

# Madison Bead Society

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## President Letter – August 2020

Normally, I would be encouraging everyone to renew their membership in the August letter. However, I've come to the decision that it is not good to continue to meet in person, not even every other month. The Art Glass and Bead Show has been indefinitely postponed. The Bead and Button Show has been cancelled. But the MBS website is paid through June 2024. I consulted the Board and this is what we're proposing to do:

Carryover everyone's membership through the 2020-2021 program year.

Suspend in person meetings until libraries reopen.

Stay in touch through emails and periodic newsletters. That means YOU have to send me something to write about. Tell me about a great bead-related website you found. Brag about a project you *finally* finished. Share a beading book you love.

If anyone out there is more computer savvy than myself and could host a Zoom-type meeting at some point, just so we can see a bunch of friendly faces and discuss beads, please let me know.

We will reassess the situation periodically. Comments? Questions? Send them to me.

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### August 25th meeting: Beed Looming Overview

**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. **Masks are required.**

**Presenter:** Pat Reichert, Shannon Jambard

You can bring the following supplies, but it is not required. This is more of a demonstration and discussion meeting instead of a workshop. Supplies: bead loom, size 6 or 8 seed beads, thread. Hmm, thread. For once I cannot recommend Fireline for a project. You can use Nymo or Silamide (stretch before use) or a good quality quilting thread for smaller beads. C-lon can be used for the warp when using larger beads. These are just a few options for thread.

Shannon will show us some bead loom options and anyone who brings a loom can practice. I will bring a loom that anyone who doesn't have a loom can practice on AND at the end of the meeting, someone can take it home. It was donated by a former member

### UPDATE University of Wisconsin Hospital Display – July 2020

This is the 14<sup>th</sup> time we had a display at UW Hospital. Wally reports that 115 pieces were collected from 10 artists for a total value of \$3,259. That's very similar to our 2019 numbers: 108 pieces, 10 artists, \$3,385 value. The person in charge of the display sent Wally some pictures (below). Pieces are rotated in and out of the display to keep it fresh and interesting so don't be upset if you don't see all of your pieces in these pictures.

Of the 115 pieces, 33 sold, compared to 28 pieces that sold in 2019. Value of the pieces that sold is \$931, compared to \$867 in 2019. Not a bad year for our members! Buyers had to make an appointment or knock on the gift shop door during the limited hours it was open. That makes this year's numbers even more remarkable!

Do not forget that 20% of that value goes to the hospital's art fund (\$186.20 total), which is paid by Wally and each artist is responsible for reimbursing Wally.

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

Thank you all for helping keep this display going.

