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**OUR NEXT MEETING IS
SATURDAY, Sept 12, 2026
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

2026 PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

(Meeting Activities Subject to Change)

SEP 12 – Bead In, Mini Technique class

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

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Along with our Bead In this month, after the business meeting, Kristina Amato will be conducting an introductory class after the meeting. She is calling it Introduction to Jewelry Finishing Techniques. Learn the essential techniques for giving your handmade jewelry a secure, polished finish. This beginner-friendly class introduces the basic methods and findings used to properly finish necklaces and bracelets. Students will learn how to attach clasps, use crimp beads and covers, work with jump rings, and neatly secure the ends of their jewelry. Perfect for beginning beaders who are ready to move from simply stringing beads to creating jewelry that is finished, wearable and made to last. No previous jewelry making experience required.

Rockybeads.org recently experienced a website breach and it is important that everyone change their password on the site. Rest assured no one's information has been compromised. Tips for creating a strong password: 11 characters long, 3 different character types (uppercase, lowercase, symbols and numbers), avoid real words and dates.

POLYMER CLAY SIG

The next meeting is September 26th. The zoom meeting begins at 10:00 am and ends at 12:00 pm. Contact Bertha if you have not already been added to the zoom meeting. For more details on this month's program go to the RMBS Event Calendar on the Rocky Mountain Bead Society website.

2026 PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

This year RMBS has presented a variety of classes and workshops with even more activities to come before the year-end! If you have any suggestions or recommendations for classes/teachers for 2027, please be sure to contact Tracy D'Angelo.

The **Carrie Tahquechi** classes were amazing as always. Her "in Flight and Friends" class featured a beaded 3-D element. The "Guiled Lagoon" class incorporated several bead embroidery techniques around a beautiful cabochon that she made herself. She is such a great teacher with wonderful projects. She is so helpful in making one of her projects exactly as she has made it or tailored to your own needs and wants. You can tell she really wants to make sure you succeed in finishing your pieces. Thank you again Carrie for offering these two classes to us at such an affordable rate! Please consider taking one of her classes in the future if you haven't already.



Gilded Lagoon

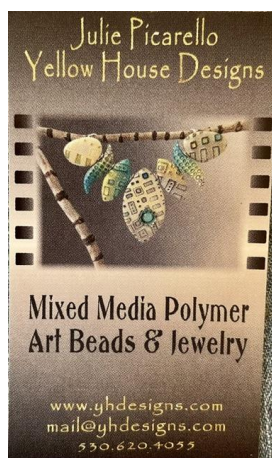


In Flight and Friends

I could not attend the **Julie Picarello** classes, but I heard they were wonderful. Julie is a very well-known Polymer Clay artist from CA and we were honored to have her here in Denver. In total, her classes were attended by 32 students (9 of which were on Zoom each day from around the US). We extend many thanks to Bertha Adamson for providing Zoom technology which increased our student participation nation-wide, and for donating flight miles to bring Julie to Denver affordably. A big thanks to Tracy D'Angelo who provided housing for Julie which also helped make it possible for RMBS to bring this instructor to Denver. I have received a few photos of completed projects as well as her business card if anyone has further questions. (Faded Tapestry Images from Jody Charmatz, Tracy D'Angelo, Sandy Brock and Jane Albright.)



Lazy River Imprint Mokume Image (below) by Jane Albright.



2026 RMBS BEAD AND ARTISAN MARKET (Formerly the Trunk Show)

🎨 **Calling all jewelry artists, bead enthusiasts, and creative makers!**

The **RMBS** is excited to welcome artisans to the **2026 RMBS Bead & Artisan Market** on **October 16–17, 2026**, at **Green Mountain Presbyterian Church in Lakewood, Colorado**.

💎 **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** A sign up “Genius” will be posted mid-September to sign up to help our Market. We will need help to set up, greet our shoppers, and clean up.

