

NEWSLETTER OF THE MADISON BEAD SOCIETY

OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2022

Future of the Madison Bead Society

Once again, there were not enough members at the September meeting to hold elections. Therefore, I've concluded that the membership is not interested in continuing the Madison Bead Society as it is. What are the alternatives? What are the implications of giving up the website (for example)? I have other questions.

If you want to continue attending meetings, come to the October or November meetings to have your voice heard. Otherwise, we will begin plans to dissolve the Society, per the [MBS Bylaws](#).

Meeting date: Monday, October 24, 2022

Location: Pinney Library, 516 Cottage Grove Rd.

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

Program: Bead Swap and Sale; MBS future

This is our first meeting at the new Pinney Library. I drove by recently and it doesn't look like it from the front, but there is parking in the back.

Go through your stash and pull out what you don't want/need any more; then decide if you're willing to swap or just want to sell. (In that case, also bring some change and small bills.)

(Editor: I'm bringing some small containers to give away that are great for tubes of beads.)

Meeting date: Monday, November 28, 2022

Location: Pinney Library, 516 Cottage Grove Rd.

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

Program: Braided Wrap Bracelet; MBS future

I brought this to the August meeting as an example of wrap bracelets. There was enough interest in it that I agreed to make it the November program. The supplies are based on 3 wraps around an "average" wrist (6-6 1/2"). The bracelets in the photo are about 25" total length. If you want a longer bracelet, you'll need longer leather and more beads. Thinner leather may not hold up but you could give it a try if that's all you have.

NOTE: Masks are encouraged but not required at Madison Public Libraries.

Supplies:

- 90 — 4mm cube beads
- 3 yards 1.5mm leather (will be cut into 1 yard and 2 yard pieces)
- 1 button (2 holes)
- 3 binder clips (or tape or something for the end of the leather to keep the beads from falling off)

Notes: You can use size 6 beads, just make sure the leather fits through the holes.
A button with a shank instead of holes should work too (as long as the leather fits through the shank).



Next meeting: No meetings in December and January. Next in-person meeting is Monday, February 27, 2023 (location and program TBD) — if we decide to keep the MBS active.

News from the Board

September meeting: Small group, 5, at the meeting. I finished mine and bought enough to make another, but I like bead weaving patterns. I had a flash of inspiration: take the keyring off, make a beaded chain, and use the beaded fob as a pendant. (editor, Pat Reichert reporting)

Treasurer report: The post office box was renewed for 6 months at a cost of \$112.

Membership update: No renewals or new members since last month. [There is one renewal pending; the editor hasn't checked the PO box in over a week.]