

# Madison Bead Society

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## President Letter – May 2017

*Displays updates:* At the April meeting, Wally reported that 7 pieces have sold; since then, 7 more have sold (14 out of 66). Eleven members submitted pieces and 8 of them sold 1 or more pieces. Remember, 20% of sales goes to the UW Hospital's art fund. Wally has paid that amount and you need to reimburse Wally. She will contact each seller with the amount. If you're curious how this year compares to previous years, 23 pieces sold in 2011 (the last time we had the display), and 14 sold in 2009.

There will be 39 pieces on display at the Pinney Library, which went up May 1<sup>st</sup>. And our May meeting is at the Pinney Library, so come to the meeting and see your work on display.

*April meeting recap:* I want to thank Shannon for teaching us how to brick stitch around a ring. I have figured out patterns from written instructions and photos before, but I was glad to have in-person instruction for this project; there are a couple steps where I needed to ask for assistance. And I already have ideas to build on what I learned. (And that tip for finishing the last row to hide the thread, nice!)

You need to be careful what you wear to an MBS meeting. Last year, Teresa wore a necklace and we said "You have to teach us how to make that!" Unfortunately, her schedule makes it difficult to plan ahead for teaching. Then Kathy wore a necklace to the April meeting and we said, "You have to teach us how to make that!" Lucky for us, she said yes. Even luckier, we didn't have a program for May. Now we do!

### **May 22nd Meeting: Alternating Daisy Chain** (see pictures on next page)

*Location:* Pinney Library, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

*Instructor:* Kathy Tessmer

*Supplies:* size 11 seed beads (1 tube or approx. 17 g); 4mm cubes (300 or approx. 2 packages); Fireline (4 or 6lb)

[Alternatives to 4mm cubes – size 11 Delicas or size 6 seed beads]

*Tools:* needle (to accommodate thread choice); scissors; bead mat

This is a long necklace, about 3 feet, so no clasp is required. You will notice in the pictures that there are 3 ways to wear it and you can use 4mm cubes, larger Delicas (size 11), or a larger seed bead (size 6). For a wavy look, try 3mm or 4mm rounds or pearls.

Look forward to seeing you in May. The June 26th meeting will be at the Alicia Ashman Library. Anna from Earring Tree will teach us a beaded bead, which can be used as a clasp.

Happy beading!

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