

NEWSLETTER OF THE MADISON BEAD SOCIETY

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Hello fellow beaders! Hope your holidays were special and you're enjoying (?) the winter weather that finally arrived. I thought I would get more beading done, but the cats had other plans – namely, sleeping on my lap whenever they were given the opportunity.

I hate to start this newsletter with sad news – **Meant to Bead** will be closing in 2024. Shannon made the announcement in a recent email and I'll refer you to the Meant to Bead website for details. <https://www.meanttobead.com/>

We've all benefited from Shannon's love and enthusiasm for beading and it's reassuring to know she'll still have a presence in the beading community. Thank you, Shannon.

And speaking of Shannon, the **Art Glass and Bead Show** is right around the corner! It will be held March 1-3, 2024 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Sun Prairie. Classes are filling up so if you see something you like you better sign up quick. <http://artglassandbeadshow.com/>

Planning and Earrings: Monday, February 26, 2024

Location: Pinney Library, Community Room B, 516 Cottage Grove Rd.

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

I picked a simple earring to make that doesn't take long to make. I'm also bringing materials from the MBS stash for members to take for the earrings below or future projects (see next page).



You will need:

*Kidney earwires

*Head pins

Size 10 or 11 seed beads (nothing smaller)

6mm OR 8mm beads – mix it up!

Spacer beads

*Round nose pliers

Bead glue or clear nail polish

*Must have items. For everything else, dig into your stash and use up some of those pretty beads you couldn't bring yourself to part with.

Proposed Projects for 2024

Below are pictures of some projects I found and a list of supplies for each (best guess in some cases). Come to the Feb. meeting to help plan the year and pick up supplies. I'll bring materials from the grab bags that you can take -- for future project or just because you want or need it.

Earrings



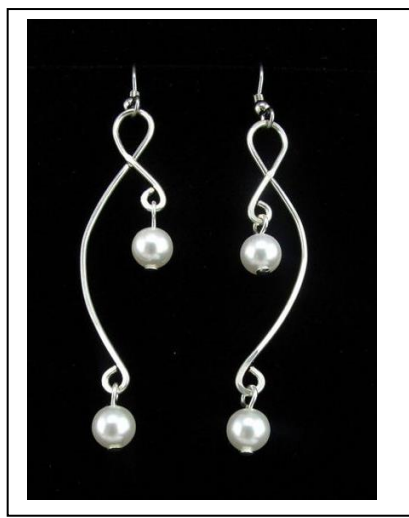
You will need:

Earwires (French pictured)

Leather crimps (I used 10mm cord end caps (see picture #1) for testing)

Scraps of leather, at least 4" long

Beads with holes large enough to fit leather through – magatamas in picture #2



Materials to be determined:

This project will be scheduled for late Spring. We think these earrings can be recreated using a jig. Once the type of wire needed has been determined, it will be added to the project schedule.



You will need:

Earwires (French pictured)

#1 - Small length of chain (at least 4"); headpins; beads of your choice; round nose pliers

#2 - Size 10 or 11 seed beads; Superduos; size 8 beads (need 4), accent bead about the size of a size 6 bead (need 2); bead thread and needle

#1 - I have a friend who likes long earrings because she wears her hair over her ears.

#2 - You know I like Superduos and #2 looks like a nice way to use up leftover colors from other Superduo projects.



In addition to earrings, I have some bracelet patterns, a beaded bead, and a “new” bead weaving technique (new to me, anyway), which we’ll make into a wide bracelet or cuff.

I encourage you to come to the February meeting, grab some supplies, share your thoughts on the proposed 2024 projects, and have some fun.

Until the next meeting,

Happy beading!

Pat Reichert, editor