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2025 PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

MAY 24 – Polymer Clay SIG
JUN 6, 7 & 8 – Sampler
JUL 12 – De-Stash
AUG 2 – 2025 Challenge 2, Bead In
AUG 9-10 - Zoom Workshops with Shona Bevan
SEP 6 – TBD
OCT 4 – TBD
OCT 11 – Tentative Polymer Clay Workshop with Randee Ketzell
OCT 18 – RMBS Trunk Show
NOV 1 – 2025 Challenge 3, Bead In
DEC 6 – Holiday Luncheon

THERE IS NO MEETING IN JUNE THE SAMPLER IS FRIDAY-SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 7 AND 8

We ask that members not bring any pieces for the UFO Challenge or Show and Tell in June and July due to the Sampler and the De-Stash.

POLYMER CLAY SIG

The Polymer Clay Special Interest Group (SIG) will be holding its next Zoom meeting on Saturday, May 24th from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Since it is Memorial Day Weekend and many have other plans, the meeting will be casual. There will be announcements about upcoming polymer events, including Bertha's Sampler classes via Zoom and a PCSIG hybrid workshop in October. There will also be a quick demo on making basic wire findings. Finally, polymer clayers can bring their current and finished projects for Show & Tell or for questions and guidance.

If you would like to participate in this or future Zoom meetings held the fourth Saturday of every month, please reach out to Bertha Adamson at mhpcg@rockybeads.org to be added to the email list for notices and other information about the Zoom meetings.

SAMPLER – 6/6, 6/7 AND 6/8

The Sampler will be held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 6, 7 and 8. The Sampler is a popular event where members teach members a project or technique. There are six sessions scheduled, with two each day - 9:00 a.m.-noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m. - on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with two or three classes each session. Classes will be held in Rooms 106, 107 and 108 at the Lowry Conference Center, down the hallway to the right off the main entrance. Registration has closed and instructors are now assembling kits for their students. If you missed registration, there are spaces available in some classes if instructors are able to have additional kits. Please reach out to Tracy D'Angelo Knight at programs@rockybeads.org to see if you might be able to join one of the classes. Information regarding the classes is still posted on the website.

DE-STASH – JULY 12

The De-Stash returns on Saturday, July 12. This is an opportunity for members to go through their stash and select those crafting and art supplies that they may no longer be able to use and find someone who can. Tables are limited and the cost per table is \$15. Registration for

If you are in the Denver metro area and not yet a member of the RMBS, please visit us at one of our monthly meetings and see what everyone is working on during our in-person meetings. Your first visit is free! Membership is \$32 per year after that. We look forward to meeting you!

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tables will be open from June 9 through July 10. From June 9 through June 20, members will be able to register for one table only on a first come, first serve basis. After June 20, if any tables remain, members who have already registered for one table can register for additional tables. If you would like to be a seller, you'll want to sign up early as tables are limited to a maximum of 16 and will sell out fast!

SPRINGTIME MINI CHALLENGE

We had great participation from our members in the SpringTime Challenge with 12 entries. There were some fabulous pieces, all deserving of being the members' favorite. The winner of the Challenge was Diane Roybal, winning a prize of \$25, with her Gemma Leaf Bracelet, a design by Potomac Beads. Potomac Beads was also a donor in the Rocky Mountain Jewelry Arts Raffle. Congratulations, Diane!



ANIMAL KINGDOM MINI CHALLENGE

Our next Mini Challenge, as announced at the May meeting, is the Animal Kingdom. **All pieces for this Challenge must be finished between May and August 2**, when we will display all entries at the August meeting and again vote for the members' favorite. The winner will receive \$25. As with our SpringTime Challenge, members can make the piece of their choice using any medium(s). It can be a piece of jewelry, 3D object, box . . . whatever you would like but it must represent the theme of Animal Kingdom.

