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2024 PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

JAN - NO MEETING

FEB 3 – Bead In; WORKSHOP – Janis Holler (1:00-4:00 p.m.)

MAR 2 – Bead In and Playdate – Spiral Ropes

APR 6 – Bead In and Playdate – Herringbone Ropes

APR 20 - Spring De-Stash

MAY 4 – Bead In; WORKSHOPS AND TRUNK SHOW – Caren Johannes – Wire Wrapped Pendant and Wire Wrapped Earrings

JUN 1 & 2 - Sampler

JUL 13 – Bead In and Possible Playdate

AUG 3 – Tentative Raffle

SEP 7 – Bead In, Alternate Date for Raffle

OCT 5 - Bead In

OCT 19 - Trunk Show

NOV 2 - Bead In

DEC 7 – Holiday Luncheon

All meetings are held at (unless announced otherwise):

Lowry Conference Center Room 200B 1061 Akron Way Denver, 80230 OUR HOLIDAY LUNCHEON IS DECEMBER 2, 2023 FROM 11:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M.



DECEMBER MEETING (12/2)

2023 is rapidly coming to a close! For those members who registered, we are looking forward to seeing you at the luncheon on Saturday, December 2, from 11:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. REGISTRATION HAS CLOSED.

The celebration will be an Asian buffet luncheon catered by Serendipity. The menu includes:

Mixed Field Greens with Fresh Vegetables, Asian Cilantro Vinaigrette
Kung Pao Chicken or Tofu - A Spicy Sour-Sweet Chinese Stir-Fry
with Vegetables, Sweet peppers, Chilies, Peanuts, Garlic, Ginger, Wine
and Soy Sauce (sauce on the side so you control the heat!)

Basmati Rice

Fresh Steamed Broccoli

Fried Mini Vegan Spring Roll Served with Chef's Choice Dipping Sauce

Freshly Baked Cookies, Bars and Brownies

We will also be collecting donations of finished jewelry for Dress for Success, The Gathering Place and the Family Tree Domestic Violence Shelter. Please bring any donations in boxes or other packaging (they do not need to be wrapped), we will collect those and then deliver to the two charities after the celebration. We will have some boxes available for packaging earrings, etc. as well.

And finally, what would a holiday celebration be without games and other fun events!

UFO CHALLENGE

Congratulations to everyone who submitted finished projects for our first UFO Challenge. We had **171 projects** completed from **26 participants**! And the big winners were Jody Charmatz, Karen Goldman and Kathleen

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Sloan, each receiving \$25 and selected by random drawing from all participants. Bragging rights were awarded to Sue Urbanek for the project using the most different techniques, Jody Charmatz for the oldest project finished (from 1980!), and Nancy Goff for the most projects completed – 25!

Due to the popularity of this challenge, we will be repeating it in 2024. Again, the rules are simple: (i) the project must have been acquired prior to January 1, 2024; and (ii) must be completed between January 1, 2024 and October 31, 2024. Please bring any finished projects during this time period to the next meeting you attend to show our members, get oohs and aahs and entered onto the list of finished projects. You might also consider having the project displayed in the Gallery at the Lowry Conference Center.

2024 CALENDAR

A tentative schedule for our 2024 meeting events and workshops is included on the first page. Our first workshop will be offered by Janis Holler of Loco Lobo Designs. Janis will be doing a half day pendant class following our general meeting on February 3 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. Additional details for the pendant and the workshop will be available at the December luncheon and registration will open in December – watch for more information on this workshop!

And Caren Johannes will be teaching two half day wire wrapping classes on May 4, 2024 - a basic wire wrapping class and a pair of earrings. Caren will also have a trunk show featuring stone cabochons to use in wire wrapping, bead embroidery Tracy is working on additional workshops to be announced throughout the year.

Playdates are also returning in 2024 with beaded ropes and chains to use with your pendants. Our first playdate will be learning the basic spiral rope. For those members wanting a more advanced project, we will also offer a double spiral or Ribbon Necklace designed by Cath Thomas for the 2023 International Bead Week. While the Ribbon Necklace isn't technically a spiral – it's based on the cellini stitch – it does make a nice spiral and you can also use the design for earrings. These playdates will be instruction only - no kits or supplies will be available for purchase. A list of necessary supplies will be provided prior to the meeting so that members can use beads, etc. from their own stash or to match a specific pendant – a possible stash buster! Future playdates may include herringbone and twisted herringbone, chenille stitch, right angle weave and/or cubic right angle weave, . . . and variations of these stitches.

If you have any other suggestions for playdates 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.

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 helenwlittlejohn@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.

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Looking forward to 2024!!