

NEWSLETTER OF THE MADISON BEAD SOCIETY

APRIL AND MAY 2024

MBS Moving Forward

March Recap

I brought a sample of the costume jewelry donated to MBS which will be the source for the May meeting. The earrings we worked on was a simple idea, but the combination of beads and colors was inspiring (wish I had taken some pictures). I'm always impressed with what members come up with. Thanks to Denise for the tip of putting glue between the last two beads. Good idea.

Website

Renewal for the website is due in May; cost is either \$155 or \$199, depending on the plan. OR we could switch to an Instagram account (or some other social media platform) to get information out. Still, someone will need to monitor the account. Yes, we have a Facebook page, but it's set up as a person, not an organization, and I don't know how to delete it and start over.

Wire Jig Earrings: Monday, April 22, 2024

Location: Pinney Library, 516 Cottage Grove Rd.

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

Supplies: wire (18 or 20 gauge [can be colored]), ear wires of your choice, wire jig [if you have one], decorative bead (like pearls) to anchor the earrings, round nose pliers, wire cutters



Mary Jo will lead us on a project using a wire jig to create earrings like the ones pictured to the left. Other shapes are possible, these are examples to get us started. If you have a wire jig, please bring it.

We haven't done anything like this in a long time. I'm bringing some extra wire, so don't worry if you don't have any. Come and have some fun playing with wire.

Repurposing Costume Jewelry: Monday, **May 20, 2024**

Location: Sequoia Library, 4340 Tokay Blvd.

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

NOTE: We are meeting a week earlier in May because Memorial Day falls on the 4th Monday.

Looking for members with experience repurposing jewelry into new jewelry. Bring anything you need for making jewelry: beading wire, clasps, ear wires, pliers, wire cutters, scissors, beading mat. Pictures below are samples of what will be at the meeting. Yep, there's more; I couldn't fit all of the pictures in the newsletter.



University of Wisconsin Hospital Display – May 2024

We have the UW Hospital display for May. Members got an email with all the details.

Pieces need to be dropped off at the Hospital on May 2nd and we need at least a week to prep all of the paperwork. You can drop off pieces at Meant to Bead. The deadline to drop off pieces is the April 22nd – at the meeting or Meant to Bead.

A 20 pieces per person limit will help us reach our goal. There are so few members and we need about 90 pieces for a good display. Cards and forms will be available at Meant to Bead and the April meeting. Pieces will be returned at the June 24th meeting. If you need your pieces back before then, let us know.

Happy beading!

Pat Reichert, editor