

OUR NEXT MEETING IS
SATURDAY, AUG 1, 2026
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

2026 PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

(Meeting Activities Subject to Change)

AUG 1, 2 – Fruit Salad Mini Challenge;
 Carrie Tahquechi (2-day class)
 AUG 15-16 – Julie Picarello Polymer
 Clay classes
 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

AUGUST MEETING

It has been a few months since we have been together for a regular meeting although it will be short since some of us will be attending Carrie Tahquechi's class. Speaking of which, we have extended registration to July 25th for those who have not yet signed up. Notice the newly added Fox picture below in the Programs section (In Flight & Friends). It will be on a necklace off to one side like the hummingbird and butterfly examples.

Don't forget to bring in your Fruit Salad mini challenge pieces.

Pat is again bringing out the Swarovski door prizes. Tickets will be \$5.00 each. Cash is preferred, but Square will be available. The packages will contain 4mm bicones, 6mm bicones, 8mm bicones, pearls (size will vary), and one bag of special shapes. Quantity will be between 1 and 50 on the crystals and one strand on the pearls. As Kevin Costner says in Tin Cup, "you git what you git!" All selections



will be random and not color coordinated.

We would like to offer another technique mini class in September. Please bring ideas of what you would like to see to the August meeting.

POLYMER CLAY SIG

The next meeting will not be until September 26th. However, don't forget about the Julie Picarello workshops on August 15th and 16th (details below). Registration is open until July 31st.

2026 DE-STASH

The De-Stash once again was a success. The club netted around \$500. I hope that all the vendors had a successful day as well.

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.

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.

2026 PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

Carrie Tahquechi will be teaching two days, August 1st and August 2nd all day.

After a quick business meeting on August 1st: Member registration is available on the website June 15- July 16 with a registration fee of \$45. Non-Member Registration is June 22 – July 25 with a registration fee of \$60. [She has graciously reduced her usual teaching fee for us so let's fill up both classes.](#)

In Flight and Friends is an intermediate bead embroidery class where students will create a necklace centered on a 3D printed animal frame. Students will choose a main animal design, then use bead embroidery techniques—including beaded backstitch, peyote stitch, and fringe— to build a finished piece with texture, movement, and character. The result is a bold, wearable necklace that celebrates a beautiful beaded focal with beadwork.

This **intermediate class** is suited for students with some bead embroidery experience who are ready to build dimension and detail into a finished necklace project.

Students should bring **Size 11 needles, thread of choice, scissors, a work surface, task light, magnification if needed, and adhesive.**

Currently available animals include Butterfly, Hummingbird, Bee, Happy Bee, Dove, Roadrunner, Cactus.
Coming soon: Rabbit and Fox

Kit fee 65.00





August 2nd: Member registration is June 15- July 25 with a registration fee of \$45. Non-Member Registration is June 22 – July 16 with a registration fee of \$60. [She has graciously reduced her usual teaching fee for us so let's fill up both classes.](#) The class will be 9:00 am – 4:30 pm with a half hour lunch break.

Gilded Lagoon invites students to create a richly detailed statement necklace centered around a one-of-a-kind hand-poured paint cabochon. In this class, students will explore bead embroidery techniques to build a beautiful focal piece featuring a peyote stitch cabochon setting, beaded backstitch, sparkling cup chain accents, and flowing fringe. The project is finished with a handmade neckband that brings the entire design together into a cohesive and wearable work of art.

This **intermediate-level class** is ideal for students who enjoy detailed beadwork and want to expand their skills while creating a dramatic focal necklace. Each finished piece will reflect the individuality of the hand-poured cabochon and chosen colorway, making every necklace unique. Students should bring **needles, thread of choice, scissors, a work surface, task light, magnification if needed, and adhesive.**

Kit fee \$85.00

Gilded Lagoon



Teal & Gold

Black & Teal

Lilac & Gold

Metallic Purple
Black & Gold

Julie Picarello will be teaching two Polymer Clay classes, August 15th and 16th. Member registration is available on the website June 1- July 31, Non-Member Registration is July 1 – July 31. Classes are hybrid, in-person and via Zoom. Previous experience with polymer is helpful but not necessary. Students will receive a supplies list to pull from

their stash (or purchase before class). For in-person students new to polymer, basic tools (ex. work surface, blade, roller, etc.) can be borrowed from PCSIG and you can also purchase perishable supplies (ex. clay) from us.

