



February 2020

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the January Bead-in! Our next meeting is February 22nd at 10:00am. We will be hosting another bead-in. Please bring your bead challenge projects or other works in progress.

If you would still like to participate in March's Bead Challenge but haven't been able to attend a recent meeting, let the programs team know. You can contact us at rmbs.programs@gmail.com. We would be happy to draw a color pallet for you!

Fordite

Have you ever heard of Fordite or Motor Agate? It has become an intriguing type of cabochon for me. It's some times hard to find and that which exists today is all that will ever be.

Years ago cars were spray painted and then baked to set the paint. The over spray called slag would build up on the floors, walls and rails that the cars moved on. Layers after layer, color after color would build up and would have to be removed to eliminate weight on the equipment.

Artistic minded workers thought to save this this attractive sludge and found that it could be cut, shaped and polished into items for jewelry making. If you have a chance to buy one of these pieces you you are buying a piece of history because cars are no longer painted in this manner. Cars are now electroplated so no Fordite is created. The burgundy piece is from a Ford factory and the other two are from a Nissan factory.



Update from the Board

Your RMBS board had a very productive meeting this month. We are pleased to report that great things are happening! Here are the highlights.

JoAnn Patterson Lavelly presented a detailed proposal for an independently funded Scholarship Fund, which was approved by the board. Look for more details about that from JoAnn in next month's newsletter!

The board voted to join the Element3Health network of clubs. Element3 matches seniors in their participating healthcare plans with clubs that engage their passions. Their goal is to combat social isolation as that can be a contributing factor to poor health outcomes. The bottom line for RMBS is: More potential new members! Yay! What can you do to help? Be friendly and helpful to any new members. Go out of your way to make them feel welcome! The more members we have, the more we can do!

We got four volunteers each for the Store Room committee and the Revenue committee. Those teams are as follows: Store Room: Pat Lucero, Mique Valdivia, Marcia McGilley and Jill Aronson. Revenue: Bertha Adamson, Terry Evans, Helen Littlejohn and JoAnn Patterson Lavelly. Thank you volunteers!

The board voted to allow bead bucks to pay for up to 25% of any class for the remainder of 2020. Unused bead bucks may be donated to the scholarship fund (if requested - bead bucks must be turned in for this purpose).

The board voted to charge members the actual cost of classes in 2020. Non-members will be charged more. Our goal is to subsidize class costs as much as possible in the future, as our finances allow. RMBS classes will continue to be a tremendous bargain compared to other venues where students are significantly upcharged by the conference or venue.

Diane Roybal and Diane Markt volunteered to create new member welcome kits which will contain valuable information about RMBS and about getting started in beading.

Coming soon: Call for instructors for the 2020 Bead Sampler! Start working on your proposals!

Coming soon: Ability to donate money either to RMBS or to the RMBS Scholarship Fund directly on our website!

Meet the Board

Diane Kremer – President



Personal	*Mom to 23-year-old daughter *Wife to nerdy husband (Jim)
Background	*Engineering & MBA degrees *Worked in high-tech for 20 years
Current	*Full-time jewelry business *Year-round schedule of classes, studio tours and art shows
Favorite Medium	*Polymer clay

Katlin Landers – Vice-President/Programs



- Personal
 - *Fur baby mom (2 kitties and a puppy)
 - *Nerdy wife to super supportive husband (August)
- Background
 - *Biochemical Engineer
- Current
 - *Senior engineer at a motion capture company
 - *Pole dancer
 - *Artist
- Favorite Medium
 - *All of the beads
 - *Sometimes paint as well

Helen Littlejohn – Secretary



- Personal
 - *Mom of 1 son, grandmother of 2
- Background
 - *Retired educator, caretaker
 - *Traveled world with military brat...Denver since 1969
- Current
 - *Federal sector work 35+ years
 - *Art show curator, art collector
 - *Jewelry designer
 - *Flea market regular, bead hoarder

Favorite medium *Mixed media including paint, beads, bangles and found objects

Patricia Murray – Treasurer

Personal *Married with 1 daughter
*Denver metro area since 1966
Background *20 years in insurance
*7 years doing taxes for H&R Block
Current *Back to work doing taxes
*RMBS member for 15 years hoping for 15+ more
Favorite Media *All kinds of beads and cabochons
*Other crafty interests including sewing, needlepoint and crewel

Non-voting Board Members

Diane Markt – Website



Personal *Born and raised in the Bay area of California
*Relocated to CO in 2007
*Lives in Mead with husband Michael (26 years) and my Golden Retrievers, Nicky & Nora
Background *CAT Scan/X-ray tech for 5 years
*10 years traveling the US implementing computer systems in X-ray departments
*15 years in IT Customer Support Management
Current *Sells jewelry as DiVa Beadwork on ETSY and at SugarMill Vintage Depot in Mead
*I've had my pieces included multiple times in Stringing magazine
Favorite Media *Mixed techniques & materials to make unique jewelry pieces

Diane Roybal – Membership

Personal *Married 42 years this April
*Proud Mom to a son and two daughters as well as two grand children

Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *My twin daughters were born on my birthday *Native of CO *20 years as a media buyer/planner in advertising *2008 – retrained as a Pharmacy Technician and spent 7 years at Presbyterian/St. Lukes in the in-house pharmacy
Current	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Trying to learn bead embroidery techniques *Interested in all aspects of beadwork
Favorite Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *My first loves were sewing and knitting *Mixed media

Jo Ann Patterson-Lavelly – Newsletter, Scholarship



Personal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Married to a very supportive husband (Bob) *Adult twin daughters, three step-daughters and 3 grand-children
Background	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Retired school librarian. The last 8 years as the Director of Libraries for Douglas County Schools *BS Vocational Home Economics, MA Library Science *Teaching certificate from the National Standards Council of American Embroiders (group no longer exists)
Current	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Have taught embroidery, bead embroidery, and quilting *Volunteer at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science in the Conservation Dept. *Volunteer with Denver Hospice *Taking care of my 93 year old Mom
Favorite Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *All types of fabric and beads

Member Meeting Minutes Jan. 25, 2020 RMBS

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am at the Spirit of Hope Church.

Diane Kremer welcomed new members and introduced the new board, both voting and non-voting. She presented the agenda (attached) including financials, and the option of a new budget that outlines what would happen without some changes in how we do business. She noted that we have to establish a new financial normal that will reduce costs while continuing to provide the fabulous programs our members deserve. She also presented the slides which outline proposed changes to class subsidies due to our drastically cut income.

Katlin Nolte presented the updated calendar for programming which has changes including a Saturday meeting for September due to unavailability of a speaker. Other updates include changing the Destash from May to September with Elaine speaking in May.

A suggestion was made to include board contact information in every newsletter, which was accepted.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am and was followed by a membership bead-in.

Class Schedule for 2020

MONTH	DATES	PROGRAM
January	25th Saturday	Bead-in
February	22nd Saturday	Bead-in
March	28th Saturday	Bead Challenge
April	23-26th Thursday-Sunday	Gail Crosman Moore
May	30th Saturday	Elaine Teevens
June	25th Thursday	Marie Yellowhawk
July	25-26th Saturday and Sunday	Sampler
August	27-30th Thursday-Sunday	Laura McCabe
September	26th Saturday	Destash
October	22-25th Thursday-Sunday	Susan Gardner
November	21st (weekend before Thanksgiving) Saturday	Dessert Luck / Project Exchange

If you have any questions, feel free to email rmb.programs@gmail.com

