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2026 PROGRAMS SCHEDULE

(Meeting Activities Subject to Change)

SEPT 26 – Polymer Clay SIG

OCT 3 – Bead In

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

OUR NEXT MEETING IS
SATURDAY, Oct 3, 2026
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

OCTOBER MEETING

Elections will happen next month (November meeting) for board positions: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Programs. We only have one person who is stepping down, Tracy as Program Director, (more about that under the Programs heading). Social Media Coordinator is a volunteer position that will be vacated at the end of the year. Anyone who is interested in running for one of the above offices or volunteer positions will be asked to let us know at

the October meeting so that we can vote in November.

I feel like this is a good opportunity to thank everyone who works so hard at keeping this group running. We sometimes don't know the behind the scenes work that goes into a group organization. Huge shoutout to all the officers who put in a lot of time organizing us. Diane Roybal as first year President has done a great job, quickly learning the ropes and navigating through a lot of paperwork she received when she joined the ranks. Kathleen Sloan as Secretary, for her ever-witty quips regarding upcoming meetings or events. I'm always intrigued by her cleverness. Katie Haberkorn as Treasurer, keeping us updated and out of trouble with the powers that be. We would be lost without Bertha Adamson and her vast knowledge of what it takes to maintain the website and all the computer "stuff" most of us take for granted. Kristina Amato has done an amazing job as Social Media Coordinator letting the public know who we are and what we are about. Her constant upkeep of the Facebook page is to be commended. Jody Charmatz does a great job as the Hospitality volunteer making sure that there are snacks at the meetings. I have a sneaking suspicion that she brings a tasty treat each month. Pat Lucero always has a fun array of door prizes ready for each meeting as well as managing incoming donations. I find the prizes something to look forward to. Who doesn't love Helen Littlejohn and her commitment to the showcases. She is always willing to connect and place, retrieve or be the middleman to sell or display your items.

Let's not forget the committee chairs! Debra Edell and Kristina Amato have been working so hard on the RMBS Bead and Artisan Market. It may be something we have done for several years but having changed the venue and making it a two-day show they and others have put in many hours of planning and organizing. Be sure to talk it up to all your friends. The 2027 Rocky Mountain Jewelry Arts Raffle is being organized by Cynthia Pasquale. We are so grateful that she has stepped up to do this since it is our main moneymaker for the organization. It is a huge undertaking, and she will need help from everyone. Rita Caldwell and Denise Leck thank you for finding organizations and delivering our jewelry donations helping make someone's Holiday more special. Diane Johnstone tirelessly sitting at the front table making sure that all members are greeted and signing in for the meetings.

Last but not least, thanks to all of you, the members who don't always get any glory but do show up and support everyone's efforts.

Pat is again bringing out the Swarovski door prizes. Tickets will be \$5.00 each. Cash is preferred; Square will not be available because Kathleen most likely won't be at the meeting. 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.



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

Tracy D'Angelo has worked tirelessly for the last 4 years as our Programs Director. She has put in endless time researching, organizing, and maintaining a robust program that we all benefit from. She has reduced costs for us by opening her home and accommodating teachers' stays. She shows up to as many events as she can making sure they run smoothly. She has encouraged us all to reach into our beading stash and complete projects that have been sitting around just waiting for attention! (Be sure to see all the UFO's that have been turned in throughout the year on our Facebook page under Albums). And how about those mini challenges? Love them or hate them, they do encourage motivation. Let's all give her a warm hand with appreciation for all she has contributed. She will now be freer to volunteer and to help in other capacities. It is time for someone else to step up to the challenge. If you are interested in taking over the Program Director Position, please talk with Tracy for some great insight and guidance. Remember we vote in November so need to know soon!

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

 **THE WAIT IS ALMOST OVER!** 

 **October 16 – 17, 2026**  **Friday & Saturday** 

 **9:30 AM–5:00 PM**

 **Green Mountain Presbyterian Church**
12900 W Alameda Parkway
Lakewood, Colorado 80228

www.rockybeads.org

After months of planning, organizing, and introducing you to some of our wonderful vendors, the **2026 RMBS Bead & Artisan Market is finally here!**

🎨 This year's Market will bring together an exciting collection of bead vendors, jewelry artists, designers, and creative makers for two full days of shopping, inspiration, and community.

