

ROCKY MOUNTAIN BEAD SOCIETY

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TENTATIVE 2023 PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

MAR 4: Playdate with Bottlecaps

MAR 5: WORKSHOPS - Rachel Hungary

APR 1: TBD – Bead In/Playdate

APR 8: Spring De-Stash

MAY 6: TBD

JUN 3 & 4: Sampler

JUL 8: Bead-In

AUG 5: Raffle Update and TBD

AUG 12 & 13: WORKSHOPS - Kinga Bledsoe

SEP 9: TBD

OCT 7: Rocky Mountain Jewelry Arts Raffle

OCT (late): Trunk Show/Fall De-Stash

NOV 4: TBD

DEC 2: Holiday Celebration!

OUR NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 4, 2023, FROM 9:00 A.M.-10:30 A.M. FOLLOWED BY A BOTTLECAPS PLAY DATE WITH ROBYNNE SIMONS-SEALY

MARCH MEETING (3/4) – PLAYDATE WITH BOTTLECAPS



Join us on Saturday, March 4, for a regular meeting followed by our first playdate in 2023. Robynne Simons-Sealy shared her bottlecaps with members at the February meeting and we will embellish those bottlecaps at the March meeting to make unique pieces of jewelry. Members participating in the playdate need to bring the following to use with their bottlecap:

- Beading mat, size 10 or 12 needles, thread of choice, magnifier and light if needed
- Bottle cap(s) you chose at the February meeting or any you've collected at home - Robynne will have more bottlecaps to choose from at the meeting
- Delicas for peyote stitch** around the bottlecap
- 11*s and 15*s for embellishment and any other fun beads to add texture, i.e., drops, mini daggers, cubes, teacups, crystals, etc. You'll design your own!!

** Peyote experience is helpful but please try this fun project even if you're new to peyote. There will be members there to help you get started.

Pieces made from bottlecaps are perfect as stand-alone brooches, grouped on a hatband or hat, a focal point on a bracelet or a component of a larger project. Can't wait to see what everyone creates!

WORKSHOPS WITH RACHEL HUNGARY (3/5)

If you registered for one or both of Rachel's workshops on Sunday, March 5, be sure to check out the Workshops page for what students should plan to bring to work on the projects.

DID YOU KNOW:

In beads, needles and wire, the larger the number, the smaller the beads are or thinner the needles or wire. For example, a size 15 seed bead is smaller than a size 8 seed bead, a size 10 delica is larger than a size 11 or size 15 delica; 28 gauge wire is finer and more flexible than 18 gauge wire; and size 10 beading needles are “thicker” and stiffer than a size 12 beading needle – a size 12 beading needle may be necessary when you are making many passes through the same bead.

2023 CHALLENGE – FINISH YOUR UNFINISHED PROJECTS (OR AT LEAST SOME OF THEM!)

Our challenge for 2023 has started. When you have finished any UFOs (unfinished projects), PhDs (projects half done) or unstarted projects (remember that kit you bought five years ago and were saving for a rainy day – it’s that rainy (or snowy day!), please post pictures to the Rocky Mountain Bead Society’s Facebook page and/or bring them to the next meeting you attend to share with other members and be sure they are documented for the challenge. Again, the point of this challenge is to get out those projects that have been sitting untouched or half done, taking up space and driving you crazy because they keep looking at you. They could be items that simply need a clasp to be finished, an incomplete design you lost interest in halfway through or a kit that you purchased long ago that is still sitting in its unopened bag. Some items may take just a minute, some may take hours. You know you have some of all of these!

APRIL MEETING (4/1) – PLAYDATE OR BEAD IN

Join us on Saturday, April 1, for a Playdate, Bead In or other program to be announced.

DESTASH (4/8)

NOTE: WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR SPRING DE-STASH ON SATURDAY, APRIL 8, AT THE LOWRY CONFERENCE CENTER FROM 9:00 A.M. UNTIL NOON. If you have new or gently used beading supplies or other craft materials that you would like to find a new home for, tables will go on sale through the RMBS website on March 1. Tables will be \$10 each and availability is limited – be sure you sign up early to claim your space for passing your stash on. The De-Stash will be open to the public as well.

