



Emerald Coast Bead Society

ECBS meets on the 3rd Monday of each month, 6pm
at The Wright Place - 80 E. Wright St.

For information call Cassandra Brahan 850-932-6908

March 2012

TidBits:

SHOP-ORTUNITIES!!

Save your pennies, two of our favorite vendors will be coming soon: April Melody with her usual dazzling array of beads and goodies- April 29 - 30, and Singaraja Imports with sterling and vermeil beads and findings on May 7th. More details to follow...

Contracts are Coming
The ECBS Spring show will be April 28th. Vendor contracts will be sent out on or about March 14th. Please read all info carefully and plan to join us as either a vendor or a volunteer.

Feed the old Jar...
Please remember to bring in a cool bead to toss in the jar- who knows- you may win it next time!

Visit our website at:
emeraldcoastbeadsociety.com

General Meeting March 19, 2012

Pearl Knotting with Tamara Prudhomme

Supplies needed are:

1 strand 5.5 - 6 mm pearls (you can get 2 bracelets or one necklace from this strand)

#2 Natural Silk (I use Bead Cord Perlside - it comes pre-packaged with 2 meters of silk with an attached needle)

Fishhook Clasp-or a lightweight clasp of choice.

French wire (only 1 to 1 1/2 inches is needed)

An awl or long-fine needle, fine tipped tweezers, beading mat or towel to keep pearls from rolling (use a towel or mat that is lighter or darker than the silk and pearl color)**small scissors** to cut silk and a **bead reamer**.

Traditional pearls are white or off white and use white silk. Today you can get pearls and silk that are many different colors. A very contemporary look is to use white pearls with black or colored silk.

I'll be demonstrating how to start the project and how to knot with the single needle and thread method. The ending of the project is the same as the beginning but I don't think anyone will be able to finish the project in an hour. I will include instructions as soon as I make them up.

It's really important with this method to get the silk with the attached needle otherwise there may be difficulties getting the needle through the pearl holes with 2 strands of this size silk.

A wholesale pearl company that I use is "Joseph P. Stachura Co., Inc." web address is www.StachuraWholesale.com I last purchased my silk from Rio Grande.

Contact Tamara at 712-3267 or tamaradp@aol.com

Also at the March Meeting...

If you took the kumihimo braiding class at the bead retreat and need help to finish, Allida Webb will be on hand to guide you.

Show and Tell

March brings our first show and tell opportunity. If you wish to participate, bring a special item that you think will interest and educate your fellow beaders and be prepared to present it (briefly please) to the group. Items might include: an unusual stone or bead, beadwork made using an obscure or rare technique or anything you think would excite other ECBS members. Just to make it sweeter, Show and Tell participants will draw for a \$30 prize!