

Madison Bead Society

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President Letter – February 2018

New Year!

So the new year hasn't started on the happiest note with news that Madison Bead Company is closing. We can hope that an enterprising bead aficionado will recognize this as an opportunity to fill a gap in the Madison beading community and step up to fill it. I think the only bead store left in the city of Madison is Tropic Jewel. It's been awhile since I've been there, but they don't carry specialty beads like superduos, Tilas, etc.

I'm encouraging you to bring something for show and tell during introductions at meetings. In addition, here's a question to answer when you introduce yourself: Where do you go to buy your beads? You could also share good and bad experiences if you like.

What did you do during our hiatus? With the up and down temperatures, I alternated between beading and knitting projects. Mastered a new knitting cast-on technique, knit a couple hats, made a few pairs of earrings, and an intricate bracelet featuring DiamonDuos that I had so much fun making I made two. What I *didn't* do is work on the peyote challenge I set for myself -- a bead calendar made up of 12 small squares with one image to represent each month. <sigh> I keep getting distracted by things I find in Pinterest.

Upcoming Opportunities for Members

Art Glass and Bead Show

We will have a table at the Art Glass and Bead Show, March 24 and 25. It is an informational table this year and would like some volunteers to help staff it. A separate email will go out with more details and you can reply to that email if you are interested in volunteering.

University Hospital Display

This May, MBS will again have a display at the UW Hospital. It is the 12th time we have displayed there. It is a chance for the society to reach out to potential new members and to give us an opportunity to sell. Detailed information and instructions will be included in our March and April newsletters.

February 26th Meeting: Herringbone Stitch with Superduos

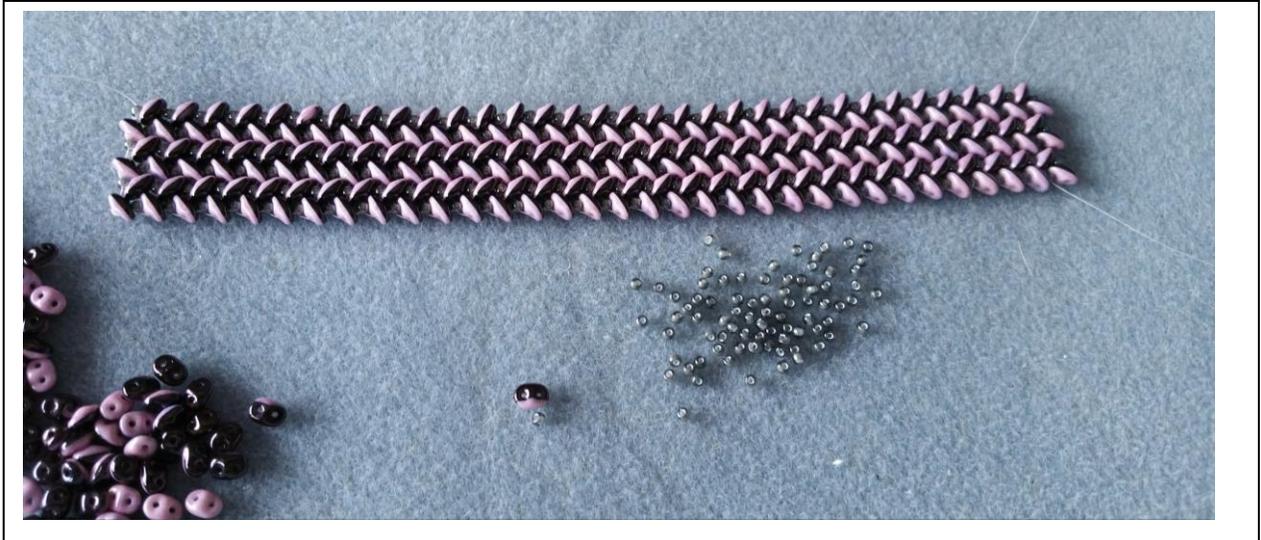
I found something in Pinterest and we have a program for February – images illustrating how to do the herringbone stitch with superduos.

Presenter: Pat Reichert

Supplies: approx. 10 grams of superduos (1 tube or 2 packets), size 10 or 11 seed beads (don't need a lot, 5 g would be plenty), 6lb Fireline (at least 3 yards), clasp of your choice (I like the sliding clasp with 3 loops for this bracelet), needle, and bead mat

[NOTE: I haven't tested the technique with Twin Beads; I'm sure it will work but you'll need more to make the same size bracelet since they are a little smaller than superduos.]

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



Until we meet again...

Happy beading!

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