

# NEWSLETTER OF THE MADISON BEAD SOCIETY

MARCH 2023

## Finishing that Russian Spiral and other UFOs: Monday, March 27

**Location:** Sequoia Library, 4340 Tokay Blvd.

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

**Supplies:** Well, that's where it gets tricky. Bring beads from your project and whatever you have of the following: bead caps (not cones), SoftFlex or similar wire plus crimps and jump rings, clasp of your choice, ... and if I think of anything else I'll put it in the reminder email.

The February meeting project was based on this site:

<https://www.orchidandopal.com/blog/how-to-make-an-easy-russian-spiral-beaded-bracelet-with-bugle-and-seed-beads>

But there wasn't enough time to put the finishing touches on it. In March, we'll go over different ways to finish stitches, like the Russian spiral stitch, that are worked in the round, creating a narrow tube.

We'll go over the method from the above site and other options inspired by similar projects. Bring any other unfinished projects you want help finishing.

## University of Wisconsin Hospital Display – May 2023

**Drop off at the April 24<sup>th</sup> meeting OR**

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

**Drop off week:** April 20 to 27 (Mon. to Sat.)

**Can't get to Meant to Bead?** Email me ([houseofpat2@gmail.com](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 (not for sale) 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](mailto: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.

## **Future of the Madison Bead Society**

The Board is working on the plan to complete the dissolution of our nonprofit status by the end of 2023. Already, the P.O. box will expire at the end of this month, March 31<sup>st</sup>.

We will continue to meet. You will continue to get emails. Members who come to the meetings will help decide what we do at the next meeting.

When the plan is formed/finalized it will be presented to members in the newsletter.

I would like your feedback on what to do with MBS going forward. Do we change the name? Do we meet on a different day? Earlier in the day? On the weekend?

