

Madison Bead Society

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President Letter – February 2017

I want to thank everyone who came to the November meeting. It was the first time I taught in many years and you made it easy. If you weren't able to attend, here are links to the free patterns I used:

SuperDuo Flower Chain Earrings

<http://craftyinspirationbylinda.blogspot.com/2014/02/bracelet-of-day-superduo-flower-chain.html>

Right Angle Weave Earrings: <http://www.interweave.com/article/beading/free-right-angle-weave-patterns-by-kassie-shaw/>

It's 2017 now and I'm ready to try some new beading projects and revisit some old techniques. This month, I'm sharing my latest obsession:

February 27: Peyote triangle earrings

Location: Alicia Ashman Branch Library, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Instructor: Pat Reichert

Supplies: 3 or 4 colors of Delica beads (this is a good project for using up leftovers), thread of your choice (I like Fireline, 6lb is best for this project), needle, bead mat, and scissors. You can add ear wires later.

I was not familiar with triangle peyote until I started seeing it on Pinterest -- then I tried it. I made a few pieces and I'm having a lot of fun with it. If you don't consider yourself a needle-and-thread beader, I chose a pattern that can easily be sized. You will leave the meeting with a finished triangle and some familiarity with reading the graphs. I'll have other patterns than the ones pictured, if you want something more challenging. I hope you will give them a try.



Displays: UW Hospital in April and Pinney Library in May

Information on the UW Hospital display is on the website under the “Shows” tab (<http://www.madisonbeadsociety.org/shows.html>); please read the information carefully. You can submit up to 6 pieces at the February or March meetings or, between March 20 and 31st, at either Meant to Bead or Madison Bead Company. If you haven’t participated before, not only does the display show off the versatility of beading and the range of what our members can do, it can raise money for you and the Hospital; 20% of each sale goes to the Hospital’s art fund. The display reflects MBS so you must be a member to participate.

The Pinney Library has one display case and I would like to display pieces that represent the diversity of beading, projects we have done in meetings, and the skill of your members. I don’t know if we have time to move pieces from the UW Hospital display to the Pinney display; I haven’t worked out those details yet. Keep in mind that if you sell on a regular basis or if this is your first time selling, your items will be on display somewhere for at least 2 months.

Closing Note

I hope the holidays treated you well. The March meeting will be at the Pinney Library, program is yet to be determined. April’s meeting is at Meant to Bead.

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