

Newsletter of the MADISON BEAD SOCIETY

March/April 2025

UW Hospital Display in May

Nancy Volk is coordinating the display this year.

Hi everyone! Here's the information you need for the May 2025 UW Hospital display and sale.

Submitting Pieces

Each member can submit up to 20 pieces. Each piece needs to be put in a separate ziplock bag along with a card which lists the maker, materials used, and title. This card will be displayed with the item. All of these individual bags must be placed in a large ziplock bag along with a form you need to fill out listing all the pieces you're submitting. This form helps track sales and is for insurance purposes. When pricing pieces, remember that 20% of all sales goes to the UW Hospital's art fund. If you do not want to sell pieces, write NFS on the card. However, we need a value for insurance purposes so write NFS on the form followed by a price.

Deadline and Drop Off

Drop off is the March 24th meeting at the Sequoya Library and the April 28th meeting at the Pinney Library. Cards and forms will be available at these meetings but you have to provide your own bags. Pat can mail cards and forms if you can't make it March or the April meetings. Email Pat at houseofpat2@gmail.com as soon as possible. Any other questions about dropping off pieces, email Pat.

I hope we can get at least 90 pieces for a decent display with extra pieces to rotate in when things sell.

Tips for filling out the cards

If you don't know what to put in the Technique line, go with something simple like stringing, bead weaving, or wire work. If your piece is from another person's pattern or design, put your name in the Artist line and write the designer's name on the back of the card.

Pieces will be picked up at the hospital in early June and can be picked up at the June 23rd meeting (location TBD), unless other arrangements have been made.

Thanks! And here's to another great display!

Daisy Chain PLUS Dorset Button start : Monday, March 24, 2025

Addendum: In addition to the daisy chain, we will complete the first step in the Dorset button. Dawn said you don't have to bring anything, she'll bring supplies. If you can't make the March meeting, I'll make sure there are a couple of extra buttons started for the April meeting.

Location: Sequoya Library, Study Rooms 104 and 105 combined

Time: 6:30 to 8:30, p.m. (Planning meeting 6:00-6:30, all are welcome to attend)

Materials: size 10 or 11 seed beads (or larger if you prefer) in 2 or 3 colors (or more); beading thread of your choice; bead needle; bead mat

I've had this project in the back of my mind for some time. Years ago, I was trying to use up some seed beads, so I started a daisy chain. When I finished, I had a necklace fit for a flapper and one I can wear 3 or more ways. I've been wanting to make another one for a while.

In this workshop, I'll have instructions for 3 versions of the daisy chain and you can pick one or try all three. If you make it long enough, you won't need a clasp. 😊



Dorset Button : Monday, April 28, 2025

Location: Pinney Library, Community Room A

Time: 6:30 to 8:30, p.m. (Planning meeting 6:00-6:30, all are welcome to attend)

Materials: Dawn is providing materials

I don't have a picture of a finished Dorset button, but if you search for "dorset button" you'll see lots of stunning examples ... and some of them have incorporated beads! If you haven't heard of them before, like me, here's one of several tutorials I found

<https://createwhimsy.com/projects/how-to-make-dorset-buttons/>

2025 Meeting Dates

April 28; **May 19** (a week early); June 23; July 28; Aug. 25; Sept. 22; Oct. 27; Nov. 24

Keep beading and think about what direction MBS should go in when the website subscription expires.

Pat Reichert, editor