

Madison Bead Society

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President Letter – March 2022

PLEASE NOTE : Meetings have moved to the 4th Monday through August

The meetings on March 28th to August 22nd, will be on Mondays instead of Tuesdays. The meeting location, Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center, does not have coverage for Tuesdays. I hope this location works out and we can continue to meet there.

March 28, 2022 : Bead Soup Necklace

Location: Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center, 504 S. Brearly St. (<https://wil-mar.org/>)

Date and time: MONDAY March 28th, 6:30 to 8:30, p.m. (Board meeting from 6:00-6:30)

Supplies: Bead soup (a mix of various sized beads, seed beads, small beads, etc.); long needle; jewelry pliers; cones or long beads (if using cones, you'll need a small piece of wire or headpins; if using long beads, you'll need knot cups and glue); Sono 100% beading thread 78 dtex 2x2. Optional – a bead spinner.

Heavy cording, a strip of foam core board, and tape will be provided at the meeting.

This is a project we've done before but it's been many years. It's a great way to use up leftover, smaller beads (or throw in some slightly bigger ones for effect). If you don't have a stash of small beads, I'll bring some of the Grab Bags made for the Art Glass and Bead Show. They are what sparked the idea to do this again.

Mary Jo will lead the workshop. If you were an MBS member the last time we did this project, I encourage you to bring your finished necklace.



University of Wisconsin Hospital Display – May 2021

Drop off location: Meant to Bead, 201 East Main St., Sun Prairie

Drop off week: April 18 to 23 (Mon. to Sat.)

Can't get to Meant to Bead? Email me (houseofpat2@gmail.com), I'll pick up your pieces

18 item limit (an earring and necklace set counts as one, but only if selling as a set)

Form: Please fill out the form at the end of this newsletter (or when dropping off).

Cards will be available at Meant to Bead. *Please supply your own small plastic bags.

This is the 16th time we have displayed at the hospital. 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).

Each item needs to be accompanied by a card 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 (available at Meant to Bead). This permits the exhibitor to pick and choose items for the display.

If you have questions about the display, you can contact Wally at wabrinkm@wisc.edu

Pieces can be picked up at Meant to Bead in early June (specific date to be determined). If I picked up your pieces, I can also bring them back to you. Wally pays the hospital 20% of all sales. DO NOT FORGET to reimburse her.

Stepping down

For a long time, I didn't think pandemic restrictions had affected me outside of not going to movies, traveling, meeting friends, things like that. But I now realize that the switch to working from home put a lot of pressure on me and I got stuck in my head to the exclusion of stuff going on around me. Working a split schedule, 2 days at home and 3 in the office, still takes a lot of energy to keep track of stuff.

With that said, I'm stepping down as president at the end of this program year. Many, many thanks to Mary Jo who found a meeting location for March through August at the Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center. We did have to change our meeting night back to Monday since they don't have coverage for Tuesday nights, but if they get enough coverage for Tuesdays, we'll switch back to Tuesday night. Thank you to Nancy V. for taking the membership renewal duties. I'm willing to continue as newsletter editor and I'll keep checking the post office box (since I'm the one who moved it downtown).

The president needs to coordinate the meetings and help with programming. I would like to see the next president take MBS further, which is something I don't have the energy for right now.

Keep beading!

Pat Reichert, President
Madison Bead Society

UW Hospital Display Form

Fill out the form below but SKIP THE CODE COLUMN (Wally uses that for tracking purposes). If a piece is not for sale, put NFS in the Price column, but DO put an amount in the Value column. We need it for insurance purposes.

Name: _____

Code	Title of piece	Type of jewelry	Price	Value (if not for sale)