

ROCKY MOUNTAIN BEAD SOCIETY

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TENTATIVE 2023 PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

APR 1: General Meeting/Bead In

APR 8: Spring De-Stash

MAY 6: General Meeting/Wire-
Wrapping Class

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!

All meetings are held at (unless
announced otherwise):

Lowry Conference Center
Room 200B
1061 Akron Way
Denver, 80230

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS APRIL 1, 2023, FROM
9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.**

APRIL MEETING (4/1) – GENERAL MEETING/BEAD-IN

Join us on Saturday, April 1, for a regular meeting and bead-in. The meeting will include a presentation of the 2022 financial statements. If you have UFOs that you're working on (or need to work on!) for the challenge, be sure to bring them with you and reminisce with others about where that project came from or how long you've had it on your "to do" or "to finish" list!

SPRING DE-STASH – SATURDAY, 4/8, 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

All tables for the De-Stash have been reserved and we will also have a table or tables with items the RMBS needs to de-stash from donations received. This is your opportunity to find those unique beading and crafting supplies and equipment that someone else has had in their stash for several years and has now decided it needs a new home that will use it. The doors will open to members and the public at 9:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m. Don't miss this fabulous opportunity!

DID YOU KNOW:

Two beads made from ostrich eggshell were discovered by archaeologists in Tanzania in 2004 and are thought to be around 70,000 years old. They are believed to be the world's earliest known beaded jewelry. The earliest known European beads date from around 38,000 BC and were discovered at La Quina in France. The beads – made from grooved animal teeth and bones – were probably worn as pendants, and represent a time when homo sapiens were replacing Neanderthals and living more complex lives.

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!

MAY MEETING (5/6) – GENERAL MEETING AND WIRE WRAPPING CLASS WITH CAREN JOHANNES

We will have a brief meeting on May 6 starting at 9:00 a.m. followed by a bead-in and a wire wrapping workshop taught by Caren Johannes. Caren has taught wire wrapping classes at Desert Gems. To learn more about Caren’s workshop, see the Workshops page.



THE SAMPLER (6/3 AND 6/4)

The Sampler will be held June 3 and 4 and the call for instructors is now open through April 15. 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 submit your class application watch for the call for instructors to open so you can submit your application now! Applications can be submitted by going to www.rockybeads.org, clicking on the Society Events Calendar tab and then the 2023 Bead Sampler Teacher Application. Once you have submitted your application, you must also submit a photo of your project to programs@rockybeads.org.

We are hoping to have four sessions, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, with 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 try 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 15 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 time to prepare student kits by the Sampler.

REMEMBER - 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 Brainstorming ideas is better with more than one person! Please step and offer your assistance to Tracy who 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!

CURRENT AND PAST ISSUES OF THE NEWSLETTER

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

HOW TO CONTACT 2023 BOARD MEMBERS, OFFICERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND OTHER

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WORKSHOPS

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

Saturday, May 6

9:00 a.m.-Noon

Instructor: Caren Johannes

Beginner Wire Wrapping



Join Caren Johannes on Saturday, May 6, for a beginner wire wrapping class immediately following a brief members' meeting. This class is meant to allow each student to learn the basics of wire wrapping. **The kit will include a focal stone and wire to complete one pendant. Caren will also provide tools for use by the students.**

Member Class Fee: \$30

Kit Fee: \$35 for supplies and use of tools

Registration is required. Maximum number of students: 10.

Registration will open _____, 2023, and will close _____, 2023.



Saturday, August 12 and

Sunday, August 13

Instructor: Kinga Bledsoe

PROJECTS: Forthcoming