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From the Head Bead

Due to lack of interest and lack of participation, the Board has unanimously decided to cancel this year's show. If you have paid for a table, you will get your money back. We will make a donation to the VFW Post 1318 since they were kind enough to hold a space on their calendar for us.

The show originally began as an opportunity for MBS members to display and sell their work as well as fulfill our educational mission (which is a requirement for maintaining our non-profit status). Each year, fewer members seem to want to take advantage of this opportunity, so we have had to reconsider the issue. At this time, I don't know if we will try to schedule a show next year, or at a different time of year. We may look into getting a group table or booth at someone else's show.

Participation is crucial to the success of MBS – and that means more than just coming to meetings and taking advantage of low-priced classes. If you want MBS to meet your needs, come to meetings and let us know what you want to see happen in the future. Remember, we are a volunteer group. If no one volunteers, nothing gets done.

At the last meeting, some of our members commented that the Board seems too preoccupied with the show and felt our energies would be better directed toward the Society itself. Suffice it to say, all Board members have been disappointed at the dwindling interest in the show. We would be happy to consider alternatives, and we need YOUR input to make that happen.

Very few people attend our annual meeting, at which time officers are elected, and fewer people show any interest in serving as members of the Board or helping with MBS activities. The people now serving on the board, and those who served last year, are the same people who have been serving and getting things done for several years. The MBS is only as strong as its membership, and we are reaching out to all of you in hopes that some will step up to help us keep this organization thriving and growing.

Ingrid Frances Stark, Head Bead

September Meeting: Breaking the Mystery of Two-Holed Beads

We'd like to send a shout out and a big thank you to Shannon Jambard of Meant to Bead in Sun Prairie for hosting us in September. She introduced many new beads to us. Some are available now, but keep a look out for others that will be available in the U.S. in November. Also, if you have been looking for **glass pony beads** (aka crow beads), Shannon has them!!!

October Meeting: Washi Beads

When: October 27, 6:30 p.m. **Where:** Oakwood Village University Woods, Heritage Oaks Building

Instructor: Mary Harkness

Mary has generously offered to bring washi (Japanese printed paper similar to origami paper) and wooden beads. You paste the washi to the beads, shellac them, and string them together with spacer beads to make necklaces or other decorative pieces. Mary will bring washi paper and a variety of wooden beads with holes large enough to tuck in the edges of the paper.

Each of us should bring the following supplies:

- Small sharp-pointed scissors
- Small paint brush
- Glue such as Sobo or craft glue that dries quickly and clearly
- If you have wooden beads with large holes you'd like to use
- Any matching pony or large-holed beads for accent
- A damp washcloth or wipes to wipe glue off sticky fingers
- Clear fingernail polish or other quick drying, water soluble finishing coat (diamond glaze)
- Cord that will fit the beads or earring accessories
- Pencil
- Small ruler



November Meeting: Show and Tell

When: November 24, 6:30 p.m. **Where:** TBD

Instructor: YOU!

We want to have a sort of Show and Tell type of meeting. Some of you have beady treasures from your travels that we'd love to see and ooh and ahh over. And some of you have unfinished projects that you'd love to finish in a supportive environment. Come on out; it's beader's night!

2014–2015 Meetings and Events

September 22nd @ Meant to Bead \$

Breaking the Mystery of Two-Holed Beads

October 27th @ Oakwood Village University Woods

Washi beads by Mary Harkness

November 24th @ TBD

Show and Tell by YOU!

February 23rd @ Oakwood Village University Woods — TBD

March 28–29 — Art Glass & Bead Show @ Alliant Energy Center

March 30th — TBD

April 27th @ Oakwood Village University Woods — TBD

May 25th — TBD

May 27 to June 8 — Bead & Button Show @ Wisconsin Center, Milwaukee

June 29rd @ Oakwood Village University Woods — TBD

July 27th @ — TBD

August 24th @ Oakwood Village University Woods — TBD

Annual meeting and elections

Oakwood Village University Woods

Heritage Oaks Building

6201–6225 Mineral Point Rd, Madison

www.oakwoodvillage.net/downloads/campus-map-uw.pdf

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