

# Madison Bead Society Newsletter

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## May meeting: Leather Ladder Weave Bracelet

**Date:** May 21, 2012

**When:** 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Diakonos Designs, 187 E. Main St.,  
Stoughton

**Presenter:** Becky Guzman

**Cost of kit:** \$12.00 to \$20.00

**Tools:** Just your hands

**NOTE: We are meeting a week early to avoid the Memorial Day holiday.**

Learn useful leather working techniques for making this colorful and versatile bracelet. Pick from your choice of beautiful natural stones, mood, or ceramic beads and add accent beads and a closure in copper, brass or silver plate.

## 2012 Bead Challenge

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

[http://www.madisonbeadsociety.org/Bead\\_Challenge\\_2007\\_2008.php](http://www.madisonbeadsociety.org/Bead_Challenge_2007_2008.php)



## Head Bead Column

by Gail Piper

A few months ago I purchased a Kindle Fire and subsequently purchased and have read a number of books using that nice e-reader. The colors and navigation are nice, the resolution and readability is great... all-in-all it's a great reading and reference device. Plus, there are some very cool games available for it.

BUT... I have discovered that I do NOT like beading books on an e-reader. I purchased a book of bead weaving patterns that is now residing in my Kindle. And, I have been frustrated several times when trying to page through the book and peruse the pictures and illustrations. It just doesn't feel right to be walking through pages on that electronic device, or to go looking for this or that in the book. And, if you don't bookmark a spot, you are pretty much out of luck finding it again. (The Kindle Fire does not support page numbers – a real shortfall. You must know what location number you want and they are not in the table of contents.) This was an experiment, and personally I found out I do not like keeping beading books on my Kindle. So, it is my first and last e-bead-book. Guaranteed.

I'd love to hear what others have to say about e-books on beading and using e-readers vs. hard copy books for beading patterns.

Meanwhile, keep enjoying your spring while you keep your bead mats covered with projects! And, as always, continue to support our local bead stores where you get great face-to-face service!!



Bracelets made at the April meeting – after they were stamped, polished, shaped, and antiqued.

## 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*

## Spark and Flame at Chazen Museum of Art

I saw the exhibit on the day it opened and highly recommend it. It runs from April 21 to August 5, 2012. Pat Reichert, editor

To quote the Chazen's calendar of events:

2012 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the studio glass program founded at the UW-Madison by Harvey Littleton. This exhibition highlights the far-reaching influence of Littleton and the UW program. It will consist of two parts: the first focuses exclusively on works by Harvey Littleton; the second offers a survey of work by more than 100 glass artists, showing the national and international breadth of contemporary glass. Nearly 160 works will be lent from four premier private glass collections: those of Harvey Littleton himself as well as UW-Madison alumni Bruce Bachmann, David Kaplan, and Simona and Jerome Chazen, who all became passionate about the studio glass program while students in Madison.

Visit <http://chazen.wisc.edu> for more information.



## 2012 Schedule

**May 21 (\$)** @Diakonos Designs Studio, Stoughton (\$12 to \$20, depending)

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

**July 23** @ TBD – 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

## June Meeting: Chain Maille Ring (Butterfly Design)

**Date:** June 25, 2012

**When:** 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Oakwood Village West

**Presenter:** Jewelry by Sue

**Cost of kit:** \$25.00

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

**NOTE: We need a headcount for this meeting so Sue Ripsch can prepare the correct number of kits. Please contact Pat Reichert by June 14<sup>th</sup> (call 608-345-3166 or email [houseofpat@charter.net](mailto:houseofpat@charter.net)).**

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.



### \*\*Pinney Branch Library

204 Cottage Grove Rd.  
Madison, WI 53716  
<http://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/pinney>

### \*Oak Wood Village West

6201-6225 Mineral Point Rd.  
Madison, WI 53705  
Heritage Oaks Building

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