

# NEWSLETTER OF THE MADISON BEAD SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER 2022

**Meeting date: Tuesday, September 20, 2022**

**Location:** Meant to Bead, 201 E. Main St., Sun Prairie

**Time:** 6:30 to 8:30, p.m. (Board meeting from 6:00-6:30)

**Program:** Elections (delayed from August) and The Bees Knees Key Chain

## 2022-23 Elections

Only 2 non-board members attended the August meeting, so the Board decided to defer elections to the September meeting. We need another member on the Board to fairly distribute the work needed to keep the Madison Bead Society going. We used to have enough members to fill all officer and chair positions but as membership declined, the remaining Board members took on extra duties. Speaking only for myself, I took on too much and need to step back.

I am asking for someone to step up and take on the President role to lead meetings and find meeting locations. The Board should work as a group on programming. The September and October programs are set and we came up with more program ideas at the August meeting.

Please consider joining the Board and having a say in the future of the Madison Bead Society.

## The Bees Knees Keychain

Shannon has a fun project for us. I'm excited to be meeting at Meant to Bead again; feels like it's been a long time since we've been there. Here the supplies list and a photo.

### Supplies:

6 Arco beads  
6 Diamondduo or Gemduo beads  
18 – 4mm bicone beads  
24 – 3mm bicone beads  
1 oz. of sized 15 seed beads (15/0)  
1.5oz size 11 seed beads (11/0)  
1 wooden round key chain base  
{I'm sure Shannon will have what you need 😊}



## News from the Board

*August meeting:* At the Board meeting on August 22nd we did not have a quorum but discussed diversifying duties across more officers and including more members on the Board. The election of officers was postponed to the September meeting. The general meeting involved a discussion of wrap bracelets.

As mentioned above, we did discuss some program ideas: braided leather wrap bracelet (I brought an example and would be willing to do a project); the snake bracelet (Mary Jo); cabochon with fringe so it looks like a bird or other animal; there was interest in Viking weave; Kumihimo with beads; macrame beaded bracelet (if you know how to macrame I've wanted to learn something like this for years).

*Treasurer report:* The current bank balance is \$954 and our only expenses for 2022 so far are the Art Glass and Bead Show table and our meetings at the Wil-Mar Neighborhood Center (about \$320 total).

*Membership update:* Only 3 members have renewed as of this writing. If you forgot to send your renewal in, please do so by the end of September.

*Note from the President:* This is my last "column" as president. I will continue as newsletter editor. I hope the next president will continue to write a column to the newsletter. The more people who contribute, the better MBS will become.

**Next meeting:** Monday, October 24, 2022 at the new Pinney Library, 516 Cottage Grove Rd.; Program: Bead Swap and Sale. **NOTE:** The Pinney Library still has a mask requirement in place.