

ROCKY MOUNTAIN BEAD SOCIETY

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PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

OCT 7: General Meeting and Rocky Mountain Jewelry Arts Raffle

OCT 21: Trunk Show

NOV 4: General Meeting, Election of Officers and 2023 Challenge Awards

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 OCTOBER 7, 2023
FROM 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.**

OCTOBER MEETING (10/7) – GENERAL MEETING AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN JEWELRY ARTS RAFFLE

Tickets for the Rocky Mountain Jewelry Arts Raffle are on sale now! We have 57 prizes from over 40 sponsors worth over \$8,000! We have multiples of some prizes, so there will be 90 winners! Prizes include equipment and tools, beads, polymer clay, kumihimo, kits, finished jewelry pieces, gift cards, just to name a few! You don't want to miss this raffle! You do not need to be present to win, just buy a ticket or tickets for the prize you hope to win. But if you win a prize and you're at the meeting, you can take the prize home with you that day! The drawing for the Raffle will be held live at the meeting!

Following the Raffle drawing, we will have another opportunity for you to work on those UFOs for the 2023 Challenge! You only have until November 4 to complete pieces to be included in this year's Challenge. Three participants will each receive \$25 cash! Winners will be selected by a random drawing – so all participants have a chance to win.

TRUNK SHOW (10/21) – 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

You won't want to miss this year's Trunk Show on Saturday, October 21, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pat Lucero has packed the room with some great vendors, including Marcia Kmack, Crazy Woman Glass, The Bead Parlor, Bright Star Gemstones, Rachel's Paint Skins, Orca Gems, Jessie Rae Studio, Star Mountain Trading, Loco Lobo Designs, Rose Red Elk, Cassie Krehbiel, Beaver Beads, Perfect Pearl/Fine Stones, Beadwork Dreams Raven. Many of these are repeat vendors from last year and they'll have the same great jewelry making supplies and materials to choose from. Remember those great beading kits you purchased from Kelly Wiese at The Bead Parlor? And how about those fabulous paint skin cabochons made by Rachel Hungary of Rachel's Paint Skins! So much to choose from – be sure your pocketbooks are ready! Admission is \$1.00. Volunteers are also needed the day of the Trunk Show to help with set up, take down, and staffing the admissions table. You can sign up to help here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF4DA9AB2FA6F5C70-44494111-help>.

NOVEMBER MEETING (11/4) – GENERAL MEETING, ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND 2023 CHALLENGE AWARDS

In addition to our general meeting, we will be holding the election of officers for 2024. Clare Pramuk, Tracy D'Angelo Knight and Kathleen Sloan have all volunteered to return in their current offices for 2024 and Katie Haberkorn has stepped up for the position of Treasurer. If anyone else would like to volunteer for the position of President, Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer before the elections are held in November, please let Clare Pramuk know as soon as possible.

You have until the meeting on November 4, 2023 to complete any projects you would like to include in the 2023 UFO Challenge. Dig out those unfinished projects, projects half done, or kits/projects that have been sitting there waiting for you

to get inspired to finish them! The Challenge is your inspiration! For each project submitted in the Challenge, a member will receive one ticket in a drawing for awards. Obviously, the more projects you complete, the more entries you'll have for the drawing! The Challenge awards will follow our general meeting. Three lucky participants will each receive \$25 cash. Winners will be selected by a random drawing. As always, we have the meeting room until noon, so stick around and bead or work on other craft projects with members who share your same enthusiasm for the arts! And who knows, maybe the UFO Challenge will be recurring in 2024!

DECEMBER MEETING (12/2)

Arrangements are underway for the Holiday Celebration on Saturday, December 2, at the Lowry Conference Center. The celebration this year will be an Asian buffet luncheon catered by Serendipity, free to all members. Members will need to sign up to attend the luncheon. More information will be coming your way for the luncheon as well as when registration will open!

2024 CALENDAR

Plans are underway for 2024 meeting events and workshops. Janis Holler of Loco Lobo Designs is doing a half day pendant class after our general meeting on February 3 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. And Caren Johannes will be teaching two half day wirewrapping classes on May 5, 2024 - a basic wire wrap class and a pair of earrings. We are still trying to set up some workshops with Anne Mitchell for metalsmithing if logistics will allow. If you have any suggestions for play dates for a meeting or instructors for workshops, please reach out to Tracy D'Angelo Knight at programs@rockybeads.org or at one of our meetings.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

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

- **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. The Trunk Show will be held on Saturday, October 21st. You can sign up to help at the Trunk Show here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoF4DA9AB2FA6F5C70-44494111-help>.
- **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.



GALLERY AT THE LOWRY CONFERENCE CENTER

If you would like to display any of your pieces in the Gallery at the Lowry Conference Center, please bring your pieces to a meeting. New work is always welcome, especially your work completed in our ongoing UFO challenge! Helen Littlejohn is coordinating the receipt and display of all pieces, as well as any sale of pieces a member offers for sale. Helen's contact information is helenlittlejohn@gmail.com or (303) 907- 4589. If you haven't already, please take some time to view the wonderful work in the showcase.

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>.

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

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DID YOU KNOW: POLYMER CLAY

Polymer clay is a popular medium for making jewelry, beads, charms, figurines, picture frames and other handmade creations. You can make just about anything you can dream up with polymer clay. You can easily turn any object into a one-of-a-kind gift with polymer clay!

1. Polymer clay is a synthetic type of modeling clay. The primary ingredient is a polyvinyl chloride (PVC) base. Other ingredients like fillers, pigments and bendable plasticizers are added to create the finished product. These components work together to give polymer clay its flexibility, texture, softness and vibrant color. Polymer clay remains pliable until it's baked in the oven. The finished product is rigid and firm.
2. Polymer clay is non-toxic. Have you dreamt of decorating a coffee mug with little polymer clay pugs? Do you wish to cover a spoon handle in clay vines and butterflies? Have no fear — you can go ahead and make that mug or spoon without worries. Polymer clay is non-toxic, so it is completely safe to use around children and pets.
3. it's safe to use the same oven or toaster oven you use to cook food to cure your clay as it does not give off toxic fumes. However, if baked at higher temperatures than recommended, polymer clay can give off fumes that may cause eye, nose or mouth irritation. In addition, avoid baking clay on surfaces you plan to use for food.
4. When you create something with polymer clay, you can expect it to stay the same size throughout the entire process. Polymer clay doesn't shrink or expand. Your fine details and intricate patterns will look the same coming out of the oven as they did going in. Your creations will stay true to scale so you can visualize the finished product before you cure the clay. And If polymer clay is baked correctly, it will stay the same color after it's cured.
5. It goes a long way! You only need a small amount of clay to explore your imagination and create something you'll love. You can make figurines, jewelry, beads, ornaments, charms, keychains, embellishments, mixed media pieces and many other creations with even small amounts of polymer clay.