

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN BEAD SOCIETY

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## 2024 PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

OCT 5 – Bead In, Playdate – Ropes:  
Faux Bead Crochet

OCT 19 – RMBS Trunk Show

NOV 2 – UFO Challenge Awards ,  
Election of Officers, Bead In

DEC 7 – Holiday Luncheon

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024,**  
**9:00 A.M.-NOON.**

**Election of officers will be held at our November meeting. If you have an interest in holding an office with the RMBS, please reach out to Clare Pramuk at [president@rockybeads.org](mailto:president@rockybeads.org) or see her at the meeting.**

## OCTOBER MEETING (10/5)

Join us on October 5 for a regular meeting followed by a playdate featuring faux bead crochet (also known as tubular brick stitch). As with our other playdates, this will be instruction only – no kits or supplies will be provided. Members will need to bring their own supplies. To learn this technique, it is recommended you use all size 8 or all size 11 seed beads in four to six colors consistent in size and shape (i.e., all Miyuki, all Toho, or all Czech/Preciosa). Thread is also recommended over Fireline or Nano-Fil as these make the rope a little stiffer than may be desirable. Simple pattern designs will be available for members to follow, if desired. You can also find bead crochet rope patterns on Pinterest. You use the same patterns for faux bead crochet as you do for bead crochet.



## POLYMER CLAY WORKSHOP (9/28)

The Mile High Polymer Clay Guild is hosting an In-Person and Online via Zoom Workshop taught by Alice Stroppel on “Cane Mapping.” The Guild has generously opened registration to members of the RMBS at membership rates. The cost is \$85. The workshop will be held Saturday, September 28, 2024, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm. The In-Person location will be at the Green Mountain Presbyterian Church, 12900 W Alameda Parkway, Lakewood CO 80228. While registration has closed, if you would like to attend, you can contact [membership@mhpcg.org](mailto:membership@mhpcg.org) to see if you can be added or to register for the recording.



If you love mosaics and polymer clay, if you love the look of complex canes but simply don't want to create a giant complex cane, if you love one of a kind pieces, and if you have tons of left over canes, this is the class for you! You'll learn the basics by mapping a fish portrait and a butterfly. She'll show you a few unexpected canes and different slices that you can incorporate into your designs. This is an intermediate class and having some Skinner blended canes in your stash will make your designs pop. You'll learn the basics by mapping a butterfly or fish portrait like the one pictured here. She'll provide lots of butterflies and fish for you to choose from. Plus, Alice will demo her Stroppel cane and we'll have fun incorporating some slices into our designs. Alice uses several older canes but often makes many new canes as needed for each piece, and we can make a few. So be sure to gather lots of your older canes and pre-made Skinner blend plugs for the new ones you'll make. She uses quite a few extruded bits and you will go over those as well.

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## THE TRUNK SHOW (10/19)

Don't miss the Trunk Show on Saturday, October 19, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. You won't want to miss this event. Vendors include Marcia Kmack, Crazy Woman Glass, The Bead Parlor, Bright Star Gemstones, Rachel's Paint Skins, Jessie Rae Studio, Star Mountain Trading, Perfect Pearl - Fine Stones, Alisa Hjermstad with a Nudge of Nature, Soulful Studio, Urban Toadstool Beads, and Cassie Krehbiel. Many of these are returning vendors so you already know what fantastic finds there will be! Admission is \$1; if you have volunteered to help at the event, admission is free. We are still looking for volunteers to provide demonstrations of techniques and projects.

## NOVEMBER MEETING (11/2)

If you have any UFOs you are working on, time is running out to complete them and get them entered into the UFO Challenge. All UFO pieces must be completed by October 31, 2024 to be eligible. Winner(s) will be selected by random drawing from all who have completed and entered finished pieces. We will also be electing new board members and officers for the 2025 year. If you have an interest in the positions of President, Vice President (Programs), Treasurer or Secretary, please see Clare at the October meeting or reach out to her at [president@rockybeads.org](mailto:president@rockybeads.org). Following the meeting and drawing, we will have a bead-in so you can get a head start on next year's UFO Challenge!