THE SAMPLER (6/3 AND 6/4)

The Sampler will be held June 3 and 4 and the call for instructors will open on March 10. The Sampler is a popular event where members teach members a project or technique. If you would like to teach a project or technique, put on your thinking cap, pull together information and watch for the call for instructors to open so you can submit your application when the call opens! We are planning to have four sessions, 9:00 a.m.-noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, with a minimum of four to five classes during each session, depending on number of instructor applications submitted. You may teach a design, technique or pattern of another artist with the express permission of that artist. Instructors receive a stipend and may collect a kit fee from students. We are asking instructors to limit the price for the kits to a maximum of \$30. Your kit may be priced higher but please remember that this could limit members willing to sign up for your class as it could also limit their ability to take another class and pay for that kit as well. Applications can be submitted through April 10 after which instructors will be notified if their class has been accepted.

Registration will open for members to sign up for Sampler classes on May 1 and close on May 15, to allow instructors to prepare student kits by the Sampler.

All instructors and students are required to be current members of the RMBS.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

If you enjoy being a member of the RMBS, please remember that it can't be what is without your help. We need members to volunteer with the following:



- Programs Committee – It is difficult for one person alone to plan events for each meeting and special workshops. Tracy D'Angelo Knight could use your help and ideas in coming up with playdates, instructors for special workshops, etc.
- Raffle Committee – Due to work commitments, Katlin Landers needs additional volunteers to help with the Rocky Mountain Jewelry Arts Raffle. We've had two successful raffles but it can be even better with your help.
- Special Workshops Instructors – Do you have a medium that you would like to have the RMBS offer a workshop in or know an instructor, local or national, that we could contact to see if a workshop can be arranged? If so, please see Tracy at a meeting or contact her at programs@rockybeads.org. We would like to find instructors to offer workshops (in person or by Zoom) in wire wrapping, polymer clay, or whatever other medium you may be able to recommend.
- Hospitality at Monthly Meetings – Jody Charmatz has volunteered to coordinate treats and drinks for our monthly meetings. If you would like to sign up to bring something at a specific meeting, please see Jody at our next meeting. You may also contact Jody at hospitality@rockybeads.org.
- Trunk Show – If you enjoyed last year's Trunk Show, we are looking for volunteers to help Pat Lucero in planning the event, including coordinating vendors, setting up for the event, etc. Without assistance, we may not have a Trunk Show! Presently, the Trunk Show is being planned for the end of October. If you have an interest in helping Pat, please see her at the next meeting or email trunkshow@rockybeads.org.

GALLERY AT THE LOWRY CONFERENCE CENTER

Have you looked at all the beautiful pieces we have displayed in our RMBS Bead and Jewelry Showcase? Wouldn't it be great to display those UFOs, PhDs and USOs that you've finished for the challenge? We have room for more items and would like to add some new pieces regularly to keep the interest fresh for visitors to the Lowry Conference Center. If you'd like to display your art, please bring your pieces to any of our meetings and Helen Littlejohn will coordinate displaying them. The consignment form can be found on the rockybeads.org website. **RMBS will not be responsible for completing or collecting funds for any sales. All sales transactions will be the responsibility of the member.** In addition to allowing our members to showcase their talents, our goals for the showcase are threefold: to educate, to promote and/or sell our members' work, and to increase the visibility of RMBS. And – we've had three of our members' pieces sell from the Showcase, with two pieces since September!

KING SOOPERS COMMUNITY REWARDS

RMBS receives donations quarterly through the King Soopers Community Rewards program based upon amounts spent at King Soopers by registered participants – you don't have to do anything other than sign up! If you haven't signed up, 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 any meeting and we will have someone available to help you sign up!

INTERNATIONAL GEM & JEWELRY SHOW – MARCH 3-5, 2023

The International Gem & Jewelry Show is returning to Denver March 3-5, 2023, at a new location: the Daniel L. Ritchie Center at the University of Denver (Gates Field House), 2201 E. Asbury Ave., Denver, CO. Show hours are Friday 12:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. and Sunday 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Admission (good for all three days) is \$8 at the door. More information, including a list of exhibitors, can be found at: <https://www.intergem.com/events/upcoming-shows/denver-co-march-3-5-2023>.

