



August 2020

The next meeting is August 27th at 6:30. Please join us.

Update from the Storeroom Committee

We are pleased to report that we have taken a complete inventory of the storage room, so now we know exactly what we have and how much of it. We will keep what we need to run meetings and classes, purge items that we no longer need and organize the rest. If you have loaned anything to RMBS that may be in the Storeroom please notify rmbsinfo251@gmail.com ASAP. We don't want to accidentally sell or give away anything that belongs to you! Some items will make great member prizes, others will be given away or sold to members. Unfortunately this part will have to wait until after the pandemic, but hey - it's one more thing to look forward to when things return to normal!

Programs Update:

We are excited for another virtual meeting August 27th at 6:30pm. It's going to be filled with fabulous content, so don't miss it!

- The programs team will talk about the upcoming Bead Challenge! Please keep an eye on Facebook for further information about the Bead Challenge prior to the meeting. Registration will be available after the monthly meeting.
- Diane Kremer will present our financial results from the first half of 2020.
- The Board will provide an update on the move to the new church.
- Diane Kremer, Terry Evans and Diane Markt will have a presentation on "How to Sell Your Jewelry". The trio says "We are not experts but we are happy to share what we have learned over the last several years of selling our jewelry at craft shows, online, and in other venues as well."
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If you haven't done so already, please join our Facebook group! This is a great place for us to stay in touch with one another and share your work. We will be posting the RMBS events here as well.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/rockybeads>

This month we were suppose to have Laura McCabe teach for the Bead Society. Unfortunately due to Covid-19 we've had to postpone this event. However, Laura is one of the many amazing bead artists venturing into

virtual classes. Take a look at her new YouTube page for mini tutorials and more information on her virtual classes.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCyVACSn5cyfsS5nhiJHrCDw>

Beadwork Submission Request:

The Museum of Beadwork is announcing the official extension of the Beaded Square Project to March 19th, 2021. This date, the one year anniversary of the first US shelter in place decree, will mark an entire year of change to ourselves, and to our communities both local and global due to Covid-19.

The virus first started in key hotspots and spread with varying degrees of notice and acceptance into other places. Now, the entire world is grappling with it, which makes this project more poignant as the situation continues. The one year mark helps this project with a distinct end point rather than an arbitrary date. It is one year since we started this. It is a measure of time. Where we will be then is a mystery, but we will all need to look back and take stock of what this year has meant.

We want this project to be open to whatever it needs to be for people: grief, struggle, hope, relief, anxiety, beauty... all of it. The politics that have surfaced should also have a place in this project if people feel so inclined. The point of this project has always been to create together while sheltering separately something that signifies our experiences in this bizarre time. Every experience is valid and we want you to share them.

We are also hoping that by extending the project through the winter we can offer a creative outlet for those feeling isolated by public safety measures. We may be separated, but we are not alone. Be safe, be well, and bead on.

<https://www.museumofbeadwork.org/pages/beaded-square-project>

Donations

There is a new page on the RMBS website [RockyBeads.org](https://www.rockybeads.org)! It is called "Donations". From this page you can use your credit card to make one-time donations to the Rocky Mountain Bead Society general fund OR to the RMBS Scholarship fund. These donations are not tax-deductible, unfortunately, because we are a 501(c)(4) non-profit which is a civic organization (as opposed to a 501(c)(3) which is a charity). Now that we no longer have Bead Bazaar income we will be relying on contributions from generous members who can afford to give a little more. This will help us keep delivering fabulous programs

for all of our members for years to come! Please consider donating as you are able.

Round Robin

Jo Ann Patterson introduced an opportunity for participation in a Round Robin event at the last regular meeting. You are invited to join a group of six participants. When we have 6 people I will schedule a zoom meeting where we will choose a doll form and begin the process. This is great fun and such a surprise at the end when your doll is finished. If the group doesn't want to do a doll we can consider a different format. For this first round I can make the doll forms for you because I know some people don't sew. If more than six people are wanting to participate we can create more than one group.



Bead Embroidery Round Robin Guidelines

A round robin (RR) is a small group activity, usually six people. They join a team and a mailing list is created. You complete your part of the doll or object then

pass it on to the next person on the list. The finished doll circles back to its original owner.

Each new RR will have different criteria with a name or theme, doll size, number of participants and time allotted to each doll. Your expense will be the postage and beads (hopefully from your stash).

Instructions

To indicate your commitment email the moderator (this first time it's JoAnn Patterson) with your name, address, email, and phone or cell number.

JoAnn's email is jopattlively@gmail.com

Once the group is formed (usually 6 beaders) a message will be sent to the group.

1. The moderator will create a mailing list. You should print it out and put it in the dolls journal.
2. A journal should accompany your doll. It can be as simple as a few sheet of paper, one page for each participant to write on. Or an elaborate journal of your choice. Please keep in mind that weight is important and it affects mailing costs.
3. Please make a note in the front of the journal stating any preferences such as colors, etc. as a guide to those working on your doll and all should adhere as closely as possible to your requests as well as the theme.
4. Create your stuffed doll form. The form can be handmade or purchased. The size will be designated by the moderator or the group. If the doll is to large it will be returned to its owner at the beginning. Or it will be returned at the end with some spaces not beaded. This ensures that each beader does a similar amount of beading on each doll.
5. Usually each beader adds a face to their doll before mailing it to the person whose name appears below yours. That is the person to whom you will send the dolls each time you complete a section.
6. Do your best work using good strong thread that matches as closely as possible the beads. Use good quality beads and addendum. Avoid plastic beads unless you have written permission from the dolls owner. ***Please be certain not to have poor workmanship, loose threads, beads hanging loose or not adhering to the guidelines.
7. **Please do not use glue, unless it is to add a cabachon or feature bead that does not have a hole for sewing.**
8. Mail or hand deliver the doll that you have worked on to the person whose name appears in the list below yours. Since we are all local it's your choice of delivery method. If you are mailing the doll be sure to package it carefully and include the journal. Be sure to get a tracking number from the post

office. Post to the moderator that number and the date mailed, and which doll you mailed.

9. If you have completed your share of beading and wish to mail a doll to. The next person early, provided that person is ready to receive you may do so. However, they are entitled to keep this doll until the next change over time. This should only happen if there is a good reason because it can cause stress if a person feels over loaded with two dolls in their possession.

If you have any problems please contact the moderator. If you have to drop out contact the moderator. Good communication is essential. Doll patterns are available from JoAnn .

Congratulations

Rita Caldwell received 1st place in the Whoooo'll Bead for Owls competition on August 1st. She read about the contest in the RMBS newsletter. Rita says "I won \$1000. It pays to enter those competitions!"