## DECEMBER MEETING (12/7) – HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Planning is underway for the holiday luncheon. We are looking for volunteers to assist with decorating, setting up for the event, games or other entertainment, and cleaning up after. If you would like to help, please volunteer at the October meeting.

Any members wanting to attend the luncheon will be required to sign up. Sign up will open in early November and close around Thanksgiving. More specific dates regarding sign up and luncheon choices will be provided in the October newsletter and at the November meeting.

RMBS will once again be donating jewelry to several women's programs, such as the Gateway Shelter and Family Tree. Both places have events where children are able to choose jewelry and gift it to their mother or female caretaker. Please keep in mind that many of the potential recipients are young. We ask that members donate new handmade jewelry. Jewelry sets such as earrings/bracelet, earrings/necklace and or any combination are ideal but a single piece is fine as well. Please no costume or used jewelry.

Last year, earring kits from our Beading 101 materials were available for members to use. We still have some kits and most kits have a sample pair of earrings and loose beads. If members choose to use these kits, they will be available at the October and November meetings to make matching bracelet, necklace or both. Findings would have to be provided (donated) by members. Feel free to re-make earrings as you like.

Donations will be collected at the November meeting and at the December holiday luncheon.

### GALLERY AT THE LOWRY CONFERENCE CENTER

The Gallery display cases at the Lowry Conference Center are looking bare! If you would like to display any of your pieces in the Gallery, 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. Pieces on display do not have to be for sale, they can be for display only. Helen's contact information is [helenwlittlejohn@gmail.com](mailto:helenwlittlejohn@gmail.com) or (303) 907- 4589. If you haven't already, please take some time to view the wonderful work in the showcase.

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IF YOU HAVE MADE ANY DESIGNS BY CHRIS MANES OF A MUSE INK, we are wanting to create a display in the Gallery as a tribute to Ms. Manes who passed away earlier this year. Please bring those pieces with you to the October meeting.**

## ROCKY MOUNTAIN JEWELRY ARTS RAFFLE – APRIL 2025

The Rocky Mountain Jewelry Arts Raffle has hit the ground running. To date, we have received commitments from over 46 sponsors, with 59 prize listings (86 prizes if you include those with multiple winners) having a total value of over \$9,600! The highest value for any one individual prize is \$500. More prizes could be forthcoming. Our Raffle team is doing a fantastic job! **We would like to create a logo for the Raffle and are looking for a member who might have experience in graphic design. If you think you'd be able to help, please contact Diane Kremer or Debra Edell at [raffle@rockybeads.org](mailto:raffle@rockybeads.org).**

## 2025 PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

Planning for the 2025 calendar year for programs is underway. We will start the year off in February with a playdate to make name tags. Members can use any technique to create their own name tag and we will have some samples available for members to peruse. You could make a name tag using bead embroidery, polymer clay, wire wrapping, Shrink Its plastic, alcohol inks, . . . . Put on your thinking caps and gather some materials to create your own personalized name tag. And if you have previously created a name tag, please wear it to the October meeting so we can take pictures for publication in the October or November newsletter to give people ideas for creating their own.

Additional events on the schedule include the Raffle in April, the Sampler in June and the Holiday Luncheon in December. If you have any suggestions for workshops you might like to attend, playdates, small challenges, etc., please contact Tracy Knight at [programs@rockybeads.org](mailto:programs@rockybeads.org) or see her at one of our meetings. Also let Tracy know if you can teach any workshops or conduct any playdates. We need members to help by volunteering!

## 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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## UPCOMING SHOWS AND EVENTS

**Glass Craft & Bead Expo – April 2-6, 2025.** The Expo was designed to help promote the art glass industry, by offering educational classes, a trade show and networking opportunities. The goal was to include all forms of art glass, including

stained glass, fused glass, cold working, mosaics, and flameworking. In 2004, the Expo was expanded to include the growing flameworking and bead industries. While this show is still several months away, class registration will be opening soon. You may want to register once it opens to be sure of availability in a specific class. There are many classes that might be of interest in several mediums. More information regarding this Expo can be found here: <https://glasscraftexpo.com/>.

If you know of other upcoming shows or events that you think would be of interest to members of the RMBS, please contact [newsletter@rockybeads.org](mailto:newsletter@rockybeads.org).