

# Madison Bead Society

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## President Letter – August 2016

I read a blog post which pointed out that of 8,760 hours in a year, approximately 3,953 are *not* spent sleeping or working. Thank you for sharing some of your free hours with MBS.

Thank you officers and board members for the work you did this program year. From finding meeting places, finding speakers or workshops, filling in when and where needed, organizing and manning our Art Glass and Bead Show table, taking minutes and sending emails, updating our website, and keeping our house in financial order. Thank you Carrie, Nancy B., Nancy V., Dawn, Ingrid, Wally, and Kathy for bringing ideas to the board meetings and being great sounding boards.

Thank you to the members who came to meetings this program year. We proclaimed this a rebuilding year and suspended membership dues. Some meeting numbers were down and some were around the average for the last few years. I want to see this group continue to be someplace beaders, from beginner to artist, can gather to try new things and share inspiration and ideas. The same challenges face us that we have faced for many years – a regular place to meet, more people interested in serving as officers, and getting the word out.

### August Meeting -- Share

The August 22nd meeting location has changed to the Alicia Ashman library. In addition to electing officers for 2016-17, the theme is “sharing.” Share what inspires you, share your current project, share your favorite bead book or website, share a piece you made at one of this year’s workshops, etc. {Guess what! We have volunteers for all of the officer positions. Don’t let the word “election” scare you away.}

### Membership Renewal

Membership dues will be reinstated beginning September 1, 2016 – but \$5 less than they were before. Individual memberships for 2016-17 are now \$25 and business and family memberships are now \$35. The updated [renewal form](#) has been posted to the website and is included in this letter. An updated brochure will be posted soon.

Pat Reichert

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### 2016 meetings recap

Oct. – Favorite beading techniques

Nov. – Quick holiday jewelry (Teamwork – love it!)

Feb. – Stitched ring (Thanks Shannon!)

March – Beaded pendant (Meant to Bead rocks!)

April – Show ‘N Tell (it was right after the Art Glass and Bead Show)

May – Leather necklace (Robin – we missed you!)

June – Needle felted beaded letters (Ingrid, thanks again)

July – Vinery bracelet (Diakonos Designs is awesome!)



## MBS Membership Renewal Form 2016-17

Please complete this form and return it to MBS with your payment. Membership cards will be mailed to you.  
Thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email \_\_\_\_\_

(\*The newsletter is posted to the website and members are notified by email. If you prefer to have a copy mailed to you, check here \_\_\_ )

Type of membership (September 1 to August 31)

\_\_\_ Individual - **\$25.00**

\_\_\_ Family (includes partner and dependent children living at home) - **\$35.00**

\_\_\_ Business/Organization - **\$35.00**

### **MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Madison Bead Society**

Bring your payment to the next MBS meeting or mail to:

**Madison Bead Society  
PO Box 1563  
Madison, WI 53701-1563**

Membership questions? email [info@madisonbeadsociety.org](mailto:info@madisonbeadsociety.org)

Meeting Schedule: **2016:** September 26, October 24, November 28, (no meetings in December and January), **2017:** February 27, March 27, April 24, May 22, June 26, July 24, August 28