



Madison Bead Society Newsletter

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There were too many front-page-worthy stories this issue so I made headlines of all of them! Enjoy the expanded newsletter and I look forward to seeing the bead challenge entries in August. Now back to working on my entry...

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2012 Bead Challenge

Entry forms are due by July 23rd and you can enter more than one category. We are asking for \$5.00 per entry and the money collected will go towards prizes. Entries will be judged at the August 27th meeting.

We've made a modification to the bead challenge rules. You can now enter a piece that you have already made, provided it was not made for a previous MBS bead challenge.

Please see the MBS Web site or the March newsletter for challenge categories and rules.

http://www.madisonbeadsociety.org/Bead_Challenge_2007_2008.php

July Meeting: Ear Wires and S Hooks

Date: July 23, 2012

When: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Meant to Bead in Sun Prairie
(moved over concerns the hammering might disturb library patrons)

Materials (Ear Wires): 20 gauge wire in sterling, gold filled, silver filled half hard wire, or permanently colored copper craft wire. 5-1/2 inches makes one pair of ear wires

Materials (S Hooks): 18 gauge wire in any of the above types or plain copper (3 inches makes a basic S hook)

Optional: 22 or 26 gauge wire of the same type for embellishments

Tools: Round nosed and chain nosed pliers, bench block (smooth or polished), ball peen hammer (polished), 400 and 600 wet/dry sandpaper

You will learn how to form wire into simple ear wires and S hook clasps, two of the most used findings. This class will focus on the simple forms with discussion and demonstration of possible embellishments.

August Meeting: Annual Meeting and Bead Challenge Judging

Date: August 27, 2012

NOTE: This is our Annual Meeting as required by our 501 C3 nonprofit status.

When: 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Oakwood Village West

Please bring your 2012 bead challenge entry, and everyone is encouraged to bring entries you have from past bead challenges. We are also asking members to bring a simple dish to pass (think dessert, snack, or appetizer).

There will be two displays, one for the 2012 bead challenge entries and one for entries from previous challenges. During the judging of the 2012 entries, we will have our business meeting, which will include the election of officers. If you would like to run for an elected office but cannot be present, please contact Gail Piper at 608-242-9282 or 608-516-2098 before the meeting.

While we are having our business meeting, the challenge entries will be judged. Challenge winners will be announced at the end of the meeting. Good luck to all who signed up for this year's challenge.

We will finish up the evening with refreshments and socializing. Utensils, plates, napkins, and soda will be provided.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Brief description of MBS officer and chair positions

- *President (Head Bead): Leadership and overall well-being of the society, write column for the newsletter
- *Vice President (Vice Bead): Back up president and check MBS email account
- *Treasurer (Trade Bead): Balance account, pay bills
- *Secretary (Write Bead): Take and type up minutes of meetings, distribute emails to membership (like the newsletter)
- *Show Chair: Organize annual show, coordinate vendors
- *Show Promotions Chair: Working with Show Chair, publicize the annual show
- *Membership Chair: Maintain membership list, send out renewal notices, mail membership cards to new and renewing members
- *Newsletter Editor: Gather news from officers and chairs for the newsletter, create pdf for posting to the Web site
- *Program Committee Chair: Take suggestions from members and officers for programs, coordinate presenters with places and dates
- *Web Goddess: Post information and newsletter to the Web site
- *Member-at-Large: Attend board meetings, comment and offer opinions

See By Laws, Article V: Officers and Article VI: Committees for more information

http://www.madisonbeadsociety.org/MBS_Business.php

Head Bead Column

by Gail Piper

Well, the 2012 Bead and Button show is history, and my journey to Milwaukee to experience that gathering of bead enthusiasts and vendors was really a lot of fun. Expensive, but fun.

I always try to search out things that are a bit unusual and perhaps not always what you find at our local bead stores. No discredit meant to our local store owners or their retail shops, but new things pop up that are not quite available everywhere right away, and that is what I was looking for.

One vendor had very pretty finished pieces made from real butterfly and moth wings as well as from orchid petals and real hydrangea flowers (all were set in resin – and no butterflies or moths were killed in the process). While my own creativity was not exactly sparked by his wares, I found them quite interesting and very lovely.

There was a noticeable increase in the amount of natural stringing materials for sale at the show, especially leather. There was also, of course, an increase in the numbers of large-holed beads to use with those materials. One item I did purchase was a tool called The Knotty Do-It-All, which is a device to help artists with their work with heavier threads and thin leatherwork. I should explain that the very first beads I ever purchased were to compliment my macramé work back in the 1970's. Once a macramé person, always a macramé person I suppose. The tool just spoke to me -- plus I am a gadget queen. You can take a look at the tool at www.theknottydoitall.net. I hope to get using it real soon.

I especially enjoyed meeting some of the authors of books I've seen or own. We do tend to raise them up on a pedestal in our minds and it's good to see they are just as human as the rest of us. I took one class, and it turns out the instructor, Cindy Holschlaw, has the website www.Beadorigami.com, which is full of interesting beaded beads and bead weaving. I had not made that connection prior to the show.

Now I'm looking forward to our annual meeting in August (at Oakwood West) and to seeing the challenge entries. I hope to see you there!

Membership Renewal News

In early August, I will be emailing the renewal forms for the 2012-2013 program year (September 1, 2012 to August 31, 2013). If you joined after March 1, 2012, your membership is good through August 31, 2013 and I will send you a reminder email. If I mail the newsletter to you, I will mail the renewal form to you or a note that you do not need to renew at this time. If you do not get an email or letter from me, contact me or an officer. The renewal deadline is September 15th. Membership dues have not changed; they are still \$25 for individuals and \$35 for families or businesses.

I will be out of town for a good part of August but I will be at the July meeting and the August meeting. You can renew at either of those meetings but if you mail your renewal between those meetings, please be patient. I will catch up on the mail before August 31st. Thank you.

Pat Reichert, Membership Chair

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2012 Schedule

July 23 @ Meant to Bead*** – Ingrid Stark, ear wires and S hooks

August 27 @ Oakwood Village West* -- Annual meeting, elections, bead challenge judging, and dessert to share

September 24

October 22

November 17 & 18 MBS show at Alliant Energy Center Exhibition Hall

November 26

December (no meeting)

(\$) – There is a fee for this workshop

*** Meant to Bead is at 1264 W. Main St., Sun Prairie.

MBS Annual Show: Vendor News

The Madison Bead Society's annual show and sale, which moved to the Alliant Energy Center last year, is November 17 & 18 -- only four months away.

Vendor applications are now available, contact Ingrid Stark at 608-249-8795.

Table fees have gone up \$10 this year. For members, a table is \$120 or shared table \$70; non-members will pay \$140 or \$80. All collected fees go toward renting the room and advertising.

Question of the Month: June Answers and Next Question

The June question was: *What is your favorite beading technique?* ("beading technique" includes anything we've done in a workshop)

And here's what you told me: Peyote (4 responses), weaving, wirework (4), wire wrap (2), brick stitch, chain maille (2), stringing, bead embroidery

The question for July is: *Did you attend the 2012 Art Glass and Bead Show, 2012 Bead and Button Show, or both?*

Thanks for participating.

Pat Reichert, Editor

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204 Cottage Grove Rd.
Madison, WI 53716
<http://www.madisonpubliclibrary.org/pinney>

*Oak Wood Village West

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Heritage Oaks Building

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