

Madison Bead Society Newsletter

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Beads of Hope – May 15th

Bring a friend and make lanyards for *Beads of Hope* (no charge to make them) on May 15th at Meant to Bead from noon to 4 p.m. Proceeds from sale of the lanyards will be used to continue creating high end bracelets (and hope) for children with cancer. Plus the additional proceeds help out UW Comprehensive Cancer Center children's wing. Contact Meant to bead with further questions. 608-837-5900.

WANTED: Restaurant suggestions for the Annual Meeting on July 25th. Centrally located, a separate meeting room, and separate checks a must. Email Shannon at BeadyShannon@frontier.com. Thank you.

Next Meeting: Be De Fu!

Date: May 23, 2011

When: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Midnight Moon and Diakonos

Designs, Stoughton (start meeting at Midnight Moon, 184 W. Main St., Stoughton)

Cost: \$25.00

Please join us in Stoughton for Be De Fu! The fee covers the beads pictured to the left and you will have roughly 2 hours to make something. Bring any beads and findings that you would like to use in addition to the kit. You are welcome to buy any additional beads if you want to. They have lots of tools that you are welcome to use; feel free to bring your own if you wish.

The focal bead is a striking Raku fired bead from Greece accompanied by an enticing assortment of complimentary beads which include teal blues and copper colors. Other beads in the kit include oxidized copper, beach glass, seed beads, fresh water pearls, Swarovski crystal and Czech glass.

Prizes are awarded and feel free to bead upstairs at Diakonos Designs with Becky, Ed, & Kathy or at Midnight Moon with John & Lynn (or go back and forth). A cheese tray and other refreshments provided or feel free to bring in something if you want to.

Komen Madison Race for the Cure – Sat. June 4th – (www.komenmadison.com)

It's their 14th annual Race for the Cure 5K run or walk to benefit breast cancer research. If you can't make the race, MBS still has "Got Bead?" pink totes for sale (\$30.00) -- \$10.00 from each sale goes to Komen.

MBS is now on Facebook!!

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sfm=1#!/pages/Madison-Bead-Society/146773198696019>

2011 Schedule

May 23

Midnight Moon
(Stoughton) -- TBA

June 4-12

Bead & Button Show
(Milwaukee)

June 27

Oakwood Village West --
Cabachons

July 25

To Be Announced – Annual
Meeting

August 22

Oakwood Village West –
Bead Swap

September

UW Hospital display

September 26

TBA

October 24

TBA

November 19 & 20

MBS Fine Art Show and
Sale

November 28

TBA

December (no meeting)

2011 Bead Challenge: From Jewelry to Object de Art!

Got an old necklace, bracelet, broach, or earrings you don't wear anymore? Use them in this year's challenge! The rules are simple:

- 1) You must use at least 75% of the original piece (more is better!)
- 2) You can add whatever you want
- 3) The finished piece cannot be jewelry.

Make something functional, a display piece, or something wearable (hat, shoe, belt) – as long as it's not jewelry.

Finished pieces will be judged at the annual meeting in July (location to be determined). A "before" picture would be great! Don't have any "junk" jewelry to use? No problem! Ingrid has offered to bring in some of her stash to share – Just come to the May meeting to pick something out!

President's Column

I can't believe it's May! I just wish it was warmer and the gas prices were less. [Editor's note: This was submitted before the 80+ degree days. Half of Carla's wish was granted!] I am looking forward to this month's meeting. I had so much fun last year doing the Be De Fu I can't wait for it to stimulate my creative juices.

We are the featured Bead Society of the month on the SoftFlex website http://www.softflexcompany.com/WSWrapper.jsp?mypage=spotlightgroup_May11.html. Please take a look. It's so exciting!

Thanks,
Carla Stemmer, The Head Bead

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