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2025 PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

OCT 25 – Polymer Clay Meet-Up

NOV 1 – Election of Officers, 2025
Mini-Challenge 3, 2025 UFO
Challenge, Bead In

NOV 22 – PCSIG

DEC 6 – Holiday Luncheon

**OUR NEXT MEETING IS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025
9:00 A.M.-NOON**

**NOVEMBER MEETING (11/1) – ELECTION OF
OFFICERS, 2025 MINI-CHALLENGE 3 – CELESTIAL,
UFO CHALLENGE, BEAD IN**

**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 as soon as possible at**

**president@rockybeads.org or see her at the beginning of the meeting. Voting will occur at the meeting and
we need as many members in attendance as possible.**

Have you been working hard to finish those UFOs for our annual challenge or your Celestial piece for the final mini-challenge of 2025? Any finished UFOs need to be submitted to Tracy D'Angelo Knight by sending a photo to programs@rockybeads.org or posted to the Rocky Mountain Bead Society Facebook page on or before October 25, 2025 (this Saturday), to be eligible for the UFO Challenge. For the Celestial mini-challenge, bring your finished piece to the November meeting where members will have an opportunity to vote on their favorite piece. We will be awarding prizes to the three pieces receiving the most votes for this challenge.



If there is time following the meeting and completion of the challenges for 2025, there will be a bead-in for members to start on next year's UFO challenge!

POLYMER CLAY SIG (10/25)

In place of the PCSIG meeting for October, we will be hosting the Polymer Clay Meet-Up in Denver hosted by Ginger Davis Allman of The Blue Bottle Tree. The Blue Bottle Tree was a donor for the Rocky Mountain Jewelry Arts Raffle. The event will be in-person but several activities will be scheduled during the regular meeting hours and broadcast on Zoom as well. Participation is free and open to the public (except via Zoom) but REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED to attend at Lowry. Registration closed on Tuesday, October 21. The event will be from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Lowry Center.

The schedule of programs (*subject to change, actual times TBD*) for the event is:

- Welcome
- Introduction by Ginger
- Demo: Making Polymer Clay Beads (Ginger Davis Allman)
- Show Off Table (Attendee pieces)

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- Demo: Extruding a Retro Cane (Clare Pramuk)
- Q&A Session (Ginger)
- Traveling Clay Exhibition
- Demo: Making a Bowl/Dish using cutters and textures provided by O'Joy Creations (<https://www.ojoycreationsinc.com/>) (Bertha Adamson)
- Discussion: Resources for Polymer Clayers
- Closing
- Breaks and Prize giveaways at various points during the day

Bring your lunch and preferred beverages (light refreshments available from vending machines)

OCTOBER WORKSHOPS AND TRUNK SHOW

Participants had a great time at the workshops with Randee Ketzel making faux cinnabar and Nikia Angel with her TieDye Phantasy Fractal Bracelet and/or Pendant. A lot of beautiful and unique faux cinnabar pieces were completed and several members are close to completing their pieces from Nikia's workshop. Nikia has already agreed to teach another workshop next year after the Trunk Show. She's excited to create a new design with some gorgeous new leather she has discovered!

Here are just a few of the completed pieces from Randee's workshop:



And then there was the Trunk Show! Thank you to all the members who turned out to shop and volunteer. A big thank you to Kristina Amato for taking over as chairperson for the show and Pat Lucero for helping Kristina with the transition. Vendors had some great items for sale and some were at great prices! It was another successful Trunk Show and looking forward to next year's event!

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON (12/6)

Do you have the holiday luncheon on your calendar? Join us on Saturday, December 6, to celebrate the upcoming holiday season. Lunch will be barbecue and the party will include a silent auction and also possibly some fun and games! You have to register to attend the luncheon with registration opening on November 1 and closing in late November, the actual date will be provided at the November meeting. We are still in need of members to volunteer to help with party decorations, set up and take down. If you would like to help, you will be able to sign up through SignUp Genius in the near future.

RMBS will once again be donating jewelry to nonprofits that help women get employed after being in a shelter. Charities in prior years have included the Gateway Shelter and Family Tree, among others. Please keep in mind that many of the potential recipients are younger (late teens to late twenties). 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. Don't forget to bring your donations to the holiday luncheon. Thank you to Rita Caldwell and Denise Leck for volunteering to oversee our donations this year.

And did you see the email about the silent auction? The auction will only happen in person at the Holiday Luncheon. Remember that this is the first time to try a silent auction and it is an experiment. If you make a donation, be prepared for, and don't be sad or offended, if your donation gets no bids. Guidelines for the silent auction are:

- Donate something that you would be happy to own.
- The donor will set a minimum bid that they would be comfortable having the item go for if it only gets one bid.
- A donor can set a "Buy It Now" price on their donation. Anyone will be allowed to jump the bid to that "Buy It Now" price at any time and the item will sell to that member for the "Buy It Now" price.
- There are no limitations on the value/minimum bid of an item. For example, if your donation is worth \$10 and you set a minimum bid of \$5 on it, that's fine.
- There will be a bid sheet for each item. We will announce at the Luncheon when the bidding will start and close, and the highest bid will win!
- -Bids should be in increments of \$1 or more.
- Any RMBS member can donate an item, but you can only bid if you are at the Luncheon.
- Donations do not have to be bead or polymer clay related, though that would be welcome. Many of our members do other arts and crafts, or have skills such as making fabulous baked goods. (We have it on good authority that there will a knitted emotional support chicken donated!)
- -You can donate an art, bead or jewelry piece you own that was made by another artist
- All items are "as is" with no guarantees or warranties.
- It is acceptable to have "IOU" type donations such as "will bake X amount of cookies of your choice from this list" or "will make a chocolate cheesecake for you" (because it may be nice to get food type goods after the holiday eating season is over). Or you can bring a food item to the auction, if that is what you are donating.
- For this experiment, we are limiting donated items to one item per person
- If you would like to donate an item but won't be attending the Luncheon, give it to a board member or make sure it gets to the Luncheon another way (such as bring it to the November meeting).
- If an item receives no bids, the donor can donate it to RMBS for future fundraising purposes, or take it back after the Luncheon.
- We will accept cash, checks and credit cards (via Square) in payment for any silent auction items won. All proceeds will benefit the RMBS.

If you think you are going to donate an item, please reach out to Kathleen Sloan at secretary@rockybeads.org to let her know what you will be donating.

SHOWCASE DISPLAY AT LOWRY CONFERENCE CENTER

Have you checked out the showcase display at the Lowry Conference Center? Clare Pramuk and Bertha Adamson have been working with Helen Littlejohn to update the display and include new signage. There is room for more members to share their work in the showcase. Items can be any medium and can be for sale or display only. If you have a piece you'd like to display, please bring it to one of our meetings.

2026 PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

Tracy D'Angelo Knight has started planning for the 2026 meeting and workshops programs. If you have any suggestions for topics, playdates, workshops or instructors that you might like to see in 2026, please reach out to Tracy at programs@rockybeads.org.

You'll want to save the date for the February meeting when our own Rita Caldwell will be teaching a class on how to incorporate bugle beads into your beadwork. In addition, Bertha Adamson will be teaching a playdate at our April meeting on tips and tricks for successfully photographing your handcrafted items.

Returning events for 2026 include the UFO Challenge (throughout 2026), the Sampler (June 5, 6 and 7), the De-Stash (July 11) and the Trunk Show (October 17). If you think you have a project or technique you would like to teach to other members at the Sampler, start pulling together information now. A call for instructors will be issued in mid February!

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.

Am I perfect? No.

But do I try my best to
use up my craft supplies
before buying more?

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Also no.