



GENERAL MEETING: February 15, 2016

2016 BEAD RETREAT

Our retreat was a success and we're already planning next year's!

Teachers: Thank you and kudos for sharing your talents and knowledge at the retreat. The projects were remarkable and we couldn't have had the success we had without you. The students were proud of their accomplishments, thanks to you.

Students: Thank you for signing up and taking the classes you did. We hope you not only benefitted from your new skills and techniques, but also that you had fun.

Volunteers: We are thankful for the volunteers who helped at the retreat: **Kathi** and **Mark Gordon** for running the raffles and **Tahnja Pyle** for her all-around help where we needed it. Thank you again!

We are preparing a questionnaire about the retreat for teachers and students alike. You'll receive one as soon as we finish preparing it.

SHOW IT OFF; ASK FOR HELP

We want to see what you made at the retreat, so please bring your finished projects from the retreat to show off and inspire! If you need help with your project, bring it and we'll help.

BEAD JAR RAFFLE!

It's famous! It's infamous! It's bursting at the seams! The Bead Jar will be raffled off at our next meeting. Will *you* be the lucky winner?

Plus -- remember to keep bringing a nice bead or two to feed this year's new Bead Jar.

FEBRUARY RAFFLE!

We'll also have a raffle at the next meeting. We have some beautiful and useful items you can try for. Please donate something nice for future raffles; we all like to win nice things.

SPRING 2017 SHOW – SAVE THE DATE

Start building your inventory and get psyched – our Emerald Coast Bead Society spring show is Saturday, May 7. Look for the contracts in your email box by the end of March.

NEED BEADING SUPPLIES?

One of our long-time members, **Peg Ricketson**, is selling her beading supplies. She is offering anyone in the Society who is interested to call her at (850) 449-1277 or (850) 477-5146 to set up an appointment to look at what she has to sell. Her email is pricketson@cox.net.

ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

The Cathedral Women at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Pensacola is having its 2016 Spring Fling fundraiser on Saturday, April 9, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Contact Ruth Talbott [Vendor Chair] at (850) 477-2398 or at SteveTalbott@aol.com for more information on setting up a table or booth.

APRIL MELODY AND HER TRAVELLING BEADS

We got word that April Melody and her wonderful new and vintage beads will be in Pensacola sometime in March. More information will be shared as a date is firmed up.

BEAD CRUISE

There is a four-day beading cruise October 6 –10, 2016 that leaves New Orleans and makes a port call in Cozumel, Mexico. Contact Bead Society member **Nettie Varnell** for more information.

Current Officers:

President: Meredith Hartsfield

Vice President: Eleanor Cutts

Treasurer: (*Meredith Hartsfield pro tempore while we recruit a replacement*)

Secretary: Mary Jordan

Program Chair: Susan Marie Molloy

Hospitality: Naita Peschel

Happy Beading!

Remember:

All You Need is Love – And Some Nice Beads and/or Wire.