



**OUR NEXT MEETING IS
SATURDAY, MAY 2ND, 2026
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

2026 PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

(Meeting Activities Subject to Change)

MAY 2 – 2nd Mini Challenge
announcement; Bead In, Beading Basics
Mini class

MAY 30 - 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)

AUG 15-16 – Julie Picarello Polymer
clay class

SEP 12 – Bead In

SEP 26 - Polymer Clay SIG

OCT 3 - TBD

OCT 16-17 – RMBS Bead and Artisan
Market

OCT 24 – Polymer Clay SIG

NOV 7 – 2026 UFO Challenge Drawing

NOV 28 – Polymer Clay SIG

DEC 5 - Holiday Luncheon

MAY MEETING

Don't forget to bring your black and/or white mini challenge piece(s) to the May meeting. Please bring it in a paper bag so that it will be anonymous until judging, handing it off to Tracy. There will be two categories of judging; beading and mixed media.

After the general meeting there will be a 30-minute mini session conducted by Kristina Amato titled Beading Basics. This is a new feature that we are trying out and hope it will be helpful to some of the new members as well as the seasoned (not old) members. See the website or Facebook page for more information.

Good news, we have a volunteer to head up the 2027 Raffle! Thank you so much for stepping up, Cynthia Pisqualli!! She will need many hands to help with this so please be sure to let her know that you can help support her and the club.

As mentioned in the past there will be a change to what we previously called "The Trunk Show". It is now called RMBS Bead and Artisan Market. It will be held October 16-17, Friday – Saturday at The Green Mountain Presbyterian Church. The location is 12900 W Alameda Parkway, Lakewood, CO. It is on the corner of Alameda Parkway and Mississippi. Debra Edell will be the Chairperson with Kristina Amato's help. They will have more information as it becomes available.

Kristina would love to have a group get together or a zoom session to connect the Peace Ring chains. If anyone is interested in getting together, please contact her directly. I suggested that she bring some of the rings to the May meeting at which time we could connect them during the Bead In.

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. The next Zoom

meeting will be held on Saturday, April 25th at 10:00 am. This will be an open meeting but there will be updates on coming events. If you are participating in the 100-day project, please have those ready to share.

Notice there is a date change for the May meeting. It will be May 30th instead of May 23rd which falls on Memorial weekend. You can go to the Events Calendar on the website for more information about meetings.

MONTHLY DOOR PRIZE MESSAGE

The Crystal Door Prizes from last month brought in roughly \$250 with 7 prizes that were given out. Thank you Pat and volunteers who helped put those together. There will be opportunities for more of these special door prizes in the future. Be sure to read your newsletter to know when these special prizes will be available.

2026 PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

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 D'Angelo.

We will have **18 classes** available for this year's Bead Sampler being held Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, June 5-7, 2026. The times will be 9:00 am – 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm each of these days. Thank you to all that have so graciously agreed to share a project with members. Registration will open May 1st and continue through the 15th.

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.

Julie Picarello will be teaching two classes August 15th and 16th. They are titled Faded Tapestry and Lazy River Imprint. The cost will be \$75 for one day or both for \$140. Non-members will pay \$95 for one class or \$180 for both. Stay tuned for more details.

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 using rockybeads.org.

2026 DE-STASH

The De-stash will be held on July 11th from 9:00 am – 11:30 am. 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 tables will be open from June 1 through June 26. Members will be able to register for one table only on a first-come, first-serve basis. After June 26, 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! Please contact Debra Edell and/or Tracy D'Angelo for more information.

2026 MINI CHALLENGES

Our "Black and White" Mini Challenge will come to a close on May 1, so bring your completed piece to the May 2 meeting, cleverly hidden in a paper bag. There will be a fabulous display of all the pieces, and we are adding a second category for the entries! The first for beaded pieces, as usual, and a second for "Other" media such as polymer, mixed media, strictly wirework (unless they are wire-wrapped stones or beads), etc. There will now be **four** prizes, instead of our usual three, so we can better recognize our members' various styles.

AND Tracy will announce our next Mini Challenge to run from May through the end of July, so get ready!

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. This year we will be adding a 4th winner, making it much more fun. 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

The Bead Sampler, June 5-7, is an annual Members Only event. It gives members an opportunity to explore a variety of media including beading, wirework, and polymer clay. RMBS members teach other members a project or technique.

Classes are free but members do pay for the kit used in the class. Kits are moderately priced, TBD depending on class. Classes are subject to cancellation; registrants will receive notification if this occurs. [Registration will be May 1-15, 2026.](#)

Number of registrations per member TBD. *Each session will be listed separately on the Event Calendar.* Spaces are limited for all classes.

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.**

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. You can print yourself by going to thebeadingcircle.com and look for the star Hendy Project.

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. Kristina Amato is overseeing this project. The last day she can accept the rings is in June, at the Sampler classes so there is time to put them all together.

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. Click on "About Us" and "Board Contact" then login to your member account to get email addresses.

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

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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.

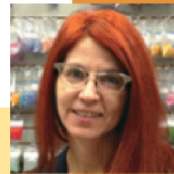
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CONNECTING PEOPLE
LINK BY LINK
BEAD BY BEAD



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