

Madison Bead Society

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President Letter – June 2018

It's summer!! Time to mow the lawn. Time to take a vacation. Time to plan Christmas presents? (if I want to get them done by Christmas, that's what I have to do.)

University Hospital Display

Another successful display! Wally reported that of 108 pieces collected, 35 sold for a total of \$1,117! That's nearly twice what we sold from our last 5 displays, with the exception of 2014. While sales from the display were successful, it's disappointing that NO ONE dropped off pieces at Meant to Bead from April 15-22. All of the pieces were collected at the April meeting and by extending the drop off time by 6 days. Each of the 10 members who submitted pieces sold at least one. The limit of 6 was suspend to collect enough for a decent display. A big thank you to participating members. We are on the regular schedule at the UW Hospital, each May, and we have the membership to provide a quality display. You can't lose by submitting a piece. What you think is "too simple" could be just what someone, who doesn't bead, is looking for.

Finally, if you have unsold pieces to collect, you can pick them up at Meant to Bead or contact Wally (wabrinkm@wisc.edu). Wally paid the 20% to the hospital so you will need to reimburse her a.s.a.p.

June 25th Meeting: Mark Kenoyer, UW Professor of Anthropology

Location: Pinney Library, 204 Cottage Grove Rd.; 6:30-8:30 p.m. (6:00 p.m. Board meeting)

I confess, I'm in a hurry to get this letter out so I can finish prepping for vacation. I will miss the June meeting so our VP will run the meeting. Dawn also booked the speaker, Mark Kenoyer, the George F. Dales and Barbara A. Dales Professor of Anthropology.

From his UW-Madison profile: "Dr. Kenoyer's research interests include the archaeology of early urbanism and state level society, ancient technology, ornaments, textiles, pottery, lithics and metallurgy. He also is involved in ethnoarchaeology, experimental archaeology, and a wide range of archaeometric techniques and quantitative methods. His geographic areas of interest include South Asia (particularly India and Pakistan, as well as Afghanistan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka), West Asia (Oman, UAE, Egypt), the Mediterranean (Greece and Italy), East Asia (China, Japan and Korea) and Southeast Asia."

Dr. Kenoyer is a founding member of the Madison Bead Society and has spoken to us before on different aspects of how beads fit into his research. At this time, I don't have a summary of his talk. A follow-up email will be sent with more information.

Upcoming meetings

The July meeting will be in Stoughton at Diakonos Designs (program to be determined). The September meeting will be in Sun Prairie at Meant to Bead (program details on the way). The August meeting location has not been determined yet.

Happy beading!

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