

ROCKY MOUNTAIN BEAD SOCIETY

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2026 PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

(Meeting Activities Subject to Change)

FEB 28 - Polymer Clay SIG
MAR 7 – Clutter Fairy Zoom; Bead In
MAR 28 - Polymer Clay SIG
APR 11 – Playdate: Photo Tips and Tricks with Bertha
APR 25 - Polymer Clay SIG
MAY 2 – 2nd Mini Challenge announcement; Bead In
MAY 23 - Polymer Clay SIG
JUN 5, 6 and 7 - SAMPLER!
JUN 27 - Polymer Clay SIG
JUL 11 – De-Stash
AUG 1, 2 – 3rd Mini Challenge; Carrie Tahquechi (2-day class)
SEP 12 – Bead In
SEP 26 - Polymer Clay SIG
OCT 3 - TBD
OCT 17 – Trunk Show
OCT 24 – Polymer Clay SIG
NOV 7 – 2026 UFO Challenge Drawing
NOV 28 – Polymer Clay SIG
DEC 5 - Holiday Luncheon

OUR NEXT MEETING IS
SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

MARCH MEETING

Get ready for something that we can all use to help with organizing our tools and supplies. Gayle Goddard, owner of The Clutter Fairy, offers organizing services and ongoing support to help clients conquer clutter and focus on what they really want to be doing. She will be zooming with us between 10:30 -12:00 at the meeting on March 7th. There will be a zoom link listed in the Members Only page under Membership on our website if you would like to do so from home (requires member login).

The board has been discussing creating a series of short beading technique sessions to be presented at our regular meetings. We are hoping to encourage new membership as well as enhance current members' knowledge. If you have any ideas that you would like to share regarding this, please let a board member know.

POLYMER CLAY SIG

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. If you would like to participate in these Zoom meetings, please reach out to Bertha Adamson at the PCSIG address to be added to the email list for notices and other information about the Zoom meetings. The next Zoom meeting will be held on Saturday, February 28th. As the RMBS current quarterly challenge is Black, White or B&W that will be the theme of the presentation. Go to the event page for the meeting for more details. Hope to see you there!

SHOWCASE DISPLAY AT LOWRY CONFERENCE CENTER

Don't forget about the showcase display at the Lowry Conference Center. **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 or pieces you'd like to display, please bring them to one of our meetings.**

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As always if you have any suggestions for topics, playdates, workshops or instructors that you might like to see in 2026, please reach out to Tracy.

Gayle Goddard is the owner of The Clutter Fairy, a business based in Houston Texas. She will be presenting via Zoom at our March meeting beginning at 10:30. Here is her philosophy taken from her website, “Clutter steals time, energy, material resources, and attention away from the things that are important to you. Achieving clarity in your physical surroundings—clearing away clutter—creates mental clarity.” There will be a zoom link listed in the members only web page of our website if you would like to do so from home.

Bertha Adamson will be teaching a playdate at our April meeting on tips and tricks for successfully photographing your handcrafted items. I think most of us struggle with this. Bertha suggests bringing one or two pieces that you can use to photograph. Anyone who may have their own mini studio/light box and/or props to use that day is encouraged to bring them.

Carrie Tahquechi will be teaching a two-day class (or 1.5 starting after the regular meeting) Aug. 1-2. She is still working on what project she will be sharing with us. As you all know it will be terrific whatever it is.

If there is a problem when you think you registered for a class but didn't, please let Bertha know. You should always receive a confirmation email! The most it should take is an hour but, in most cases, just a few minutes. Bertha would need to know how you signed up (on your phone or computer) as well as what web browser was used. You can contact her at webmaster@rockybeads.com.

2026 MINI CHALLENGES

Our first challenge has been released: anything predominantly black, anything predominantly white or anything predominantly black and white. You have until the May meeting to complete this project at which time members will vote on the one they like best.

Any piece submitted for a mini challenge must be completed between the announcement of the theme (Feb 7th) and the meeting (May 2nd) when the pieces are presented for voting by members.

2026 UFO CHALLENGES

Let's clear up some confusion about the UFO's (unfinished objects), USO's (un-started objects), PHD's (partly or half-done objects). These are any items in your stash purchased on or before December 31st of the previous year that you complete between January 1st of the current year up to October 31st of the current year. Please bring these items to the meetings (February – October) to share your beautiful work with everyone. You will be asked to fill out a small slip of paper regarding the piece. Tracy gathers these slips to make a tally sheet of all the submitted pieces. In November there is a drawing of all the submissions for a cash prize of \$25. There are 3 winners. You may also submit a picture and notification that it is a UFO, your name and whose design it is on the website.

2026 SAMPLER

Do you have a project or technique that you would like to teach to other members? The Sampler will be June 5, 6 and 7, with up to four classes per morning or afternoon session, so put your thinking caps on so that you will be ready to submit your application as an instructor when the call for instructors opens in March. No technique is too small! Something basic could be a good segue for some of our new members to feel encouraged to join a class. There is always something to learn by taking a class from a new instructor.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE TOHO PEACE RING PROJECT AND THE STAR HENDY PROJECT

The Star Hendy Project is to create a small, 2.5" 3D peyote star to gift to a family who has lost a baby during pregnancy or at birth. This small piece is to serve as a keepsake that grieving parents can hold onto, a symbol of love that lasts. Each star is a token of remembrance, a heartfelt gesture of love and comfort for families who have lost a baby. These stars are a beautiful reminder, allowing parents to keep them close or display in their homes.

The project started in the UK but we are donating our hearts locally. Sandy Brock will serve as the contact to collect and distribute the hearts. She'll be available at meetings for any assistance with this project. She also has a pattern if you need one.

I have inserted the Toho Peace Ring flyers at the end of this newsletter so please take a look and join in on the fun.

