

# Madison Bead Society

---

PO Box 1563, Madison, WI 53701-1563 | [info@madisonbeadsociety.org](mailto:info@madisonbeadsociety.org) | [www.madisonbeadsociety.org](http://www.madisonbeadsociety.org)

## President Letter – October 2016

Art. I've encountered a lot of art lately and in unexpected places. Stories on news websites of paintings from masters recovered or rediscovered years or decades after they disappeared. Friends posting or sharing art on Facebook. I work on the Capitol Square and there are these utility boxes that are usually green but have been wrapped with photos (I like the aerial photo of Concerts on the Square). Even nature is in on the art bandwagon – the recent humidity let mushrooms pop up where I've never seen mushrooms before and I got some neat pictures.

Why all the talk about art? There is an exhibit at the James Watrous Gallery we bead-ers will be interested in:

### [Beading Culture: Raised Beadwork & the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin](#)

#### **James Watrous Gallery (3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Overture Center)**

**September 16 to November 6**

The [Cap Times](#) has a nice story on the exhibit. The Gallery hours are Wed. & Thurs. Noon to 5:00 p.m., Fri. & Sat. Noon to 8:00 p.m., and Sun. Noon to 5:00 p.m. (closed Mon. & Tues.). I saw the exhibit and while the gallery is small, the work is impressive.

And speaking of exhibits, there's another one, not bead related, on campus at the School of Human Ecology. [Stitching History from the Holocaust](#) has an interesting origin: letters recently discovered in Milwaukee were sent from Prague in 1939 from a Jewish couple to relatives in Wisconsin and included some of woman's fashion sketches. Now those sketches have come to life and are on display in the Ruth Davis Design Gallery at Nancy Nichols Hall (hours are Mon. - Thurs. 9am to 4pm and Sun. noon to 4pm). There's also a [YouTube](#) video.

#### **October 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Bead Swap!**

*Location:* Warner Park Community and Recreation Center, 1625 Northport Dr., 6:30-8:30

You bring your leftover or unwanted beads (what! Unwanted beads!) and any other bead-related materials and swap them for someone else's leftovers and unwanted.

#### **November 28<sup>th</sup>**

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

Shannon from meant to bead will teach us how to make Princess Ahmose earrings (picture on next page). More details coming, so stay tuned.

No meeting in December and January.

#### **Displays**

We have the UW Hospital display in April 2017. I hope you're all working on something to display and possibly sell. If you haven't participated before, not only does the display show off the versatility of beading and the range of what our members can do, it can raise money for you and the Hospital. 20% of each sale goes to the Hospital's art fund. There will be more information in the next letter.

I'm still working on the Pinney Library display. The library has one display case so I hope we can get it in May so pieces can go from the April UW Hospital display to Pinney. We're also planning to have a table at the Art Glass and Bead Show in March, if you want to participate. Keep that in mind if you sell on a regular basis or if this is your first time selling, your items will be on display somewhere for at least 2 months.

### **Final Note**

I want to thank Ingrid for the fun bead/stone wrapping project in September. I need a pattern to follow or proportions get out of control, but the free form wrapping made me feel like an artist, if only for one night.

Hope to see you soon at a meeting!

Pat Reichert

[president@madisonbeadsociety.org](mailto:president@madisonbeadsociety.org)

Member [renewal form](#)



**Princess Ahmose Earring**