

ROCKY MOUNTAIN BEAD SOCIETY

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2025 PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

FEB 1 – Bead In, Name Tags
FEB 22 – Polymer Clay SIG
MAR 1 – Raffle Preview; Potential Mandala Workshop with BDotArtsy
MAR 22 – Polymer Clay SIG
APR 5 – Rocky Mountain Jewelry Arts Raffle, Bead In
APR 26 – Polymer Clay SIG
MAY 3 – 2025 Challenge 1, Melody MacDuffee Workshop, Bead In
MAY 4 – Melody MacDuffee Workshops
JUN 7 & 8 – Sampler
JUL 13 – De-Stash
AUG 2 – 2025 Challenge 2, Bead In, Zoom Workshop with Shona Bevan
SEP 6 – TBD
OCT 4 – TBD
OCT 18 – RMBS Trunk Show
NOV 1 – 2025 Challenge 3, Bead In
DEC 6 – Holiday Luncheon

OUR NEXT MEETING IS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2025

9:00 A.M.-NOON

FEBRUARY MEETING (2/1)

Welcome to 2025! We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and that 2025 is starting off to be a promising year. Our first meeting of the new year will be held on Saturday, February 1, at the Lowry Conference Center starting at 9:00 a.m. We will present and discuss the results of our Member Survey conducted in November as well as the announcement of our first mini-challenge of 2025. Challenge pieces will be displayed and judged at the May 3 meeting.

Following our regular meeting, we will have a bead in with an opportunity for members to work on their unique personalized name tags. Have you figured out a design for your name tag?

Name tags can be any size and from any medium. You can use polymer clay, shrink plastic, bead weaving, bead embroidery, wire weaving, alcohol inks, etc. Opportunities are endless and limited only by your own imagination. Some sample name tags to spur your creativity are included at the end of this newsletter.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED -

URGENT - NEEDS TO BE FILLED ASAP!

Trunk Show - The trunk show needs a new leader. Pat Lucero has done a great job arranging the trunk show for the past three years and is ready to step aside.

She is willing to help someone get started. The job requires someone to contact, sign up, and coordinate with vendors and work with Lowry to have the right setups for everyone. They are the point of contact on the day of the event and are there for setup and tear down.



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Tracy Knight has been busy finalizing our schedule for 2025, exchanging emails with potential guest instructors, etc. If you have any suggestions for playdates (can be a quick and easy project, technique, something that can be taught or completed in a couple hours), please let Tracy know.

In addition to the return of our 2025 UFO Challenge, which will run from January 1, 2025 through October 31, 2025 (with winners announced at the November 2025 meeting), we will have three additional mini challenges throughout the year. Challenge 1 will be announced at our February meeting with completed pieces to be displayed and judged at our May meeting. Challenge 2 will be announced at the May meeting with pieces to be displayed and judged at our August meeting, with Challenge 3 announced in August and displayed and judged in November.

Additional events on the calendar include the Raffle in April, the Sampler in June, the De-Stash in July, the Trunk Show in October and the Holiday Luncheon in December. We will also have workshops with BDotArtsy, a mandala dot painting artist (still confirming for March or later in the year); Melody MacDuffee, a bead and wire artist, in May; and a Zoom workshop with Shona Bevan, a London based bead designer in August. If you have any suggestions for workshops you might like to attend, playdates, etc., please contact Tracy Knight at 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!

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

As was announced in December, members of the Mile High Polymer Clay Guild have joined the RMBS as a Special Interest Group (SIG) for polymer clay. The SIG will continue to meet as usual via Zoom on the 4th Saturday of the month and members of the RMBS are welcome to attend. The SIG had its first Zoom meeting on **Saturday, January 25**. A special guest was Ginger Davis Allman of The Blue Bottle Tree website, more information was previously provided to all members by email. The SIG will also continue to schedule workshops featuring polymer clay that RMBS members can register for at a membership rate. Refer any questions to Bertha Adamson, former Guild president, and longtime RMBS member, at mhpcg@rockybeads.org. Let's welcome the folks from the Guild to our group!

ROCKY MOUNTAIN JEWELRY ARTS RAFFLE – 4/5

All prizes and set up for the Rocky Mountain Jewelry Arts Raffle have been finalized! Thank you to Diane Kremer and Debra Edell for spearheading this project and for all the time and efforts volunteered by the Raffle Committee members in making this happen! A preview of the Raffle will be presented at future meetings with the Raffle going live the last week of March where members and the public will be able to purchase tickets for prizes. The drawing will occur live at our meeting on April 5. The prizes cover a wide range of mediums for crafting and artistry, as well as a few finished pieces; everyone should be able to find something of interest.

SAMPLER – 6/7 AND 6/8

The Sampler will be held June 7 and 8 and the call for instructors will open mid-March. 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.

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 2025 BOARD MEMBERS, OFFICERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND OTHER

If you need to reach out to a board member, officer or committee chair with any questions or additional information, please go to our website: www.rockybeads.org. You will need to login to your account and then click on "About Us" and "Board Members" for email contacts.

NAME TAGS

