



# 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 Meredith Hartsfield 850-932-9473

## December 2014

### Retreat News-

Deadline for class registration is December 31-finish your sign ups NOW. Our talented teachers need time to organize kits and prepare for the classes. This is also a good time to reserve your room at the Ramada Fort Walton Beach. Be sure to mention that you are coming to the retreat.

### Raffles and jars...

Last call- bring beads to the meeting to throw in the hungry bead jar. We will raffle it at our January meeting so we want it full!

We also need donations of merchandise for our bead retreat and monthly raffles.

This fund raising pays our teachers each month.

Anything extra funds show ads, the bead retreat etc... so please give items that will entice ticket sales.

We welcome any fund raising ideas you may have. We are always open to suggestions (and we really like the ones that come with action).

## General Meeting December 15, 2014

### Christmas Party-Gift exchange

Oh come all you beaders to party on Monday night. We'll be having our usual eat and greet and swap of handmade gifts. Please bring a tasty offering to share with everyone- sweet or savory, purchased or your own homemade specialty - we'll be eating well! ECBS will provide drinks and paper goods.

Festivities will continue with our gift exchange. To participate you need to bring a gift that you have made- something so nice you'd want it back! Gifts must be wrapped, but don't label them. Also this month by popular demand- the 50/50 raffle. \$1 each or \$5 for six tickets- winner splits proceeds with ECBS.

## Thank You to All!

The board of ECBS wishes to recognize the efforts of all of our members at the close of this difficult year. We've been flooded and displaced and not a little discouraged... but you have all continued to support and participate in your bead society. Thank you. We look forward to more beads and better times in 2015.

Taking this a little further- we had a good show last weekend! We wish to thank every vendor who participated. Your commissions will fund advertising for our next show. Thanks to all who made purchases, spread the word and helped in any other way to make us successful.

Special recognition goes out to our wonderful volunteers: **Sally Barnes, Catherine Heidelberg, Jan Kurtz, Bronwyn Nickles, Shelly Seely and the lovely Charese, Kylie and(as always) Mary Jordan.**

**P.S.** Mary would like to retire as the show chair eventually and requests some helpful members to share the load.