

# Rocky Mountain Bead Society

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## 2021 PROGRAMS SCHEDULE \*NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGES\*

**JUL: July 22, 6:30 p.m.** - Zoom meeting; Guest Speaker – Nealay Patel

**AUG: IN PERSON, Saturday, August 28, 10:00 a.m.** – Use the Muse Bead Challenge

**SEP: IN PERSON, Saturday and Sunday, September 11-12, 9:00 a.m.-noon, 1:00-4:00 p.m.** – The Sampler returns!

**OCT: IN PERSON, Saturday, October 23** – De-Stash

**NOV: IN PERSON, Saturday, November 13** – Holiday Potluck

**DEC: No meeting** – enjoy the holidays!

**JOIN US ON THURSDAY, JULY 22, AT 6:30 P.M. FOR OUR NEXT ZOOM MEETING. LOG IN INFORMATION FOR THE MEETING WILL BE PROVIDED IN AN EMAIL FROM MEMBERSHIP.**

Future programs announcement –

July: Guest Speaker – Nealay Patel

August: **IN PERSON!** Use the Muse Bead Challenge

September: The Sampler

October: The De-Stash

November: Holiday Luncheon Potluck

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*“Art is not what you see,  
but what you make others see.” Edgar Degas*

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## ROCKY MOUNTAIN JEWELRY ARTS RAFFLE

The first Rocky Mountain Jewelry Arts Raffle was a success! We will have more information at the July meeting, but here are some quick statistics:

- We gave away 69 prizes worth over \$8,600.
- We had 113 participants from 15 states.
- 37% of the participants were RMBS members, 30% were from the Bazaar mailing list, and 33% came from social media postings and/or emails sent to other bead societies and other art guilds.
- We sold \$5,796 in raffle tickets, had expenses of \$476, netting the RMBS \$5,320.



*Thank you to Diane K.,  
Carrie, Joanna, Jill,  
Patricia, Diane R.,  
Terry and Diane M.*

The Board is currently discussing whether to hold the raffle again in 2022. In order to do so, we need members to volunteer to help with the raffle – from soliciting prize donations to listing items on our raffle page to promoting the raffle . . . This year’s raffle was handled primarily by the board members and a big shout out to Diane Kremer, Carrie Taquechi, Joanna Moreno, Jill Arnson, Patricia Murray, Diane Roybal, Terry Evans, Diane Markt and Sandy Brock. Diane Kremer researched what was required for the raffle, solicited donations, collected all donations, spoke with the Colorado Secretary of State’s office on an almost daily basis, created the raffle listing . . . you name it, Diane was on it! The hard work has been done in establishing a format for the raffle, but we need members to volunteer to assist with next year’s raffle if we decide to do it again.

## **JULY PROGRAM: GUEST SPEAKER – NEALAY PATEL**

Join us in July for a guest presentation by Nealay Patel, designer, educator and owner of SilverSilk and More. SilverSilk is a knitted wire jewelry chain like no other jewelry chain out in the craft market. SilverSilk is made by many tiny latch-hook needles that spin around with wire, intricately machine-stitching the wire into an elegant yet strong and supple knitted wire chain. SilverSilk is a very versatile, super fun, fetchingly fresh, knitted jewelry revolution! Nealay has been seen on Beads, Baubles and Jewels and is all over social media with his fun SilverSilk projects. Nealay will talk about his background, how he got into business, and will demo a SilverSilk jewelry project for us.

## **AUGUST PROGRAM: IN PERSON! USE THE MUSE BEAD CHALLENGE – CABOCHONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE NOW!**

Our next bead challenge will be “Use the Muse.” The Muse piece has been selected and is a cabochon created by Patricia Silber (CalpacaArtDesigns on Etsy). Pat is a Colorado artist who creates original digital art with fractal and mandala bases. All cabochons are the same design and members will be able to use supplies from their own stash to create a piece in their favorite medium. The only requirement is that the Muse must be the main focal point of your finished piece. The photo to the right is not an actual photo of the cabochon but is a sample from the center of the cabochon filtered to disguise the image but allowing you to see the variety of colors in the piece. The cabochon is an oval wood base (so it’s not waterproof), approximately 2” x 1” and sealed with resin.



There is a \$5 fee to purchase a cabochon for the challenge and members can purchase their cabochons at [www.rockybeads.org](http://www.rockybeads.org). Over half the cabochons have already been sold out of 40, so be sure to get one before they are sold out! Members can purchase up to two cabochons each. Again, all cabochons are the same design. There’s still time to complete your piece before the August meeting!

Participants will present their finished pieces to our membership at our first in person meeting since February 2020. This meeting will be held on Saturday, August 28, at 10:00 a.m. and winners will be selected. If you won’t be able to make it to the meeting and are participating, be sure to get your finished piece to a member who will be in attendance. Categories will be determined based on number of entries, with at least three entries required in a specific medium for there to be a separate category. Any medium with less than three entries will be grouped into an “Other” category and judged with all pieces in that category. Prizes will be gift certificates for Fire Mountain Gems.

As this will also be our first in person meeting in over a year, we will have cookies or other dessert items for a celebration. Members are encouraged to bring something to share in the celebration and gathering of friends! Also bring pieces you have finished over the last year to share with members to ooh and ahh over! For those of you who participated in last year’s Use the Muse Challenge and this year’s Design Seeds Challenge, please bring the pieces you entered so members can see them in person and not just from a photo.

## **SEPTEMBER PROGRAM: THE SAMPLER RETURNS – SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2021**

The call for instructors for this year’s Sampler has gone out to all members. Instructors will need to submit their applications with photos of their class projects to the Programs Committee by July 25, 2021. If you have a project that you would like to teach to other members, please get your application submitted as soon as possible! To sign up, go to [www.rockybeads.org](http://www.rockybeads.org), log in to your membership account and then click on the Society Event Calendar for the link to submit applications. Each member can submit up to four applications (one for each session).

