



# Emerald Coast Bead Society

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

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## MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER

GENERAL MEETING ~ March 20, 2017



### MARCH PROGRAM

*Floating Bead Bracelet*

### *2017 Annual Bead Retreat & Gem Expo*

**The February retreat at  
Ramada Plaza Beach Resort  
Fort Walton Beach, Florida  
was a huge success!**

Come join Joyce Schifiliti for a fun bracelet project! This is a quick pattern ideal for beginners but flexible enough to interest experienced beaders. Pick your favorite spring colors or color coordinate with your favorite outfit.

#### Materials list:

- 13 jump rings-10mm
- 14 split rings-6mm
- 52 seed beads-size 6
- 1 plain toggle
- 2 jump rings-4x6mm oval or round
- 2 pair chain nose pliers to open/close jump rings



Meredith Hartsfield will feature  
her famous hand painted eggs for  
Easter!

There were 39 registered participants with a total of nine teachers offering over 20 classes!

Participants came from near and far, including Canada, New Jersey, Birmingham, AL and Columbus, GA as well as "locals" from Pensacola, Milton, Navarre, Ft. Walton, Panama City and Destin.

We welcomed returning teacher: Melody MacDuffee; new-to-us: Ronda Stevens, Mary K McGraw; and our own members: Becky Adkins, Jan Kurtz, Diane Ostrander, Nettie Varnell, Meredith Hartsfield and Mary Jordan; and assistants: Bobbi Dorner and Theresa Bush.

The raffle raised \$174; 50/50 brought in \$202 with winner, Becky Adkins, receiving winnings of \$100!!

# EVENTS

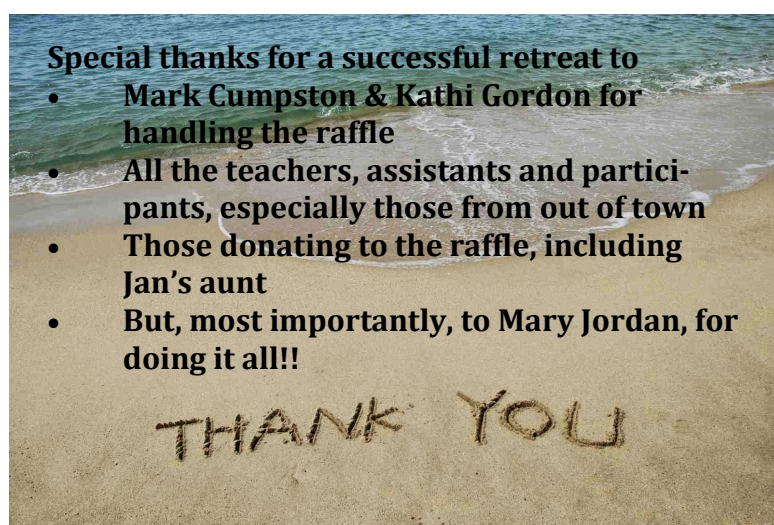
APRIL—Sherri Stauffer will present several handmade decorative containers for gifting your special jewelry. There will be a make-n-take!

MAY—Our Spring Show is May 6, 2017 at The Wright Place in Pensacola.

UPCOMING—completing our name tag; buy, sell and/or swap

EVERY MONTH—shopping is always available so feel free to bring your merchandise

\* We will include other shows in our newsletter and website, especially if our members are vendors or exhibitors. \*\*Program activities & dates subject to change.



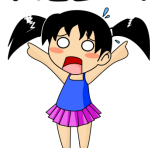
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\*some exclusions apply



Please post photos of your retreat projects on our Facebook page—Emerald Coast Bead Society

## HELP !



NEEDED: Members to teach techniques at our monthly general meetings. Please contact one of the Program Directors if you are interested. Never fear—they may contact you first!!

2017 dues are \$35. You can pay at the meeting or mail to ECBS, PO Box 582, Gulf Breeze, Florida 32562. Please make checks payable to ECBS. Members receive a membership card good for discounts at any Jo-Ann Store and limited bead shows. Cards are available at the ECBS general meetings.

\*Only 2017 current members will receive further newsletters.



Postcards for the **Art of Spring** Jewelry and Bead Show are now available at the monthly general meetings