup>th</sup> time we have displayed there. It is a chance for the society to reach out to potential new members and gives us an opportunity to sell. Display items are sold through the Hospital's gift shop (20% of sales are donated to the Hospital's art fund).

I'm asking members to contact me if you can commit pieces to the display. Seven members have reached out so far, and I will be mailing them the display cards and a form to fill out. Then you can drop off pieces at Meant to Bead between June 22-26 OR at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting (which is also at Meant to Bead). To have a good display, we'll need between 75 and 100 pieces. If you want to contribute pieces for the July display, *please email me* ([houseofpat2@gmail.com](mailto:houseofpat2@gmail.com)) by June 12<sup>th</sup> and tell me how many pieces you can provide, limit of 12.

Each item needs to be accompanied by a card (which I will mail to you), giving the artist's name, title or name of the piece, technique used, and the price (tax not included). If you do not want to sell a piece, write NFS in the price line. We need a value for all pieces, even those not for sale, for insurance purposes. Each item, plus card, needs to be in its own small plastic bag, and the small plastic bags need to be in a larger plastic bag. This permits the exhibitor to pick and choose items for the display.

Pieces will be returned at the August meeting or by other arrangement.

Thank you all for helping keep this display going.

## Art Glass and Bead Show's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – November 21-22

Chris Mode has rescheduled the show to November. Thank you Chris! We all appreciate the hard work you put into AGBS every year, not just this year. We're excited about the rescheduled date as it falls on the same weekend as the Women's Expo, a Holiday Bazaar, and the Gem and Mineral Show. Go to <http://www.beadshowmadison.com/index.html> for more information.

MBS will have a table in the vendor hall, Sat. 10 to 5 and Sun. 10 to 4. If you volunteered when the show was scheduled for March, thank you. We'll ask for volunteers again, a 3-4 hour shift, in the Fall. The table will have MBS brochures, information about MBS, and grab bags for sale (\$3 per bag). Volunteers will be given a small space to sell their finished pieces or lampwork beads while staffing the table. Please take for-sale items with you at the end of your shift.

**2020 Meetings:** June 23, ~~July 28~~, August 25, September 22, October 27, November 24 (that's Thanksgiving week)

With Madison Public Libraries closed and a reopening date unknown, I decided to cancel the July 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. I'll keep the August 25<sup>th</sup> meeting on the schedule, but the location is to be determined. We'll discuss options at the June 23<sup>rd</sup> board meeting.

Thanks for reading and keep beading!

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