Registration fee: Members are \$75 per class or \$140 for both and non-members are \$95 per class or \$180 for both.

Julie Picarello Polymer Clay Workshops

*Presented by the Polymer Clay Special Interest Group
of the Rocky Mountain Bead Society*

Saturday & Sunday, August 15 & 16, 2026

at the Lowry Conference Center (Denver) or online via Zoom
visit www.rockybeads.org for details and to register



Day 1 - Faded Tapestry

Texture, Shimmering Background, Painted Color

Using hand-picked rubber stamps to transfer a design to the clay, students will use tools to add fine details that will be highlighted with acrylic paint. Translucent clay will be used to create a faded tapestry look to the clay, which will then be formed into your choice of brooch, pendant or earrings.

Students will learn how to use a stamp to create a crisp texture in the clay and what tools are best to add fine details. They will learn the secret of creating a glowing background, how to highlight with color, seal to create a richly faded look, and then form into a finished bead. 8 Hours, US\$75 members/\$95 non-members for one class or US\$140/\$180 for both classes.



Day 2 - Lazy River Imprint Mokume

Mokume Gane, which loosely translates to "wood-eye-metal", is a Japanese metalworking technique traditionally used to adorn samurai swords. In this workshop, students will form their own special tool to imprint a winding, texture-filled "lazy river" in their design as well as explore imprinting with a variety of other tools. Emphasis will be on color inspiration, custom mixing of color palettes, forming focal bead shapes and bead finishing. 7-8 Hours, US\$75 members/\$95 non-members for one class or US\$140/\$180 for both classes.

Extra Treat - Lizard Tails (if time permits)

Layered, Rolled and Sliced

Layering different colors of clay, rolling in a special way, and then cutting in half to reveal mirror image patterns is the technique taught in this workshop. They can be shaped into tails, pods or spirals and make wonderful focal beads by themselves, or look wonderful strung together in a group.



You should always receive a confirmation email once you register for a class! The most it should take is an hour but, in most cases, just a few minutes. If you do not get this confirmation, please let Bertha know. She will 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.org.

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



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

The **Rocky Mountain Bead Society** 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**.



This expanded event has generated an incredible response! Thank you to everyone who registered.



Only One More Chance to Showcase Your Talents

There are 2-5'x10' or 1-10'x10' booths available



[Ready to Join Us?](#) (control click on Ready)

Questions?



RMBSartisanmk@rockybeads.org

Contact **Debra Edell** or **Kristina Amato**



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

INTERNATIONAL BEADING WEEK

International Beading Week is July 25th to August 2nd. Beaders from all over the world come together to celebrate their craft. They offer many free activities and “They house a massive, continually updated library of tutorials donated by global ambassadors and guild members”. Google International Beading Week for more information.

2026 MINI CHALLENGES

We hope you've all enjoyed working on your Fruit Salad entry for the Summer's Mini Challenge! Be sure to bring your completed piece to the August 1 meeting in a paper bag so no one can see it! [Also, please add a "nametag" inside the bag with your first and last name so we can see "who made what" after voting!](#) We were sorry so many Black & White entries went unidentified at the last Mini Challenge voting! We'll make it easier this time.

And don't forget that we'll be announcing the final Mini Challenge for 2026. We know you'll all love this subject which will run from August 1 through October 31, and will be voted on at our November 7 meeting, along with the year-long UFO Challenge! Busy! Busy! Busy!

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 our Facebook page.

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 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 it yourself by going to thebeadingcircle.com and looking for the Star Hendy Project.

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.