CURRENT AND PAST ISSUES OF THE NEWSLETTER

Current and past issues of the newsletter can be found here: <https://rockybeads.org/rmbs-newsletters/>.

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WORKSHOPS

(to register, please go to www.rockybeads.org)

Sunday, March 5

9:00 a.m.-Noon

Instructor: Rachel Hungary

SOTERIA - Bead Embroidery Embellished Scissors Case



In Greek mythology, Soteria is the goddess or spirit of safety and salvation, deliverance, and preservation from harm. This sweet scissor case is lined with Ultrasuede and backed with cork and will give your precious scissors a nice comfy home to call their own. Approximate finished dimensions: 3" x 5".

This class is meant to allow each student to embellish the front pocket of the scissor case in whatever manner they wish. **Galaxy and PaintSkin cabochons are provided for the focal and accents, choose between a flower, heart or round.** The directions will detail the bead embroidery leaf motif used in the example. **The kit will also include cork backing, Ultrasuede lining, Batik covered beading foundation, a metal ring (for a bail), size 15 and 11° seed beads.**

The photo is accurate as to color choices. **Cabochons** are 25mm in size and will be the chosen shape but are unique (not exact duplicates of those pictured.)

Although you will get a good start, students are unlikely to finish in the allotted time frame.

Registration is required. Max. number: 20.

Registration closed February 6, 2023.

Students should plan to bring:

- beading surface
- 3x5 post card or cereal box section
- Sharp pencil
- Scissors for paper and fabric
- size 11 needles
- thread of their choice
- any additional beads they may wish to use for embellishment

PL7000 glue, white tacky glue, and **fray** check will also be used, limited quantities will be available during class.

Color Options (select one during registration):

- Purple and Copper
- Magenta And Green
- Blue and Gold
- Silver and Black

Cabochon Shape, 25mm (select one during registration):

- Round
- Heart
- Flower

Member Class Fee: \$35.00

Kit Fee: \$65.00 (Kit fee paid directly to instructor)



Sunday, March 5

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Rachel Hungary

BRIGID'S POND - Bead Embroidery Pendant w/Brass Stamping Embellishment

Brigid, or the Exalted One, was the Irish goddess of spring, fertility, and life. Beloved by poets, she was the master of both healing and smithing. Her holiday, Imbolc, was held on



February 1st and marked the midpoint of winter. Many of Ireland's wells and waterways were devoted to her. This pendant is reminiscent of ponds with lily pads and the creatures who frequent water sources. The base is a large metal washer treated with metallic paint and patina. A 30mm square paint-skin cabochon and a brass stamping adorn the washer's surface. The bail is created using a 15mm square galaxy cab and embellished with zoliduos. Basic back-stitch and brick stitch edging are the main techniques used in this project.

Kits Include: 2" washer, 30mm glass cabochon, 15mm glass cabochon, brass stamping, size 11 and 15° seed beads, Zoliduos, cupchain, crystal rondelles, beading foundation, Sensuede backing, 40-42" silk ribbon.

Registration is required. RMBS members only. Max. number: 20.

Registration closed February 6, 2023.

Students should plan to bring:

- 3x4 postcard or cardboard (such as cereal or cracker box)
- craft scissors (for cardboard)
- sharp scissors (for fabric)
- needles and thread of their choice
- E6000 glue
- white tacky glue
- 6" or longer ruler
- beading surface
- task light

Color Options (pick one during registration):

- Midnight (cobalt & silver)
- Dawn (orchid & peridot green)
- Mid-day (teal & green)
- Afternoon (fuchsia & mint)
- Sunset (copper & gold)

Member Class Fee: \$35.00

Brass Stamping Options (from easiest to hardest for application, pick one during registration):

- Owl
- Dragon
- Bee
- Dragonfly
- Frog

Kit Fee: \$75.00 (Kit fee paid directly to instructor)



Saturday, August 12 and

Sunday, August 13

Instructor: Kinga Bledsoe

PROJECTS: Forthcoming