

Madison Bead Society

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President Letter – April/May 2018

Did you enjoy the Art Glass and Bead Show! Nice to see vendors I never get out to visit. I did a shift at the education station demonstrating triangle peyote and got some good tips from people who stopped to chat. Very nice.

Upcoming meetings

No meeting in May; the fourth Monday is Memorial Day. The June meeting will be at the Pinney Library (program to be determined). 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 to be determined). The August meeting location has not been determined yet.

Meanwhile, we do have a program for April, but first....

University Hospital Display

Please remember to bring your pieces to the April meeting or drop them off at [Meant to Bead](#) (110 Columbus St., Sun Prairie) between **April 15th and 22nd**.

Members may submit up to 6 pieces (we are asking for a mix of large pieces, such as necklaces, chunky bracelets, chunky earrings; and small pieces, such as earrings or simple bracelets).

Each item needs to be accompanied by a card (available at *Meant to Bead* or our March and April meetings), giving the artist's name, title or name of the piece, technique used, and the price (tax not included). If you do not want to sell a piece, write NFS next to the price (a value is required for all items for insurance purpose). Each item, plus card, needs to be in its own small plastic bag, and the small plastic bags need to be in a larger plastic bag. This permits the exhibitor to pick and choose items for the display. The exhibitor will have a nice variety to work with if we collect about 80 pieces. We will send an email if we have fewer than that and need more.

Wally Brinkmann will return all unsold items, as well as checks or cash for items sold, at the June 25th MBS meeting. Let her know if you need your items before that date. Any items not picked up at the June meeting will be available at *Meant to Bead* a couple days after the meeting. Wally will send a check to the Hospital's art fund amounting to 20% of all items sold. Artists who had items sold are required to reimburse her.

Email Wally if you have any questions (wabrinkm@wisc.edu).

April 23th Meeting: Spiral Stitch

Presenter: Teresa Schwerin

Location: Warner Park Community and Recreation Center (1625 Northport Dr.); 6:30-8:30 p.m. (6:00 p.m. Board meeting)

Supplies: 1 tube of 8/0 or 6/0 seed beads for inner core.
2 tubes of 8/0 or 6/0 of same or different color for outer spiral
Fireline (6lb is good) or Nymo

- 1 clasp of your choice
- size 10 or 13 beading needles (some will be available to purchase at the meeting)
- focal bead (optional)
- bead mat
- scissors

Teresa will teach the basics of spiral stitch and how to incorporate a focal bead. It's one of the basic stitches that you'll pick up quickly and is so versatile you'll find lots uses for it. If you need some inspiration, check out the pictures below. Until the next meeting....

Happy beading!

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