💎 Whether you are looking for **beautiful beads** and **gemstones** for your next project, unique **components** and **findings**, **handmade jewelry**, **artisan creations**, or that perfect one-of-a-kind **holiday gift**, you'll find plenty to explore. 💎

MEET OUR 2026 VENDORS



Africa Direct — Elizabeth Bennett
Bright Star Gemstones — Richard Kocurek
Cathy Spivey Mendola Jewelry & Fiber Art — Cathy Spivey Mendola
Crazy Woman Glass — Leslie Bitgood
DJ Ornaments — Debra Edell
Fairy Ring Beads — Catherine Dove
Gigglin Grizzly Bead and Jewelry — Elaine Green
Jane Albright
Jeannette Stutzman
Kate Dowd Designs — Kate Dowd
Nikia Angel
RMBS — Pat Lucero
Silver & Gem Design — Patrick (Yiren) Zhang
Star Mountain Trading — April Redbird
Sun & Thread Sisters — Kristina Amato
Urban Toadstool Beads — Patty Shannon

NOW WE NEED YOU!

Spread the word. Share the Market on Facebook and social media, invite your friends and family, tell your fellow artists and bead enthusiasts, and share our flyers throughout the community.

💜 Every person you invite helps support our vendors, our artists, and RMBS! 💜

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

It takes many helping hands to make an event like this happen. We need volunteers to assist with **greeting our shoppers, helping throughout the Market, and cleanup.**

The **SignUpGenius** will be available at the end of September. Please consider volunteering for a shift. Your time makes a difference! 🙌

🎁 JUST IN TIME FOR HOLIDAY SHOPPING! 🎁

Come spend the day with us, meet our talented vendors, discover something new, stock up on supplies, find inspiration for your next creation, and get an early start on your holiday shopping.

💎 **Bring your friends. Bring your family. Bring your love of beads and handmade art!** 💎

For additional information, visit www.rockybeads.org and select:

Society Events Calendar → List of Events → 2026 RMBS Bead & Artisan Market

📧 Questions? Contact **Debra Edell** or **Kristina Amato** at RMBSartisanmk@rockybeads.org

🎉 **Our vendors are ready. The Market is almost here.** 🎉

🎉 **Now all we need is YOU!** 🎉

2026 MINI CHALLENGES

Hopefully you are all busy working on your new mini challenge piece.

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 2026 African Safari Mini Challenge features a yellow background with the title "AFRICAN SAFARI" in large, bold, brown letters at the top. Below the title, it says "THE BIG 5" in a smaller, black, stylized font. The central part of the poster displays five small images of African animals: an elephant, a lion, an African buffalo, a rhino, and a leopard. Below these images are the labels "Elephant", "Lion", "African Buffalo", "Rhino", and "Leopard". To the right of these images is a large, vertical image of a giraffe. Below the animal images, there are three more images: a colorful, abstract pattern of beads, a painting of an acacia tree in a savanna, and a logo for "SOUL of SOMANIA" with the tagline "Creating Art Transforming Lives". At the bottom of the poster, 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!"

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 Debra 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.

In addition to all the fun and food, we will add a little/lot of sparkle!! Our beloved Hair Tinsel gal, Ashley Garcia, will be at the party to Glam us up for the Holiday Season.

2027 ROCKY MOUNTAIN JEWELRY ARTS RAFFLE

Help make our 2027 Jewelry Arts Raffle successful by volunteering!

The Raffle may be months away, but we'll start preparations later this year. There are still important positions to fill. We hope you will consider joining us.

Sponsor Liaison: Help us get great prizes for our fundraiser. As a volunteer, you'll reach out to potential prize donors. We'll provide contact information and email templates. The task includes some follow-up with the sponsors. Several volunteers needed for work that begins in January.

Writer: Volunteers will use photos and sponsor descriptions/websites to draft prize details that will boost ticket sales. Let your creativity flow.

Social media: Volunteers create enticing posts to highlight the raffle, prizes, and the sponsors.

Proofreaders: Volunteers will review prize descriptions and other written information to ensure accuracy.

Advertising researchers: Help us determine the best way to tell everyone about our Raffle and sponsor prizes. Email advertising manager: Our volunteer will modify templates that will be sent prior to Raffle Day. After the Raffle, you will load emails into a mailing program. Training provided.

Want to find out more? Ready to volunteer?

Rocky Mountain Bead Society members can contact Cynthia Pasquale at raffle@rockybeads.org.

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.

Pat Lucero has volunteered to oversee **all** donations and how they will be dispersed. You can contact Pat on the website under Door Prizes regarding any and all donations RMBS is to receive. She will be able to assess what we sell at the different events and what will go as door prizes. Another great way for us to make \$\$\$.

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.