



November 2020

### **November Membership Meeting**

Our meeting this month will take place on November 12th at 6:30pm. This will be the last membership meeting of the year.

- We will start the meeting with a walk-through of how to sign up for the King Soopers Community Rewards Program. If you have been struggling to do this you can sign up live during the meeting as Diane shows you step by step how to do it! Have a computer, tablet or smartphone ready!
- Afterwards Katlin will announce the winners of the “Use the Muse” bead challenge. Then we will ask the winners to show us their winning pieces! Lastly we will open the floor for the remainder of the meeting to allow additional contestants to show their work, if desired.

### **January Membership Meeting**

Our first meeting of 2021 will be January 28th at 6:30pm. We will be switching from GoToMeeting to Zoom in 2021, due to popular request.

### **Happy Holidays from the President**

It has been one heck of a year. Some good, a lot of bad, and way too much ugly. As we enter the holiday season let’s try to remember what we are grateful for and reflect on our hopes for the new year.

I am grateful for the Rocky Mountain Bead Society. The learning I enjoyed and the friendships I made over the years have brought me much personal growth and joy. I am grateful that I had the opportunity to serve RMBS as board president this year, giving back a tiny bit of what I have received. I am grateful to all of the members who stepped up to committee or board roles in 2020 and 2021. In particular I want to thank our board members, Patricia Murray, Helen Littlejohn, Katlin Landers, Jo Ann Patterson, Diane Roybal, Diane Markt, Carrie Tahquechi, Joanna Moreno and Jill Arnson.

I am grateful that we managed to keep RMBS going during this crazy year. Thank you Programs Committee for jumping into cyberspace with both feet! I am so grateful for all of your efforts. Thank you Storage Room

Committee for tirelessly taking inventory, packing and moving all of our belongings to our new home. Thank you to everyone who donated money or bead bucks to the RMBS scholarship fund. And thank you to all of our members who stuck with us during the 2020 upheaval - those who participated in our Facebook chats, joined our various bead challenges, and everyone who attended our virtual membership meetings.

I hope that the new year brings a swift end to the pandemic. I hope that we are able to enjoy some fun in person activities before 2021 ends. And I hope that we are able to grow RMBS in 2021 since that is the surest way to guarantee the solvency and vibrancy of RMBS for years to come. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and a blessed new year. - Diane Kremer

## **Free Money!**

If every member of RMBS signed up for this program it would likely cover our rent at Spirit of Hope! What program? RMBS is now officially enrolled in the King Soopers Community Rewards program. What does this mean? Every quarter King Soopers donates \$2.5M to charity, and we get a slice of that pie. How big a slice depends on how much we collectively spend at King Soopers.

You do not have to be a member of RMBS for your shopping to help us. Please pass this information along to your children, relatives, friends, neighbors...They only have to sign up once and then all of their shopping counts towards our reward too. Follow the instructions here to sign up today. <https://rockybeads.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/FREE-MONEY-FOR-RMBS-1.pdf>. If you have any trouble be sure to join our next membership meeting. Diane will walk us through the sign up process. **This is the first item on the agenda, so don't be late!**

## **Programs**

First, thank you to everyone who participated in the 'Use The Muse' contest! The entries are stunning!

Members, the survey below will enable you to vote for different categories. You have until Wednesday November 11th at 5pm MST to vote!

[Use the Muse Voting! Click Here!](#)

The entries will be displayed in our Facebook Group in specific albums. We've also created links to the entries below:

[Bead Embroidery](#)  
[Bead Weaving](#)  
[Miscellaneous](#)

Our next meeting is this Thursday November 12th at 6:30pm MST. Join us for a Bead-in where we will showcase the winners of the 'Use The Muse' contest! If desired, each winner will be given the opportunity to show us their creation! Time depending, we would love to see other participant entries as well.

The Holiday Bead Exchange emails will be going out this week. If you signed up, please keep an eye out. Let us know if you have any questions.

### **Meet the new Board Members**

#### **Carrie Tahquechi – Programs Co-chair**

Hi, My name is Carrie Tahquechi. I am married and live with my Husband of 28 years, my mother in law and one of my sons in Broomfield. The other son is in California pursuing his master's degree in biology. I have been a veterinary technician and a hospital manager. We moved here about 5 years ago and shortly after I found the information for the bead society's bead bazaar. I have been a member since signing up for classes at the bazaar. I joined the programs team this year shortly before Covid hit.

I am lucky to be able to stay at home to care for my husband who is legally blind and my mother in law who is struggling with dementia. They seem to fill up a lot of my days, so I tend to bead nights. I love to cook and to bake and have a special interest in food styling and fancy decorated items.

I have worked in all types of media so if there is something remotely connected to beads that you have a question about, I likely have tried it or have the supplies for it!

I am happy to be serving as co Vice President this year with Joanna I think we will make a great team. I look forward to the days we can schedule in person events again. We have a fantastic group of people on the programs team and I hope that we can come up with some great ideas to keep everyone thinking creatively until we can meet in person.

#### **Joanna Moreno –Programs Co-chair**

My husband and I live with one of our 4 kids , 3 cats & 2 dogs in Conifer, at elevation 9,000 ft.

I am a groundwater hydrologist (underground water) and work developing new water supplies or cleaning up contaminated water.

I craft whenever I have the opportunity for fun, to supply the local elementary school with Christmas gifts, and to sell in a local rock shop (sometimes) and on Etsy (almost never). Website: <http://EarthWoodGems.com>

My favorite medium at the moment is metalwork (starting from sheets of copper), but I have greatly enjoyed stringing, polymer clay, felted bead making, and metal clay.

**Jill Arnson - Secretary**

I have two four-footed furry children, Sylvester (as in Tweetie and ...) and Dakota. I live in central Denver and have been here for over 30 years.

I started beading over 15 years ago and it has been my passion and it has been my psychiatrist during this pandemic. I am semi-retired and have a beading business that I am currently in the process of getting my jewelry online to sell. I love to work in several mediums, bead embroidery, bead weaving, wire work and silver work, but the bead embroidery is my favorite way to express myself. I have also spent a LOT of time in my garden this summer. It was a bumper crop for tomatoes, but sadly, I am starting to become sun challenged, so my dahlias didn't do so well and the rose spent a good bit of the summer recovering from the April freeze. They bloomed wonderfully during our long warm fall though.