KING SOOPERS COMMUNITY REWARDS

FREE MONEY!! 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>.

Something I was not aware of is that the bottom of your receipt shows where your money is going. All this time I thought I had signed up designating RMBS, but it lists nothing. I will be changing this immediately!! So, check your receipt.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS & UPDATES

RMBS membership is for one year and renews on the date you first joined (not on the same date for everyone). If unsure when your membership expires you can log in to your profile under Membership to get the date and even to renew before you are notified. This is also how you update your contact information or change your password. (If you are having problems logging in to your account contact Membership or Webmaster.)

HOW TO CONTACT 2026 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.

Beads for Peace all Over the world Ring



PEACE RING (S · M · L) 700
TOHO CO., LTD.
082-237-5151 <http://www.toho-beads.co.jp>

Steps to Participate

1. Make a PEACE RING!
2. Post your photo on Instagram!
3. Teach it at workshops or sell your creation!
4. Make a donation!



* See below for further details.

PEACE RING Project - Spreading world peace through each bead -

TOHO Beads supplies beads all over the world. People meet and stay connected through our beads. Language is no barrier when it comes to beading. Beaders worldwide instantly spark conversations and become friends through the common interest of beads.

We started this project with the hope of spreading world peace and connecting people all over the world through the PEACE RING project. There are many regions in the world where people are still suffering from war and hunger – regions where children can't even go to school. We hope to make the world a better place where there will be no more war and hunger, food will be safe and accessible, and children can have a proper education.

The word "bead" has its roots in Old English and further back, meaning "to pray."

With the words of our founder, "Your soul in every bead," instilled in all of our employees at TOHO, we make each bead with our soul at the Hiroshima factory, delivering them to you all throughout the world. By spinning each bead with needle and thread, let us work together to spread peace and pray for a safe world full of love for our children. Peace (Beads) for the world!



Designer – Rochelle Peterson is a bead lover. She hopes that her design will make a contribution to world peace.

PEACE RING Project / Contents & How to join

Post on Instagram

After making the PEACE RING with your favorite color, please post a photo on Instagram with the hash tags:

#TOHOPEACERING @toho_beads

* Use the correct hash tags and we will make a donation according to the number of posts with PEACERING, utilizing TOHO Beads.

* Your uploaded photos of PEACE RING may be used for promotional purposes.

Related Products to be Sold by TOHO BEADS

With the thought of "Hiroshima's hope for peace" in mind, we will make products related to the PEACE RING project such as DIY kits and the finished product of the PEACE RING itself. 10% of all profits will be donated toward benefits for world peace.

Event Period: Until we reach World Peace!

Distributors

US

Bobby Bead
www.BobbyBead.com
1-888-900-BEAD

Starman Beads
www.CzechBeads.com
1-888-683-BEAD

EU

Koralex
www.CzechBeads.eu
+(420) 777 991 991

For more info visit www.TeamTOHO.net

Please share your
PEACE RING with us!

Free Pattern - Resale Permitted

This is a free pattern you can use to make one for yourself, create kits, or teach at events and workshops.

We encourage you to donate part of the profit to any world peace organizations you may know.

* When selling a finished piece, please place the PEACE RING logo at the top left hand corner.

* The amount to be donated is determined by you.

Support

We would like to support those who want to participate in this project at TOHO BEADS STYLE Tokyo Gallery t. If you would like to make the PEACE RING or post your photos on Instagram, please feel free to visit our store or contact us with the email below.

Gallery t

Address: 1-9-11, Yanagibashi, Taitou-ku, Tokyo
111-0052, Japan
Email: bstyle_galleryt@toho-beads.co.jp
Please add "PEACE RING" to the subject line when sending an email.

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@tohopeacering
tohopeacering@gmail.com



CONNECTING PEOPLE
LINK BY LINK
BEAD BY BEAD



MEET ROCHELLE!

TOHO Ambassador &
Spearhead of the Grande
Connection!

PEACE RING PROJECT - GRANDE CONNECTION BEADS FOR PEACE

The official **Grande Connection** will be held **August 6, 2026** at the **Mall of America**. August 6th is the day of Peace in Japan, and it is commemorated every year in Japan to honor Peace and those affected by the bombing of their city.

This event is hosted by the Upper Midwest Bead Society, a non-profit organization open to anyone interested in beads. Their mission is to further the understanding and enjoyment of beads, beadwork and other related techniques and mediums.

TOHO Beads was founded in 1951 on the scorched earth of Hiroshima, TOHO beads has continued to make glass beads to make the world bright and clean.

We truly hope that this event helps to connect and strengthen the bond among beaders and aspiring beaders all around the world to aim for a more peaceful world for everyone.



POST ON INSTAGRAM

After making the PEACE Ring with your favorite color, please post a photo on Instagram with the hashtags:

#TOHOPEACERING @toho_beads

#PeaceRingGrandeConnection2026

Use the correct hashtags and TOHO will make a donation according to the number of posts with PEACE RINGS that utilize TOHO Beads.

Your uploaded photos of the PEACE RING may be used for promotional purposes.

Find out more at **UMBS** website



We can't wait to see your **PEACE RINGS!**

The **Grande Connection** event will be when all the Peace Rings are connected together in a **mile long** chain! This will be a monumental milestone in the ongoing Peace Ring Project that was started in 2015 with the design of the Peace Ring. With the goal being, to bring Peace, one gram of beads at a time.

The rings can be made with any stitch! We want beaders of every level to be able to participate. You can use TOHO and all other beads! But please **no elastic string**. Rings can be 1-3 inches in diameter. **Connect the rings** together to create a long chain segment!



Upper Midwest
Bead Society

Peace Ring Committee hosted by the Upper Midwest Bead Society