Once classes have been selected, they will be posted to the RMBS website ([www.rockybeads.org](http://www.rockybeads.org)) for members to sign up. Registration for classes will be open from August 5 through September 7, 2021. While instructor fees will be paid by the RMBS, **students will be required to purchase kits for each class they sign up for.** Instructors have been asked to

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keep their kit prices at \$25 or below. Remember that this is an event with members teaching other members and you must be a member of the RMBS in good standing to participate as either an instructor or as a student. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible.

We will also be accepting nominations for officers at our September meeting with voting being conducted at the October meeting. At present, all current officers have volunteered for another year, except Diane Roybal who would like to step down as our Membership Coordinator. We will provide information as to the duties of our Membership Coordinator at our meetings in July and August – please consider volunteering for this position at your earliest convenience!

## **CRAZY MERCHANT**

The Crazy Merchant is hosting an open-air market, the Crazy Market, every third Saturday of the month through October. They are still accepting vendor applications at <https://thecrazymerchant.com/the-crazy-market-vendor-application>.

## **BEAD RENAISSANCE SHOW**

The Bead Renaissance Show is returning in September and is currently accepting class proposals. We will be promoting RMBS at the show and we are looking for members to help at our table answering questions and promoting membership in the RMBS. Volunteer for a two- or three-hour shift and shop the show floor before and/or after your shift! We will be sending an email out to members soon from Sign Up Genius asking you to sign up for a shift. Ideally, we would like three volunteers for each shift so that you can take turns covering the booth, scoping out the vendors, eating lunch, going to the bathroom, etc. based on how busy it is. The first shift on Friday includes an hour for set up and the last shift on Sunday includes an hour for tear down. If you are interested, please watch for the email from Sign Up Genius and volunteer. Here are the show details:

September 17-19, 2021  
Friday & Saturday 10am-6pm, Sunday 11am-4pm  
Hyatt Regency Denver at Colorado Convention Center  
Capitol Ballroom, 4th Floor  
650 15th Street  
Denver CO 80202

## **HOLLY BEAN – BEAD EMBROIDERY ZOOM CLASS – OCTOBER 2 – SOLD OUT!**

Holly Bean will be teaching her Nanook Necklace to members by Zoom on Saturday, October 2, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with a free follow-up class on Friday, October 8, if any student has questions or needs further help in finishing their piece. TWO SPACES ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR THE CLASS – HURRY BEFORE IT'S SOLD OUT!



## **OCTOBER PROGRAM: DE-STASH AND VOTING FOR OFFICERS 2022**

Did you do any de-cluttering through the COVID pandemic? Do you have jewelry making supplies and materials that you may no longer have a use for and would like to make them available to someone who might? We will be holding our De-Stash on Saturday, October 23, 2021, starting at 10:00 a.m. There will be a brief meeting before the De-Stash for the voting of officers for 2022. Watch for further information about the De-Stash in upcoming newsletters.

## **NOVEMBER PROGRAM: HOLIDAY POTLUCK**

Let's welcome the 2021 holiday season with a potluck luncheon on Saturday, November 13, 2021. More details will be provided as we get closer to the event.

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## DO YOU STILL HAVE BEAD BUCKS?

All bead bucks will expire at the end of 2021. Bead bucks can still be used towards payment of the class fee for Holly Bean's class in October (not toward the cost of her kit), for purchasing tickets for door prizes at our in-person meetings or can be donated to the RMBS Scholarship Fund through the end of this year.

## KING SOOPERS COMMUNITY REWARDS

We received \$314.53 from King Soopers Community Rewards for the 2nd quarter of 2021. That's \$21.47 more than last quarter. In addition, we had two additional households sign up in the second quarter, bringing our total to 24 households. If you haven't signed up yet, please do! Instructions are here:

<https://rockybeads.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/FREE-MONEY-FOR-RMBS-1.pdf>

If you need help signing up, bring your King Soopers loyalty card (aka SooperCard) with you to our August Membership meeting and we will have someone available to help you sign up!

## IN PERSON MEETING LOCATION:

Please note that the Spirit of Hope United Methodist Church has moved to a new location at:

4300 S. Lincoln Street  
Englewood, Colorado  
(one block east of Broadway off Quincy,  
which is eight blocks south of Hampden,  
seven blocks north of Belleview)

Parking is available along the street or in a parking lot on the south side of the Church. Signs will be placed directing you to the meeting room.

## VOLUNTEER POSITIONS – MEMBERS NEEDED

- Bead Renaissance Show – RMBS Information and Promotion, September 17-19
- 2022 Membership Coordinator
- 2022 Rocky Mountain Jewelry Arts Raffle committee
- 2022 Social Media Coordinator – NEW POSITION: One thing the raffle made abundantly clear is that RMBS needs to get a handle on our social media accounts. We are looking for someone to act as the administrator for our social media accounts (Facebook Group, Instagram, etc.) and post occasionally to keep our accounts viable. You do not have to be a social media expert to do this role, just be willing to learn! The board has a lot of ideas for posts so you can just do those things or you can get creative and add your own spin. This will be a fun job, and is very necessary in our 21st century world. If you are willing, please email [rmbsinfo251@gmail.com](mailto:rmbsinfo251@gmail.com).

Silver Sparrow Beads in Colorado Springs is hiring for piecework and also for working in the shop. If you would like more information about either opportunity, contact Elaine Teevens at [jeteevens@yahoo.com](mailto:jeteevens@yahoo.com) or (719) 233-2415.