

Rocky Mountain Bead Society

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TENTATIVE 2021 PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

JAN: Zoom meeting

FEB: Zoom meeting

MAR: Zoom meeting; March for Me – Spring for Something Special

APR: Zoom meeting; Bead Challenge winners announced

MAY: Zoom meeting; Mother's Day Online Raffle

JUN: Zoom meeting; possible online classes with guest teacher

JUL: Zoom meeting; Use The Muse Bead Challenge

AUG: The Sampler

SEP: In person meeting with guest teacher and classes

OCT: De-Stash

NOV: Dessert Potluck

DEC: No meeting – enjoy the holidays!

WELCOME TO 2021

We've finally made it past 2020 and into 2021! While not much has changed yet, there is hope that we'll be able to return to some sort of normalcy by the middle of the year. As has previously been mentioned, RMBS is planning on meeting remotely through May 2021 and then will review monthly to see when we can hope to start meeting in person again. Currently, we are planning on the return of The Sampler in August as an in-person event! If you would like to be an instructor at the Sampler, watch for our call for instructors in February.

BOARD MEMBERS AND OFFICERS/COMMITTEE CHAIRS

- President/Board Member – **Diane Kremer**
- Co-Vice Presidents/Board Members/Programs Committee Co-Chairs: **Joanna Moreno and Carrie Tacquechi**
- Treasurer/Board Member – **Patricia Murray**
- Secretary/Board Member – **Jill Arnson**

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- *“Today isn't just another day . . . Today is the day I bead something beautiful!”*
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FINANCIAL UPDATE

In 2020 we spent \$2,666 more than we took in. We need to do better, but this is a big improvement over years past. However, part of this is due to the fact that Covid severely limited what the Society could do. If our income and expenses remained exactly the same in the future, we could keep RMBS running for 15 years before we ran out of money. Last year at this time that projection was only 2 years!

Our bank fees (unless we need a new batch of checks) will be ZERO in 2021. Switching banks and online transaction processing providers made a BIG difference.

Our first quarter in the King Soopers Community Rewards program earned us \$247! So far 21 households have signed up. Imagine how much we'd make if all 190 members and their families and friends also signed up?

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FINANCIAL UPDATE (*continued*)

How you can help?

1. Sign up for King Soopers Community Rewards. It only takes 5 minutes and then all of your shopping earns RMBS money. Detailed instructions are available on Rockybeads.org—>Membership—>Member Documents—>Get Free \$ Donated to RMBS. Or email Diane K. If you need help - rmbsinfo251@gmail.com.
2. Make a donation to the RMBS General Fund if you have the financial means to do so. Rockybeads.org—>Donations.
3. Volunteer your time and/or items of value to help with the various fundraising activities we will be running this year. For example, if you are social media literate and willing to help with RMBS marketing/outreach, let Diane K. know - rmbsinfo251@gmail.com. We plan to recruit new members online this year.
4. If your membership is past due, please renew. You can renew your membership on the RMBS website at <https://rockybeads.org/rmbs-membership/manage-profile-membership/#myaccount>.

JANUARY MEETING

Please join us on Zoom on Thursday, January 28, at 6:30 p.m. Watch for an email from Membership with information on how to join the meeting. Topics will include a recap of the 2020 financial summary; an initial look at the programs scheduled for this year; our social media plan for 2021; and finish with an online class review and/or tips and tricks provided by members. Each month we will be seeking members to present an online class review and/or a beading tip or trick. Any members that would like to share a class review or tip/trick, please contact rmbs.programs@gmail.com to volunteer.

MONTHLY BEAD-IN

Beginning on Saturday, February 27, we will be hosting a bead-in on Zoom for any members that would like to join to work on a project, request help from other members if having problems with a project, ask questions in general, or just bead and visit! Exact time for the bead-in will be provided next month, but anticipate that each bead-in will be two to three hours. Bead-ins will be held monthly on the Saturday following the general meetings. We are also seeking members that could “host” the monthly bead-ins through the RMBS Zoom login.

APRIL BEAD CHALLENGE – THIRD ANNUAL DESIGN SEEDS

We will again be doing a bead challenge for members with challenge pieces due in early April and winners to be announced at the April general meeting. Palettes will be selected from the Design Seeds website and any member who would like to participate, please email rmbs.programs@gmail.com. A member of the programs committee will draw a palette “from the hat” for you and let you know which palette has been selected.

Designs do not have to be original but if you use someone else’s design, you must acknowledge the designer on your entry form. Entries are limited to one entry per medium and a member can enter in all categories, using either the same palette for all categories or drawing multiple palettes (medium must be designated when more than one palette is drawn). Entries also don’t have to be an item of jewelry—they can be an object, tapestry, whatever you would like, and using the medium of your choice: off-loom beadweaving (such as peyote, herringbone, right angle weave, etc.), loom work, bead embroidery, stringing, metalsmithing, wire wrapping, polymer clay At present, we will have three categories – bead weaving, bead embroidery and other. There must be at least three entries in a specific medium to have a separate category. If three entries are received in a medium other than bead weaving or bead embroidery, an additional category will be added for that medium. Prizes will be awarded in each category as well as a Members’ Choice and Best Use of Color Palette. Additional rules will be provided when you receive your palette!
