

Rocky Mountain Bead Society

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2021 PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

NOTE SCHEDULE CHANGES

MAY: Zoom meeting; Raffle Preview and Bead-In

JUN: Zoom meeting; Rocky Mountain Jewelry Arts Raffle

JUL: Zoom meeting; Guest Speaker

AUG: Zoom meeting; Use the Muse Bead Challenge

SEP: In person meeting – The Sampler returns!

OCT: De-Stash

NOV: Dessert Potluck

DEC: No meeting – enjoy the holidays!

JOIN US ON THURSDAY, MAY 27, 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 –

June: Rocky Mountain Jewelry Arts Raffle (RMBS Benefit Event)

July: Guest Speaker

August: Use the Muse Bead Challenge

September: Return of The Sampler

“Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine, and at last, you create what you will.”

George Bernard Shaw

MAY PROGRAM: RAFFLE PREVIEW AND BEAD-IN

See more information below about the upcoming raffle in June but to help get you excited, we're going to preview some of the raffle items. There are too many to preview them all and that would take away the surprise when the raffle opens in June! While perusing the raffle items, work on your latest project during our bead-in. We will NOT have a separate bead-in on Saturday following the meeting and will take a break from bead-ins over the summer. Bead-ins will resume in October and may be in person!

JUNE PROGRAM: ROCKY MOUNTAIN JEWELRY ARTS RAFFLE

The Raffle Team is hard at work preparing for our big fundraiser, the Rocky Mountain Jewelry Arts Raffle! Tickets will be on sale June 18-23, 2021, and the drawing will be held in our Zoom membership meeting on June 24. We are asking everyone to help spread the word to all of your friends, on social media, etc. Look for an email coming soon with details that you can share!

We are super pumped about how many artists and companies have donated prizes to us! We have over \$7,000 in prize donations so far, with even more expected! The value of the prizes ranges from \$25 - \$500! Here are just SOME of our amazing sponsors: Dorabeth Designs, JewelrySupply.com, Holly Bean Design, Thunderbird Supply Company, The BeadSmith, Heart and Hand by Elaine, Silver Sparrow Beads, Heidi Kummli Designs, Beadalon, CreateAlong.com, Sculpey, Bead Origami by Cindy Holsclaw, I Love 2 Craft, LeatherCord USA, Craftcast, Crimson Frog Designs (Kinga Nichols), Desert Gems, Lima Beads, Rings and Things, Julie Haymaker's Shrinkets, Beki Haley Designs, Flip Flop Bead Shop, Little Windows, SoftFlex, Happy Mango Beads, Poly Clay Play, The Crazy Merchant, The Knotty do-it-all, The Freckled Pear,

Beads & Needs, Fire Mountain Gems, Ornamental Beads, Otto Frei, ParaWire, BeadFX, Loretta Lam Art Jewelry, SilverSilk and More....and the list goes on!!

Get excited everyone, this is going to be awesome!!

And to top it all off, **JewelrySupply.com**, who donated a \$500 gift certificate for the raffle, is offering RMBS members a coupon code as a thank you. Here is the info:

Rocky Mountain Bead Society Members 10% Off Discount Code: 5G6KM
Valid through 9/30/2021. Unlimited uses per individual, no restrictions apply.

JULY PROGRAM: GUEST SPEAKER

Join us in July for a guest speaker - 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 and how he got into business, and will demo a SilverSilk jewelry project for us.

We will also have an introduction of Holly Bean who will be teaching a bead embroidery class for members in October. Watch for more details about her exciting project and when registration will open. You won't want to miss this class!

AUGUST PROGRAM: USE THE MUSE BEAD CHALLENGE

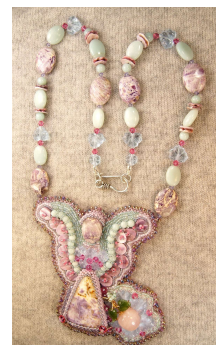
Our next bead challenge will be "Use the Muse." We will be using cabochons created by Patricia Silber (CalpacaArtDesigns on Etsy). Pat is a Colorado artist who creates original digital art with fractal and mandala bases. All cabochons will be the same design and members will be able to use supplies from their own stash to create a piece in their favorite medium. There will be a \$5 fee to purchase a cabochon for the challenge and cabochons will be mailed out before the end of June to all participants.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM: THE SAMPLER – RETURNS!

The call for instructors for this year's Sampler will be going out next month. Instructors will need to submit their applications with photos of their class projects to the Programs Committee by the middle of July. Once the classes have been selected, they will be posted to the RMBS website (www.rockybeads.org) and members will be allowed to sign up. Instructor fees will be paid by the RMBS and students will be required to purchase kits for each class they register for. If you have a project that you would like to teach to other members, watch for the call for instructors and get your applications submitted! 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. If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so as soon as possible. What better way to return to in-person meetings than at the Sampler!

APRIL DESIGN SEEDS-LET YOUR ARTISTRY FLOURISH BEAD CHALLENGE WINNERS

Congratulations to the winners of our Design Seeds-Let Your Artistry Flourish Bead Challenge. There was a tie for Best Use of Color with Jill Arnson (Flora Tones) and Sandy Brock (Color Sea palette) using their palettes to their fullest! Sandy Brock also won for Best Overall Design. We had some fabulous pieces submitted and all participants are to be congratulated for their work - we look forward to seeing these pieces in person when we return to in-person meetings!



Jill Arnson



Sandy Brock

NEW ZOOM WORKSHOPS WITH MELINDA BARTA

RMBS members use coupon code RMBS15 for 15% off class registration, including class kits! Sign up at <https://www.etsy.com/shop/melindabartastudio>. Questions? Email Melinda at Melinda@MelindaBarta.com.

In addition to live video instruction, each class also includes step-by-step photos during and before class in case you work from a small tablet screen or have a poor internet connection. Class sizes are limited to allow for questions and interaction.

COSMOS BRACELET

Saturday, June 5th 11am-2pm, Mountain

Learn how to take traditional tubular herringbone stitch and make it spiral. Custom end caps and a stitched clasp give the bracelet a perfect finish. Familiarity with tubular herringbone stitch is highly recommended.

\$98 includes class fee, priority shipping, printed instructions, PDF with step-by-step photos, and kit with Genuine Swarovski crystals and TOHO seed beads & Demi rounds.

Registration closes May 26th



MANHATTAN NECKLACE

Sunday, June 13th 11am-4pm, Mountain

Use tubular and circular peyote stitch to bezel crystals rivolis for this sparkly necklace. The links also use peyote stitch and are made of versatile triangular components. Familiarity with peyote stitch is required.

\$142 includes class fee, priority shipping, printed instructions, PDF with step-by-step photos, and kit with Genuine Swarovski crystals, TOHO seed beads, and Delicas.

Registration closes June 3rd.



BEAD RENAISSANCE SHOW

The Bead Renaissance Show is returning in September and is currently accepting class proposals. If you have a project you'd be interested in teaching, submit an application at <https://wholebead.com/den21/> and click on Teacher Application.

We will also be promoting RMBS at the Bead Renaissance Show, and we are looking for a member or members to chair that effort? If you are interested, please email Diane Kremer at rmbsinfo251@gmail.com. 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

CRAZY MERCHANT

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