

MARTHA WASHINGTON BUTTON CLUB

2026 MEETING PROGRAMS

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Meetings are on the second Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. in Fairfax, Virginia. Please note that meeting dates and programs are subject to change. If you would like to attend a meeting, please contact us at mwbuttonclub@gmail.com

JANUARY 10 - KALEIDOSCOPES

Susan D. will talk about Division I Kaleidoscope Buttons. These beautiful old glass buttons are made of a molded transparent glass cap with a flat back and painted design. Kaleidoscope buttons often live up to their name with a bright and varied array of colors. The glass tops are glued to a metal plate nearly as large as the top. Handle your kaleidoscopes carefully as the bases often come unglued.

FEBRUARY 14 – POKE BOX EVENT

The family of a former WMBC member generously donated the remnants of her button collection. The buttons will be for sale to members with all proceeds were added to the MWBC coffers.

MARCH 14 – PREVIEW OF NBS ANTIQUE BUTTON VIDEO

Narrated and annotated by one of MWBC's esteemed experts, Sheila B. This NBS resource is an asset to use in a quest to share button collecting with the Greater Washington area and seek new members.

APRIL 11 – CLUB COMPETITION TRAY REVIEW and PROGRAM TBD

Tray review/ comment for May competition – bring your working trays and back-up buttons for peer input and identify strategies to optimize points.

MAY 9 – CLUB COMPETITION TRAY JUDGING

Our competition for this year is Pictorial Summary in Black Glass, Sections 17-20, 20 buttons, 15 evenly distributed and 5 free choice. Size/ age does not matter. Join us as we show off our best buttons.

JUNE 14 – ASSEMBLING AN ANIMAL COMPETITION TRAY

K. Reider

JULY 11 – BUTTON BRACELET

Ginny D. will lead the group through three options for making bracelets with your buttons. A terrific way to use up some of those “non-collectible” buttons (is there such a thing?). Even the most uncrafter among us should find these bracelets easy-peasy to make. Members will receive a materials list in advance of the meeting.

NATIONAL BUTTON SOCIETY ANNUAL CONVENTION – JULY 25 – AUGUST 1

Are you ready for the Ultimate Button Adventure? It's time for the National Button Society Annual Convention in Manchester, NH. For more information visit the National Button Society Website <https://members.nationalbuttonociety.org>

AUGUST 8 – CULPEPER DAY

Let's meet in Culpeper for lunch and button chat. After lunch, take a stroll through downtown Culpeper and hunt for buttons in the antique mall.

SEPTEMBER 12 - TALES FROM THE NATIONAL BUTTON SOCIETY CONVENTION

We are excited to hear from our members who were fortunate enough to attend the National Button Society Convention this year. We will hear tales of travel snafus and snoring roommates, winning trays and measles mishaps, and new button acquisitions.

OCTOBER 10 – BUTTON STORIES II

Picture button motifs reflect the current fascinations and obsessions of society. Buttons depict images from popular operas and plays, ancient myths and cultures, historical landmarks, all manner of flora and fauna, current events, children's stories, nursery rhymes, and more. How much do you really know about the stories behind those images?

NOVEMBER 14 - CRABS

A Marylander for over 50 years, Mary B. has a passion for collecting crabs. Join us to hear Mary's talk about crabs and crabbing. She will show her extensive collection of crab buttons while sharing tips on assembling a subject matter tray.

DECEMBER 12 - HOLIDAY PARTY

Join us for our annual holiday party! Enjoy the delicious potluck food and our crazy fun button gift exchange.