

Madison Bead Society Newsletter

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June Meeting: Chain Maille Ring (Butterfly Design)

Date: June 25, 2012

Presenter: Jewelry by Sue

When: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Cost of kit: \$25.00

Where: Oakwood Village West

Tools: 2 pliers (chain and flat nose), a bead mat

Join Sue Ripsch for this amazing fun to wear Butterfly Chain Maille Ring also known as the X Ring. This project is suitable for the beginner or the advanced chain mailer. The Ring is fun to make and comfortable to wear.



Butterfly Ring

2012 Bead Challenge – Further Directions

We've made a modification to the bead challenge rules. You can now enter a piece that you have already made, provided it was not made for a previous MBS bead challenge. The categories and deadline remain the same. We are asking for \$5.00 per entry and the money collected will go towards prizes.

Entry forms are due by the July meeting on July 23rd. Entries will be judged at the August 27th meeting. Please see the MBS Web site or the March newsletter for challenge categories and rules.

http://www.madisonbeadsociety.org/Bead_Challenge_2007_2008.php

Head Bead Column By Gail Piper

As I write this I'm thinking about my upcoming trip to Milwaukee to attend the Bead & Button Show. I'm taking a bead weaving class and plan to go to the vendor area, of course, where I'm sure I will once again spend too much money. I'm not sure how many of you reading this column will also be attending that grand bead extravaganza, but I'll bet there are some of you who will also be there enjoying that show.

We are really quite lucky to be so close to the annual Bead & Button Show. They used to hold it at various locations all over the country, then, about 10 years ago decided to have it in Milwaukee. Kalmbach Publishing wants to have it near to their headquarters in Milwaukee. (And I'm sure Milwaukee has no complaints about it being there every year.)

Closer to home, MBS had a great time at our workshop in May at Diakonos. We will be having two more workshops this summer as well as our annual meeting. In June we will have Sue Ripsh with us and will be making a chain maille ring; in July Ingrid Stark will show us how to make "s" hooks and ear wires. I hope to see you at our summer workshops – and then at our annual meeting in August. Details on all meetings are posted on our web site and also appear in this newsletter.

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Ladder Stitched Bracelets from the May meeting.

A note from Ed and Becky Guzman, Diakonos

Designs: We just wanted to thank the Bead Society for their gift, as well as thank the 15 ladies that attended our event on Monday night [May 21st]. Becky & I had a blast leading the Ladder Weave Bracelet class, and it seemed like everyone really had a great time. We did not gather names or email addresses, but if you can let them know that they were a joy to host, and we really appreciate their business and support! The event was a blessing to us, and hopefully they have discovered a new fun place to visit in nearby Stoughton.

MBS News

University Hospital Display: Due to a scheduling snafu, we do not have the display this September. We are scheduled for May 2013. More information next year.

Annual Meeting in August: Meeting is at Oakwood Village West. Bring a dessert, snack, appetizer to share. MBS will provide plates, napkins, cups, and utensils.

Will you be a vendor at a show this summer? Do you know a great bead-related Web site, exhibit, book, etc., that you just have to share? Let me know and I'll put it in the newsletter.

Pat Reichert, editor

Head Bead Column

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Finally, if you have an idea for an MBS workshop or a request for something you would like to have us do, please email me at gailpiper6@aol.com or call me at 608-242-9282. We will soon be working hard at developing our next program year.

And -- don't forget our bead challenge! Your paperwork to register for the challenge is due no later than the July meeting. We have decided to open it up to items you have made previously that were not entered into MBS challenges before this year. **AND, everyone attending the annual meeting: please bring with you items you DID enter previously to put on display for everyone to see. We will have a separate area to display them. They did not have to win a prize, just have been entered into a previous challenge.** We have new members who will enjoy seeing them.

Question of the Month:

New feature! I ask a question in the newsletter and you either email your answer to me or answer at the meeting when we go around and introduce ourselves. The results will be posted in the next newsletter.

The first question is: ***What is your favorite beading technique?***

Thanks for participating. Now get out there and work on your bead challenge entry!!!

Pat Reichert, editor

2012 Schedule

June 25 (\$) @ Oakwood Village West* -- Sue Ripsch, Chain Maille Ring (\$25)

July 23 @ Pinney Branch Library** – Ingrid Stark, ear wire and S hooks

August 27 @ Oakwood Village West* -- Annual meeting, elections, bead challenge judging, and dessert to share

September 24

October 22

November 17 & 18 MBS show at Alliant Energy Center Exhibition Hall

November 26

December (no meeting)

(\$) – There is a fee for this workshop

July Meeting: Ear Wires and S Hooks

Date: July 23, 2012

When: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Pinney Branch Library

Materials (Ear Wires): 20 gauge wire in sterling, gold filled, silver filled half hard wire, or permanently colored copper craft wire. 5-1/2 inches makes one pair of ear wires

Materials (S Hooks): 18 gauge wire in any of the above types or plain copper (3 inches makes a basic S hook) *Optional:* 22 or 26 gauge wire of the same type for embellishments

Tools: Round nosed and chain nosed pliers, bench block (smooth or polished), ball peen hammer (polished), 400 and 600 wet/dry sandpaper

You will learn how to form wire into simple ear wires and S hook clasps, two of the most used findings. This class will focus on the simple forms with discussion and demonstration of possible embellishments.

Memberships and Newsletters – Notes from the Newsletter

Editor/Membership Chair

I will be out of town for a good part of August so the July and August newsletters will be combined. Memberships expire August 31st, unless you joined after March 1, 2012. Renewal forms will go out at the same time as the July/August newsletter and since I will be gone, I am extending the due date to September 15th. If you mail your renewal in August and don't get your card within the week, be patient. I will be at the July 23rd and August 27th meetings and should be caught up by September 1st. Thanks.

Pat Reichert

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