

Our Mission

The object of this Society shall be to further the art of beading in a noncompetitive atmosphere; to promote and encourage bead working and other related beading and jewelry making; to organize for the advancement of education and social connection of our members.

Our History

Started by a group of mid-coast and Augusta beaders, the Maine Bead Society (MBS) has grown to include folks from all over the state with a shared love of and a variety of interests in beads. With abilities ranging from novice to highly-experienced, we have stitchers, stringers, wire workers, embroiderers, and others. We would love to have you bring your love of beads and join us as we create a statewide organization to foster and encourage the art of beadwork.

Membership Benefits

- Networking with other beaders
- Monthly meetings that include show and tell, information sharing, and a project or presentation
- Opportunity to learn from one another
- Exchange of ideas and experiences with fellow members
- Special annual project
- News of upcoming events locally and nationally through monthly meetings, Facebook page, and newsletters
- Members only Facebook group for exchanging ideas, feedback and assistance with your projects
- Design inspiration

Monthly Meetings

Please be our guest at our next meeting. For a schedule of meetings, visit our Facebook page: <https://www.Facebook.com/MaineBeadSociety>

Following a brief update on the organization and our activities, we offer members a chance to share their beadwork or beadwork-related information in a “show and tell” session. We then embark on the educational program lasting approximately 1.5 hours.

Topics are presented in both lecture and hands-on format. Past meetings have included sessions on color selection, design, bead embroidery, photographing your beads and wire wrapping techniques.

For programs conducted by an outside teacher, there may be an additional fee. However, if the program is not one of interest, you can bring your own bead project and work alongside those who do that month’s program.

What To Bring

Your joy of beading, program ideas, latest project, beading supplies such as board/mat, light, needles, thread, beads, and any other supplies for the Project of the Month.

You are welcome to bring a lunch.

Yearly Dues

The annual membership fee is \$25, to be payable at time of application. Membership renewal occurs each October. You are welcome to attend a meeting prior to joining as our guest.

Additional Activities

- Workshops presented by local and national instructors
- Shared space at selling venues
- Tours to beading related businesses
- Bead retreats

Opportunities to Participate

Conduct a Monthly Program: Share your expertise with others.

Plan a Bead-Related Event: Want to go to a bead show, workshop or retreat? Create an event for the membership so others can go with you.

Executive Board: Our board consists of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer elected for two-year terms.

Finance Committee: The treasurer and two additional members.

Program Committee: Each year the Program Committee solicits ideas and suggestions from the membership for the following year’s programs.

Nominating Committee: Every two years the nominating committee puts forth names for election to Executive Board.

Communications Committee: Responsible for Facebook page, any published documentation.

Special Committees: Created as necessary to fulfill a specific need.

Contact Information

mainebeadsociety@gmail.com

<https://www.Facebook.com/MaineBeadSociety/>

Membership Request Form

Complete this form and mail to:

Diane Hastings
10 Sewall St
Augusta, ME 04330

Email: mainebeadsociety@gmail.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____

Email: _____

How you like to be addressed: _____

Facebook account: _____

Birthday: _____

Your name and address information will be included in the annual MBS membership directory distributed to active MBS members only. Please indicate any information you do not want published. Membership is open to adults interested in the art of beading. Responsibilities of membership include application, payment of dues, acceptance of the Society bylaws, and agreement to be supportive of MBS members.

Gallery



If you love beads and all things bead related, come join us. We are a social club whose purpose is to elevate the art of beadwork for each of our members as well as in the state of Maine.

All adults are welcome.



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