🎨 **Only One More Chance to Showcase Your Talents** 🎨

There is a - 5'x10' booth and a 10'x10' booth still available so ACT NOW!

📄 **Ready to Join Us?**

🌐 www.rockybeads.org

- ➡ Society Events Calendar
- ➡ List of Events
- ➡ Vendor Information

Questions? Contact **Debra Edell** or **Kristina Amato** at:

✉ RMBSartisanmk@rockybeads.org

💎 **Thank you for your amazing support! We can't wait to welcome everyone to the 2026 RMBS Bead & Artisan Market this October!**

WHOLE BEAD SHOW (SEPT 19-20)

Once again, the Whole Bead Show will be held at the Lowry Center. We will have a table in the entrance hall to direct people and promote our own RMBS Bead and Artisan Market. Look for the Sign-up Genius notification for this volunteer opportunity. You should see it in your email near the end of August.

2026 HOLIDAY PARTY

Though December seems far away, planning is underway for our Holiday Luncheon. We have a few volunteers who have stepped up but are still looking for others to help. We need someone to oversee Decorations, and someone for Set Up and Clean Up.

We are lucky enough to have Lisa Keith and Brenda Pierce oversee food again this year (YUMM!). Sandy Brock will challenge us with some fun games. The Silent Auction (which debuted last year) will be coordinated by Kathleen Sloan.

We felt like the silent auction was a fun success and so Kathleen is going to coordinate the 2026 version of the Holiday Silent Auction. Start thinking about items you might want to donate to the auction. This could be a bead-related item (something you have made, a kit that you'll never make, nice/unique tools) or something related to a non-bead-related hobby. Popular items last year were a bead board, a "mystery" jar, and a wire wrap pendant made by Deb Edell. What creative donations can *you* come up with?

Rita Caldwell and Denise Leck will be collecting jewelry donations that they will give to nonprofits in the community. They will be collecting these pieces at the holiday luncheon.

2026 MINI CHALLENGES

We had another very successful mini challenge with a Fruit Salad theme. All the entries were so colorful and creative, showing the great creativity among our membership! The winners were Jane Albright, Sue Urbanek, and Karen Goldman. I have added pictures of all the participating pieces at the end of the newsletter.

The new challenge, African Safari, will run from August 1 through October 31, and will be voted on at our November 7 meeting. See details for the new challenge in the photo below.



The poster for the African Safari challenge features a yellow background. At the top, the words "AFRICAN SAFARI" are written in large, bold, yellow letters with a black outline. Below this, the text "THE BIG 5" is written in a similar style. In the center, there are five small images of African animals: an elephant, a lion, an African buffalo, a rhino, and a leopard. Below these images are their names: "Elephant", "Lion", "African Buffalo", "Rhino", and "Leopard". To the right of these images is a large image of a giraffe. Below the animal names, there are three more images: a colorful patterned fabric, a landscape with acacia trees and zebras, and a logo for "SOUL of SOMANIA" with the text "Creating Art Transforming Lives". At the bottom, there is a paragraph of text: "African Adventures is the theme and there are no requirements. From animal colors or patterns to incredible birds everywhere, from colors of the Serengeti or the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro, anything goes! Have fun doing a bit of research (or not) to find an element of Africa that interests you and create something you've not done before. Lots of flexibility here leading into the end of 2026 so you can relax!"

AFRICAN SAFARI

"THE BIG 5"

Elephant Lion African Buffalo Rhino Leopard

Acacia Trees

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Creating Art
Transforming Lives

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DONATIONS

Recently RMBS has been approached to sell beads on behalf of former members' estates. We thought this would be a good time to clarify our donation policy. RMBS will gladly and gratefully take any donations as long as we have the room to store them. However, we cannot act as a seller for the donor. If you have any further questions, please contact the board.

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.**

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.

FRUIT SALAD MINI CHALLENGE PHOTOS – Thanks to all who participated!



