

General Info

Open beading will start at 11am on Friday, May 3rd. When you arrive, check-in at the registration table to receive your badge/name-tag. (Reminder: As a courtesy to all attendees, please refrain from using any “stinky” materials in the room.)

Hotel check-in is at 3pm. Checkout is at 11am. As a reminder, the address for the Best Western – Plover is 5253 Harding Avenue, Plover, Wisconsin 54467-9715.

Classes

All classes (EXCEPT for the Member to Member projects) will be held at A Touch of Glass.

The address is 8907 State Hwy 54, Amherst, WI. It's within a 10-12 minute drive from the hotel. Please make sure you plan to arrive there at least 15 minutes before your class begins. You may also want to carpool with other members taking the class – we'll provide a list of class attendees at the registration table during the retreat to help with this. Your instructor is also being provided your name and email address, so you may receive an email from them prior to the retreat.

Details/timing for the Member to Member classes and the Copper Bracelet Make n Take will follow after the survey results are tallied. If you plan to take any of them, please visit this page on our website, which details what supplies/items you will need to bring in order to complete the project. <https://loosebeadsociety.org/index.php/retreat-2024-make-and-takes/>. (Note that the spiral stitch bracelet supplies will be listed on the page within a few days.)

Food

All meals are on your own. I'm attaching a pdf file with maps and a listing of area restaurants so you can check out your options in advance. These will also be printed and you'll get a copy when you check in for the retreat. We can have food and beverages in the Open Beading room and we'll have our usual “shared snack” table for any snacks you want to bring along to share.

The hotel offers a complimentary full breakfast, with a choice of breads, cereal, fruit, hot eggs, hot breakfast meat, other hot items, yogurt, juice, and coffee. Rooms have a mini fridge, coffee/tea maker and a microwave.

Shopping

A Touch of Glass Hours shopping hours through the weekend:

Friday – 11am to 4pm (Reception 6-8pm)

Saturday – 12pm to 5pm

Sunday – 10am to 2pm

If you want to check out any of the other area bead or rock shops, you should plan to do so on Friday or Saturday, as they are all closed on Sunday.

Blue Bead & Rock Shop - 1043 Main Street Stevens Point, WI 54481, 15-20 minutes from hotel

Hours: Friday, 11am-6pm, Saturday 10am-5pm. <http://www.blue-bead.com/>

Stoned & Wired Bead Shop - 221 Scott St. Wausau, WI 54403, 45 minutes from hotel

Hours: 11am-5pm Friday and Saturday. <http://www.stonedandwiredllc.com/>

Lunar Light Awakening/Bill's Moonstones and Crystals - 325 N. 1st St. Wausau, WI 54403, 50 minutes from hotel

Hours: 11am-6pm Friday and Saturday.

Prairie Flower Beads - 210 W. Cook St. Portage, WI 53901, 1 hour from hotel

Hours: 10am-4pm Friday and Saturday.