



Madison Bead Society Newsletter

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2010 Bead Challenge Rules

Twenty-three packets have been assembled with a focal bead, some seed beads, and some intermediary beads (larger than seed beads, smaller than the focal bead). The challenge is to pick a bag at random, without seeing what's inside (the supplies are in brown paper bags), and make a piece of jewelry or wearable art from the contents. There is a \$1.00 participation fee for the challenge.

Rule #1: You must use a focal bead (some packets have more than one)

Rule #2: You do not have to use *all* of the beads but the finished project must consist of 75% of the beads from the packet, including the focal bead

Rule #3: You can add more beads, up to 25% of the finished project

Rule #4: Findings and non-bead components do not count in the percentages

Packets will be available at the January, February, March, and April meetings. You may swap your packet *only once* for an unclaimed packet or between two members. You *must* swap the entire packet. You may *not* swap elements from one or more packets. "Before" pictures have been taken of each packet so the judges will know what we had to work with. If you cannot attend one of these meetings and would still like to participate, contact Pat Reichert (345-3166) to make arrangements to pick up a packet. Judging will take place during the May meeting.

February: February 22, 2010

When: 6:30p.m. —8:30 p.m.

Where: Pinney Library

Program: Wire Woven Pendants by Robin Delyea from Fat Cat Beads. Kits will be available at the meeting.

Tools necessary: Round nose pliers, Chain nose pliers, wire cutter, hammer and anvil or bench block (a few will be available to share.

Wire only (if you bring your own assortment of beads) \$1.50

In the kits, you will receive 18" of 18g artistic wire (possibly enough for 2 pendants), and 3 feet of 24g artistic wire

Beads and wire \$6.00

If you bring your own beads: what works best is a variety of sizes and colors, (from seed beads up to 8mm) the larger ones should not be too wide because they will all be in rows as the picture shows. Make sure you have some very small beads, seed beads will work well as fillers. Have several types of beads and enough of each so you have some choices. The amount of beads you need depends on the size of the pendant you make!



March Meeting -March 22, 2010

Sue Ripsch will be teaching a chain mail bracelet

Sue will bring kits that will contain all the supplies need for the project. Cost \$45

Bring 2 chain nose pliers or a combo of chain nose and flat nose

**Mark your Calendar 2009
2010**

March 27-28:

Art Glass & Bead Show

June 6-13:

Bead and Button , Milwaukee

The Loose Bead Society of Greater Milwaukee announces their 2010 spring retreat, "Beauty and the Beadist." It's March 12-14 at the Radisson Hotel Racine. Visit www.loosebeadsociety.org for more information

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