

Madison Bead Society

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President Letter – May 2019

News Round Up

There were a couple things I forgot to say in the April letter. First, I forgot to thank the members who volunteered at the Art Glass and Bead table with me. It was a pleasure spending time with you, but it was still a long weekend for me. Second, a former member decided that she has a *beyond* life expectancy supply of beads and beading materials and is offering to open up her stash to current members. This will be the August meeting so stay tuned for more details.

Before I forget, thank you to everyone who submitted pieces for the UW Hospital display. Wally Brinkmann will return all unsold items, as well as checks or cash for items sold, at the June 24th MBS meeting. Let her know if you need your items before that date. Any items not picked up at the June meeting will be available at *Meant to Bead* a couple days after the meeting. Wally will send a check to the Hospital's art fund amounting to 20% of all items sold. Artists who had items sold are required to reimburse her. Email Wally if you have any questions (wabrinkm@wisc.edu).

Lastly, I discovered at the April meeting that the link I chose for the tubular herringbone stitch neglected to include how to actually start the chain. While I think it still has good illustrations for finishing a tubular herringbone project, I found another online tutorial with good illustrations for starting a tubular herringbone chain here: <https://www.fusionbeads.com/tubular-herringbone-stitch>. It is for a 4 column chain, but it's easy to adjust to a 3 column chain.

May 20th Meeting: Button Bracelet

The 4th Monday in May is Memorial Day this year, so the May meeting is a week earlier.

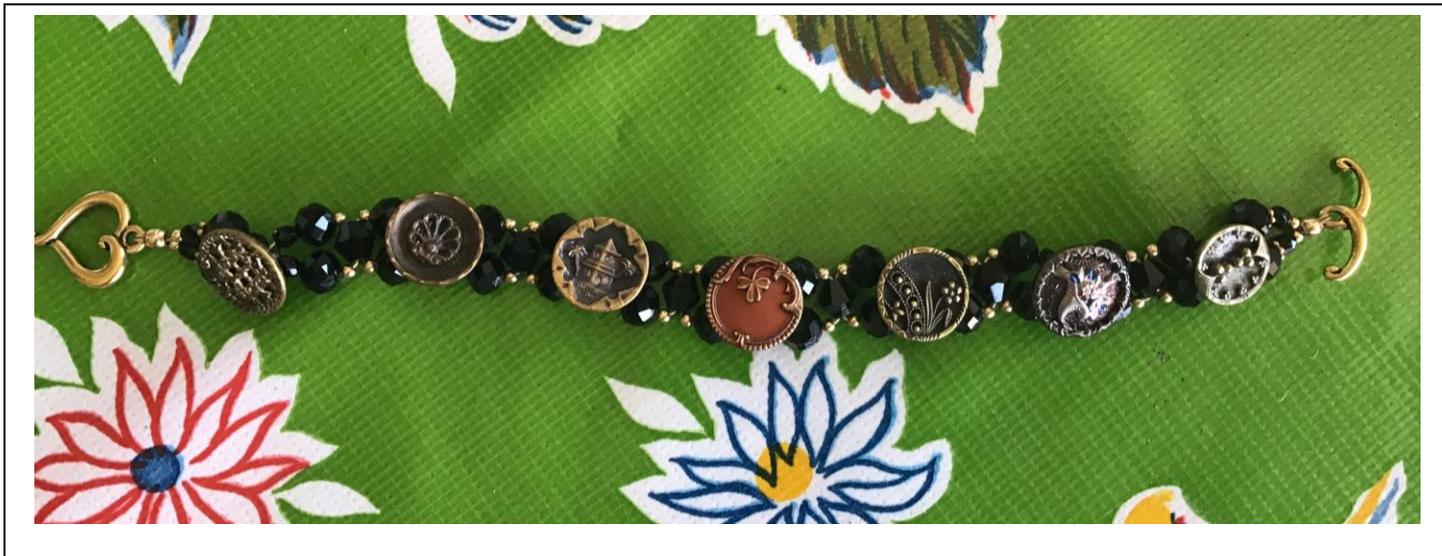
Instructor: Dawn Mason

Location: Sequoia Public Library, 4340 Tokay Blvd [where Madison Bead Company used to be], 6:00 p.m. board meeting, regular meeting 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Materials: toggle clasp; 2' soft flex metallic flex wire, medium, .019"; 2 - 2mm silver or gold-filled crimp beads; 2 - 3mm silver or gold-filled crimp covers; 34 - 2mm silver or gold-filled beads; 7 - 6mm bicone or rhondell beads (color a); 32 - 6mm round beads (color a); 38 - 3mm beads (color a); 4 - 3mm silver or gold-filled "daisy" spacers

Tools: wire snips; crimper

Dawn will bring buttons at \$1.00 per button. These are not your every day buttons but vintage buttons that give the bracelet that extra special touch. Dawn agreed to present at the May meeting and brought some samples to the March meeting and this was the group's favorite. Below is a picture of the bracelet and a zoomed in segment to give you a better idea of the beading.



Closing thoughts:

In addition to being presenter, Dawn will be running the meeting as Vice Bead. I will be at home running around like a crazy packing and cleaning before our trip to Phoenix for my niece's high school graduation.

The July meeting will be in Stoughton at Diakonos. The June meeting is not programmed yet – I'm open to suggestions.

Thanks for reading and bead on!

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