



## **GENERAL MEETING: March 21, 2016**

**We hope everyone was safe when the tornado hit Pensacola on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you were affected, please let us know if we can help in any way.**

### **SAVE THE DATE – 2017 BEAD RETREAT**

We're planning next year's retreat for February 17, 18, and 19, 2017 in Fort Walton Beach. Since those dates don't compete with the Tucson Bead Show, Mardi Gras, or Super Bowl, we hope to get even more people involved and signed up for classes.

### **SAVE THE DATE/CONTRACTS ON THE WAY – 2016 SPRING SHOW**

Our "Art of Spring: Jewelry and Bead Show" is May 7! Start building your inventory and get motivated! Look for the contracts from **Mary Jordan** in your email box by March 21. Contracts are due back by April 18, 2016. The postcards announcing the show are ready and will be available at the next meeting. Please help share the news of our event.

**BRING YOUR 2016 RETREAT PROJECTS** – Show off what you created, you talented beaders and wire workers! We'll take pictures at the next meeting and post them on our website and Facebook page. We all would like to see what you can do – and we do love to *oooo* and *ahhhh* over what you do – so let's show off our best to the Bead World at large.

### **CLASS – KNOTTED PEARL NECKLACE – MARCH 21<sup>st</sup>**

**Allida Webb** will be teaching this easy, yet elegant piece at our next meeting. You will need to bring:

**Tools:** Ruler or tape measure, chain nose pliers, awl, scissors

**She is offering the following kits:**

1 large pearl kit (includes leather cord and lobster clasp) -- \$6.50

1 large pearl/2 small pearls kit (includes leather cord and lobster clasp) -- \$8.50  
Other kits available by adding pearls, longer leather cords and no clasp style knot and loop style closure.

. . . and here are a couple of pictures of the project:



**TEACHERS NEEDED!** Share a simple project or a technique at one of our meetings. We all want to learn something new, or maybe hone a skill, or get a refresher on a technique, and you're the person to show us! Contact **Susan Molloy** to schedule yourself to teach a class, or make suggestions on what you'd like to have offered.

**WE NEED YOU** – You can help our Society by volunteering to spread the word about us to the public and other local beadlers at local fairs, shows, libraries, through social media, et cetera. This will be further discussed at our next meeting.

### **MARCH RAFFLE**

We'll have a raffle at the next meeting, and there'll be some nice things offered. Please donate something swell for future raffles; we all like to win nifty things.

### **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