

# Madison Bead Society

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## President Letter – September 2016

I wish more people attended the August meeting. The group was small, about 8 people, and everyone brought something interesting – a small purse made from watermelon seeds, a project found on Pinterest, 3D printed earrings, an impressive netted pendant, projects from classes which members took, a cool wire wrapped bracelet, (and I'm forgetting some, sorry about that). Such a good back and forth, I wanted to go home and bead.

2016-17 programming was discussed and we didn't have much trouble coming up with programs. There are 3 presenters we would love to bring in from outside Madison, one is famous for her chainmaille (hint, hint); two or three of our own members brought pieces to the August meeting that may turn into workshops, and speakers talking about beads from other countries.

### September 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Wire and Bead Netted Pendant

*Location:* Pinney Branch Library, 204 Cottage Grove Rd., 6:30-8:30

*Instructor:* Ingrid Stark

{*F.Y.I.* Early voting in Madison starts September 26<sup>th</sup> and you can vote at public libraries!}

A large stone bead wrapped in wire and smaller beads. Ingrid will show us how to make an interesting pendant out of odds and ends and leftover beads! **Materials:** 24 gauge wire (at least 24 inches), 18 gauge wire (at least 3 inches), large stone bead, small stone and/or glass beads. **Tools:** round nosed pliers, chain nosed pliers, flush cutters, tweezers and bead shovels, work tray/surface (a limited number of tools will be available but we're good at sharing ;). Ingrid will have coppers wire in both sizes and lots of beads; \$5 cost if you buy from Ingrid, none if you bring your own. [See pictures at the end of the letter.]

### October 24<sup>th</sup> and November 28<sup>th</sup> Meetings

BEAD SWAP in October! You never know what you're going to find at the Bead Swap. I don't have a location yet (the libraries we frequent were booked), so stay tuned

MEANT TO BEAD in November. Haven't finalized the project, but Shannon gave us *so* many great options it's hard to choose just one.

No meeting in December and January.

### University Hospital Display

It's back! 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.

We've also been invited to display at the Pinney Library again. Nothing is finalized but I would love to have the month before or after the UW Hospital display. Keep that in mind if you sell on a regular basis, your items will be on display somewhere for at least 2 months.

## Membership

MBS operates on a shoestring but that doesn't mean we don't need members. After a year of offering free memberships, our account is as low as it can go and still participate in the Art Glass and Bead Show, have a website, and offer you great presenters. The [renewal form](#) is on the website and I hope you will renew your membership and join us at a meeting this year.

Hope to see you soon at a meeting!

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### Wire and Bead Netted Pendant (2 angles)

The center stone is approx. 2" high and 1" thick.