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Our first workshops for 2025 with Melody MacDuffee on May 2, 3 and 4 were a huge success. Melody was a great instructor and the students had a lot of fun learning some great wire techniques! How about making those loops and flattening with a wallpaper seam roller! You can see this technique in the photos of the earrings made by some of our members. Melody also can't thank our members enough for the support she received through Soul of Somanya, her charity, through purchases made at her trunk show. She was able to raise \$2,850 and sold out of almost all the fabric bags, table runners, etc. Thank you to everyone!



Pat Lucero



Clare Pramuk



Sandy Brock



Tracy D'Angelo Knight

Shona Bevan will be teaching workshops by Zoom on August 9 and 10. The workshops with Shona Bevan, a London-based bead designer, will be held by Zoom. Members will have the option to join as a group and Zoom at the Lowry Conference Center or can Zoom from home. Shona will be teaching two full-day workshops on August 9 and 10. Members have to register to participate in Shona's workshops. **Registration will open June 7 for RMBS members and June 14 for non-members. Registration will close June 21** so that Shona will be able to find out which colorway members would like for her kits and get them shipped so the kits will be received in time for the Zoom classes. **PLEASE NOTE: For Shona's Serpentine Pendant, she recommends that students should be very familiar with CRAW. For anyone interested in taking this class that is not familiar or comfortable with CRAW, we will try to arrange an opportunity to learn CRAW prior to the Zoom class.**

For anyone excited to learn more about polymer clay, we are working on setting up a workshop with Randee Ketzell for Saturday, October 11, 2025, on making Faux Cinnabar. Randee is a polymer clay artist from Austin, Texas, and has co-authored a book with Kim Schlinke titled *Polymer Clay Gemstones: The Art of Deception*. More information regarding Randee's class is forthcoming. This will be a hybrid session with students participating through Zoom.



WELCOME AND GOODBYE



*Arthur Cecil Nolte
April 29, 2025*

On Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 9:26 p.m., Katlin (Landers) and August Nolte welcomed their first son, Arthur Cecil. Arthur weighed 8 lbs. 11 oz and was 21.25 inches long. Mom, Dad and baby are all doing well and we look forward to Arthur being a future member of the RMBS! April 29th also happens to be Katlin and August's wedding anniversary!

And it is with sadness that we have lost a member of the RMBS. On April 27, 2025, Kathy Elbinger passed away after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, Michael, of 36 years and other family members. Kathy had been a member of the RMBS for several years and will be missed.



*Kathy Elbinger
Feb. 26, 1953 –
April 27, 2025*

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.

WORKSHOPS

Saturday, August 9

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Shona Bevan

Serpentine Pendant



Elegant and sophisticated, the Serpentine motif creates a dramatically twisted jewellery set. Featuring large, lustrous pearls wrapped in a carefully curved frame this is a satisfying project to stretch your CRAW skills. When suspended from a slim necklace this striking design makes the perfect classic pendant to wear anytime. Made with smaller beads, the scaled-down version makes stunning earrings that twist delightfully while you wear them.

This project is suitable for intermediate/advanced level beaders who have very strong CRAW skills.

Skill Level: Intermediate to advanced.

Prerequisites: Students should be very familiar with CRAW.

Kits are mandatory and will be purchased from Shona closer to the class date.

Member Class Fee: \$60

Non-Member Class Fee: \$90

Kit Fee: \$55 (Mandatory)

Registration is required and space is limited to 16 students.

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Sunday, August 10

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Shona Bevan

Bonbon Necklace

Almost sweet enough to eat, the Bonbon necklace is fun to make and easy to wear. Two sizes of lightweight cotton pearls are captured with sleek right angle weave (RAW) bezels and linked together with peyote stitched rings to make a relaxed long necklace.

This project is suitable for all levels of beader who have experience of RAW and peyote stitch.

Skill Level: Intermediate

Kits are mandatory and will be ordered from Shona closer to the class date.

Member Class Fee: \$60

Non-Member Class Fee: \$90

Kit Fee: \$65

Registration is required and space is limited to 20 students.

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Registration for these Workshops will open on June 7, 2025 for members,

June 14 for non-members and close June 21, 2025.

Both workshops will be held through Zoom -- you can choose to Zoom from home or hang with others at the Lowry Conference Center.

