

Madison Bead Society Newsletter

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September Meeting: Acrostic Beading

When: September 23rd, 6:30 p.m.

Where: Meant to Bead, Sun Prairie

Presentor: Michelle Anderson

Acrostic jewelry is jewelry set with gemstones that spell out a message. Each gemstone represents a letter in a special word or message.

This workshop will include an abbreviated history of acrostic jewelry and examples of contemporary creations. If you have an antique example of acrostic jewelry please feel free to share.

In the workshop you will make a pin, necklace or bracelet. Basic jewelry making skills will get you through this project.

Supplies: Pin finding (or chain for necklace/bracelet with clasp); Small amount of size 6 seed beads; Head or Eye pins, 20 - 21 gauge, 2"; Spacers; Charms; 2" of small chain (3mm) if making pin; Beads/crystals the color of your gemstones or actual gemstone beads to spell the word you have chosen (see list provided); 4 - 5mm jump-rings; Tools for basic wire – bending; Flush cutter (Or purchase supplies at Meant to Bead)

Acrostic Gem Alphabet

Originally Acrostic jewelry was made with gems. You may use gems, of course, but can also choose glass beads of the same color as the gems once used. Below is a list of the letters of the alphabet and gems that can be used to represent them when creating acrostic jewelry.

A = amber; amazonite; amethyst; aventurine; aquamarine; alexandrite; agate; apatite

B = beryl

C = carnelian; citrine; coral; crystal; chrysoprase; chalcedony; chrysocolla

D = diamond; diopside; druzy

E = emerald

F = fluorite; fossil coral

G = garnet; goldstone

H = hematite; howlite; heliotrope

I = iolite

J = jade; jasper; jet

K = kyanite; kunsite

L = labradorite; lapis lazuli; lava rock

M = magnesite; malachite; moonstone

N = nephrite

O = onyx; opal; obsidian

P = peridot; prehnite; pearl; pyrite

Q = quartz

R = ruby; rhodochrosite

S = sodalite; sunstone; sapphire; sardonyx; serpentine

T = tourmaline; tanzanite; tiger eye; turquoise; topaz

U = unakite

W = watermelon tourmaline

Y = yellow citrine; lemon quartz; yellow calcite

V = vermeil (garnet)

X = xepherine

Z = zoisite; zircon; zebra stone



Can you figure out the word in this sample of Acrostic Jewelry?

Head Bead Column: MBS Fine Art Show, November 23 & 24, 2013

Hello everyone! Been a few years since I was the Head Bead but I'm happy to serve again. Our show is right around the corner so I thought I would share some of the history behind the show in my first column. I confess I did not double check all of my facts because I just didn't want to dig through all the old newsletters. I'll include any corrections in the next column.

The Madison Bead Society held its first Fine Art and Craft Show in May 2001. At the time, it was very difficult for someone new to get a booth at the Hilldale Show and with the Bead Bin willing to sponsor us at Westgate Mall, we had a show to put on! The fees were kept low to encourage members new to selling to get a table and we invited other small craft guilds to be vendors at our show. We chose a day near Mothers Day thinking people would shop for jewelry for their mothers. Gail Piper even made an appearance on a morning news program.

May was a modest success and we already had the insurance, so we did another show in November 2001. We all know what happened that September. Deb Moffett-Hall, peyote queen extraordinaire, designed and offered for free, a memorial peyote panel pattern for 9-11 provided that all profits from the sale of stitched panels went to the American Red Cross. We rounded up some volunteers and made a dozen or so panels, attached them to pins (like the one in the Acrostic Jewelry picture), and sold them for \$30 or \$35 each. All of the pins sold and we made over \$300 for the Red Cross. (That was my first experience with flat peyote.)

We tried 2 shows again in 2002 but the November show, closer to Thanksgiving, proved to be more successful than the May show. We've held one show in November ever since.

In 2011 we moved to the Exhibition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center and expanded to two days. When the Westgate theater closed, and storefronts emptied, the traffic at Westgate Mall diminished. It was time to try a new venue. We chose the same weekend as the Women's Expo, the [One of a Kind Rubber Stamp & Scrapbook Show](#) (class registration is now open BTY), and the Madison Gem and Mineral Show and Sale.

This is our third year at the Exhibition Hall. If you are interested in being a vendor, the vendor forms are available online at http://www.madisonbeadsociety.org/Bead_Shows.php.

We need volunteers to staff the MBS table, sell earrings, and give our vendors a break. If you can spare a couple hours, especially between noon and 2:00, please email me.

Our members make this show a success – by vending, volunteering, or spreading the word. Thank you.

Pat Reichert, Head Bead (houseofpat@charter.net)

Pinney Library Display (Aug. & Sept.)

Our display at the Pinney Library is winding down. If you participated in this display and the UW Hospital display in May, thank you. At the August meeting Wally Brinkmann (who coordinated both displays), reported that one item was sold.

Wally will return items, as well as checks or cash for items sold, at the October MBS meeting. Let her know if you need your items before that date. Items not picked up at the October meeting will be available at the bead store where you dropped off your items a couple of days after the meeting.

Email Wally if you have any questions (wabrinkm@wisc.edu).

**August & September
Pinney Branch Library
display**

2013-14 Schedule

September 23 – Acrostic

Beading presentation

October 28* – Iron Age

beads presentation

November 23-24 MBS

Show at the Exhibition

Hall at the Alliant

Energy Center

November 25 Show &
Tell!**

**No meeting in December
and January**

2014

February 24* Herringbone

Wire Weave Earrings

March 24 – project and
location TBD

April 28* Fuzzy Fabric
Earrings

May 19 (Third Monday) –
project and location
TBD

June 23* - project TBD

**July 28 Off to Diakonos in
Stoughton** – project
TBD

August 25* Annual
Meeting

Membership Dues Have Increased \$5.00

Renewal forms were mailed at the beginning of September. If your membership expires Aug. 31, 2014, you will get a 2013-14 schedule card in the mail soon. If you have not received either in the mail by Sept. 14th, please email the Membership Chair, Pat, at houseofpat@charter.net.

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\$ – There is a fee for this workshop

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(formerly Oakwood Village West)**

6201-6225 Mineral Point Rd.

Madison, WI 53705

Heritage Oaks Building

<http://www.oakwoodvillage.net/downloads/campus-map-uw.pdf>