

Madison Bead Society

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President Letter – April 2017

Displays updates: Wally reports that 66 pieces were turned in from 11 artists. That was short of our goal of 80 but she says that will be enough to fill the display cases. Most of those pieces will carry over to the display at Pinney Library in May. You can still submit something to the Pinney Library display by bringing it to the April meeting. I want to thank Shannon at Meant to Bead and Meredith at Madison Bead Company for hosting our drop off boxes for the UW Hospital display.

Local bead stores: The Art Glass and Bead Show is great and I love seeing the same vendors and new vendors every year (and I always spend more than I plan), but that's just one weekend a year. I like buying patterns, discovering new beads, findings, and seed beads or Delicas in uncommon colors at AGBS. But I need our local bead stores for essentials, to fill in the gaps in a project, for classes, and for their expertise and honest opinions. Craft stores cannot provide everything we need for proper beading. So, buy local and get to know your friendly bead store.

April Meeting: Princess Ahmose Earrings (see picture on next page)

Location: Meant to Bead, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

[Don't forget MTB moved – now at 110 Columbus Street, Sun Prairie]

Instructor: Shannon Jambard

Shannon did not prepare a kit for this project, thinking people will want to bring their own beads. Of course, we are meeting in a bead store. 😊 If you don't want to make earrings, you can make a pendant.

Supplies: 2 medium (or 1 large) oval or circle metal base; crystal Rondells (size 2x1.5) or size 8 seed beads in 3 colors (at least 24 of color A, 32 of color B, and 40 of color C – more if you are using a larger oval/circle); 2 drop beads; accent beads (optional); earwires; thread (4 lb. Fireline or KO)

Tools: size 10 needle; scissors; bead mat

I'm really excited about learning this technique. I bought a bag of rings at AGBS a few years ago and now I can do something with them! They are thicker than the rings in the picture but I'm still excited. It looks like brick stitch with embellishment and I've seen similar pieces on Pinterest (I probably pinned some too).



March meeting recap: Lots of ideas for wrapping with wire flying around at that meeting ... and a lot of great books too. Here is a list of some that were shared:

Creative Wire Jewelry by Kathy Peterson

Build Your Own Wire Pendants by Kimberly Sciaraffa Berlin

Handcraft Wire Jewelry by Kimberly Sciaraffa Berlin

Weaving Freeform Wire Jewelry by Kaska Firor (Nancy has an extra copy)

Weave, Wrap, Coil - Creating Artisan Wire Jewelry by Jodi Bombardier

Woven Wire Jewelry by Linda Chandler and Christine Ritchey

Wire & Bead Celtic Jewelry by Linda Jones

The Missing Link by Cindy Wimmer

All Wired Up by Mark Lareau (good illustrations, good for beginners)

Happy beading!

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