

ROCKY MOUNTAIN BEAD SOCIETY

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2024 PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

MAR 2 – Bead In and Playdate –
Spiral Ropes

APR 6 – Bead In and Crazy Woman
Glass mini-trunk show; Field Trip
to Beads & Needs

APR 20 – Spring De-Stash

MAY 4 – Bead In

JUN 1 & 2 – Sampler

JUL 12 – Nancy Cain Presentation

JUL 13-14 – WORKSHOPS –
Nancy Cain

AUG 3 – Tentative Raffle;
WORKSHOPS AND TRUNK SHOW
– Caren Johannes – Wire Wrapped
Pendant and Wire Wrapped
Earrings

SEP 7 – Bead In, Alternate Date for
Raffle

OCT 5 – Bead In

OCT 19 – RMBS 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 NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 2, 2024 FROM 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

MARCH MEETING (3/2)

We will have our first playdate at our March meeting with instruction on spiral ropes. This will be instruction only – no kits or supplies will be provided. Also think of this as a stash buster. Members will want to bring seed beads in sizes 15, 11 and 8 as well as embellishment beads (if desired), such as 3mm or 4mm bicones, fire polish or round beads. You will also need your typical beading tools – needles, thread (your preference), beading surface, scissors, lighting, magnification – whatever you typically use for beading. We will also have a more advanced project for those wanting to try the Ribbon Band by Cath Thomas (taught with permission). Samples of the spiral ropes and Ribbon Band will be available at the March meeting. This is a free event, you don't need to sign up, and bring some of your stash! For those not wanting to participate in the playdate, we will also have a bead in. A materials list can be found at the end of this newsletter.

2024 CALENDAR CHANGE

The meeting date for the July meeting is being moved to Friday evening, July 12, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. for a special Design Chat presentation by Nancy Cain prior to her two workshops. This presentation is open to all members, is free and does not require registration. More information on Nancy's two workshops will be available in the near future and registration will open in May.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED -

**URGENT - NEEDS TO BE FILLED
ASAP!**

- **Raffle Coordinator** - If you enjoy being a member of the RMBS, **please remember the RMBS can't be what it is without your help. We are urgently in need of a Raffle Coordinator for our 2024 Raffle.** Diane Kremer has offered to assist whoever is willing to take this position to learn the ropes as she was the "founder" of the Raffle! The duties of the **Raffle Coordinator** have also been well documented by



Katlin Landers so you can hopefully step into this position easily. **Without a Raffle Coordinator, we can't have a Raffle!**

- **Social Media Coordinator** - If you are a social media wizard, we are also looking for a volunteer or volunteers to manage our Facebook, Instagram and any other desired social media posts. Please reach out to Clare Pramuk if you have an interest.

APRIL MEETING (4/6)

In addition to our regular meeting and a mini trunk show by Crazy Woman Glass, any members who are interested are welcome to join us after the meeting for a field trip to Beads & Needs in Colorado Springs. Beads & Needs offers a large selection of seed beads in all sizes and colors (Miyuki and Toho), delicas, crystals, pearls, fire polish, shaped and two-hole beads, findings We can carpool for those who would like to. Nancy Cain will also join us at Beads & Needs if members would like any assistance in selecting colors that work together, etc. and get us even more excited for her classes coming up in July!

DESTASH (4/20)

NOTE: WE WILL BE HOLDING OUR SPRING DE-STASH ON SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 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 15. Tables will be \$15 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 (6/1 AND 6/2)

The Sampler will be held June 1 and 2 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 at that time! 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 where possible. 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.

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

MAKERS FESTIVAL COLORADO – 4/10-4/13

Previously known as Yarn Fest, this event has been expanded to include yarn, fiber and beads! While there are not yet a lot of bead vendors, many of our members also craft with yarn and fiber. The Makers Festival also features many classes, including four all-day metalworking classes being taught by Anne Mitchell. Anne is a popular metalworking instructor who has taught classes for the RMBS at our former Bead Bazaar as well as workshops. We had hoped to bring Anne back as an instructor for a weekend of workshops but have not been able to arrange this logistically. Class fees for Anne's classes are \$245 per day plus a kit fee ranging from \$125-\$170. If you would like to take a class or classes with Anne or another instructor, you can see all classes and workshops, together with information on vendors and other activities for the Makers Festival Colorado here: [Maker Festivals Colorado | Yarn Fest Loveland | Jewelry & Bead Show](#).

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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LET'S TALK: ORGANIZATION AND STORAGE

Have you started organizing your beads and craft materials yet? If you have, please bring any insights or suggestions you may have to the March meeting to share your progress, methods, and storage ideas with others. We'd love to hear about how you have or are organizing your stash and any great ideas for storage containers.

Do you have a special container that you are storing all of your projects waiting to be finished? This could be a good place to start organizing so that you can easily turn those UFOs into finished projects for our UFO Challenge.

If you have any specific areas of organization you'd like more information on, those topics can be discussed in future issues.

PLAYDATE: SPIRAL ROPES

MATERIALS LIST (**NO MATERIALS WILL BE FURNISHED**)

BASIC SPIRAL ROPE:



Seed Beads Needed:

At least two colors, either:

- Both Size 11 Seed Beads (one core, one spiral)
- One Size 8 Seed Beads (core), one Size 11 Seed Beads (spiral)

DOUBLE SPIRAL ROPE:

Seed Beads Needed:

- Size 8 Seed Beads (core beads)
- Size 11 Seed Beads (multiple colors for spiral)

Embellishment beads, if desired, such as firepolish (2, 3, 4 or 6 mm), size 15 seed beads, size 8 seed beads



RIBBON BAND (taught with permission of Cath Thomas):



While not a spiral rope, this is a cellini spiral and has a wonderful natural spiral.

Beads Needed:

- Size 11 Delicas
- Size 15 Seed Beads
- Size 11 Seed Beads
- Size 8 Seed Beads

Please also bring general beading supplies – beading mat, needles, thread (Fireline, Nanofil, OneG, K-O, Nymo (your preference), lighting, magnification, scissors You may also bring additional embellishment beads, such as firepolish (2, 3, 4, 6, 8 mm), round beads, bicones, etc.