

#### TidBits:

#### Show and Tell!

In June, bring a Show and Tell subject to share with your fellow beaders. It can be a fascinating bead you found, a project you are proud of, a book or publication or anything you want to share with our group. Be prepared to talk briefly, and you will be entered in a drawing to win a prize of \$30 in merchandise from your choice of ECBS member vendors.

### We Need Teachers!

ECBS needs teacher volunteers for our meeting classes. Please come share your talents with us! You may charge a nominal fee to your students, sell kits containing required materials and also limit the size of your class if you wish-it's all up to you. Contact program chair Allida Webb for details-251

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## Calling all Members:

We always need members to bring food to meetings call Naita, 850-994-7465, and also to bring a bead now and then to fill the raffle jar.

# General Meeting June 18, 2012

Wire Cuff Bracelet with Linda Linzy

In June we'll be a twistin' and a bendin' with the ever charming Linda. To participate you will need to bring:

Wire- 16, 18, or 20 gauge- about 10 inches is enough (a little extra never hurts)

1 roll 26 gauge wire - about \$3 at the craft store Beads from your stash, filigree if desired

Bent, round, and flat nosed pliers, wire cutters and ruler. As usual a work surface and task light are a good idea.

Skill level: Advanced - but not too hard for ECBS members! We will be making a cuff form by bending heavy gauge wire. Choose a gauge that you feel comfortable bending. 16 gauge may be too hard for you to bend and 20 gauge may be a better size. Test them. Your usual hobby/bead shop carries a variety of wire. Also might want to check out your local hardware store. The 26 gauge wire will be used to wrap and add beads to the form. You can use any wire: copper, silver, brass, gold filled, silver filled, colored or mix it up. This is a very versatile form once you make your base, you can wrap it with pre-strung beads, crystals or use some filigree. Go one step further and use half round to make a prettier wrap. You could even use three large focal beads and wrap smaller ones around. I'm sure many of you will come back to the next meeting with even more ideas and variations of this cuff.

Call me with questions <u>251-987-5473</u>. If I don't answer, leave a message and I'll get back to you. There is another picture of a cuff on my facebook page- Linda L.

