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Untitled

Well, I'm fairly new to the "art" of jewelry making. (I've only been doing it for a year), I started doing it because I have grandchildren I send gifts to, and usually I'd buy items from other prisoners. Now that I have, many, grandchildren, I decided that it would be much more practical for me to find some kind of art work I could do myself, and also would be pleasing to a young child. As I became more interested in what I was doing, which is to say my mind and heart moved beyond just making gifts for my loved one, I began to work with wood beads, and, for me, each bead requires a certain consideration that's more than dying or painting. I consider wood bead painting, in itself, to be creative art; but there is also the making it into jewelry. I do bead work with other kinds of bead, however, when I take a plain wood bead and decorate it, it then become a work of my own design, so I hope that, you, too, see the "art" in it.