

NEWSLETTER OF THE MADISON BEAD SOCIETY

JUNE 2024

May Follow-up Notes

A thank you to everyone who came to the May meeting, shared ideas for remaking costume jewelry, and took some home with them (but you should have taken more 😊). Don't forget to send me before and after pics of anything you re-make from the jewelry you took. When I can, I'll bring leftovers to future meetings for anyone to take.

Here are some links I mentioned at the meeting for cleaning old jewelry and converting clip-on earrings to post earrings. Disclaimer: I have not tested any of these techniques so use with caution.

Cleaning jewelry: <https://ondeanelourens.com/2019/04/17/how-to-clean-tarnish-off-your-costume-jewellery/>; <https://www.tipsbulletin.com/how-to-clean-fake-jewelry/>; <https://housewife.tips/a-few-ways-of-cleaning-tarnished-costume-jewelry/>; and a bath in soapy water works (just don't let it soak too long)

Converting clip-ons to post: <https://sometimes-homemade.com/turn-clip-earrings-pierced-earrings/>; <https://verityvintagestudio.typepad.com/my-blog/2014/10/october-tutorial-converting-vintage-clip-on-earrings-.html>; <https://adironackgirlatheart.com/upcycle-vintage-clip-ons-into-gorgeous-pierced-earrings/>

Earrings: Monday, June 24, 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: Earwires (French pictured); Leather crimps (I'll bring some fold-over cord end caps to share, in picture on left); scraps of leather (or similar cording), at least 4" long; beads that will fit over the leather/cording (magatamas in picture on right)



We'll also discuss other earring shapes – square wire, stick, circle wire, etc.

University of Wisconsin Hospital Display – May 2024 Recap

The display is over and it was a good year. All I have is a summary and while it wasn't our best year, it was better than last year – 23 pieces sold for a total of \$582. Remember, 20% of each sale goes to the Hospital for their art fund.

Pick up your pieces and more details at the June 24th meeting.

Happy beading!

Pat Reichert, editor