



# ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB

## THE SHELL SCOOP – SHELL SEEKERS

### APRIL 2020

**CLUB WEBSITE:** [www.Englewoodshell.club](http://www.Englewoodshell.club)

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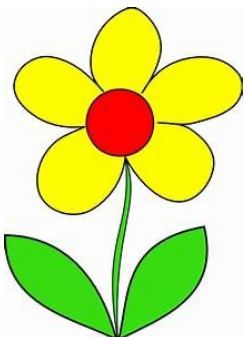
**All ESC activities cancelled.  
Look ahead to next season.  
Stay Well!**

### **2020-2022 Slate of Officers:**

Co-Presidency: Meredith Blain & Martha Dehne  
Vice President: Leslie Furmage  
Secretary: Anita Wilson  
Treasurer: Judy Kauk  
Members-at-Large: Linda Masterson, Candy Niziol, and Sandy Ouderkirk

## **Membership News**

As the 2019-2020 season winds down, final membership numbers are in. As of March 25, members included 96 individuals and 14 families (meaning 28 additional members). This is a total of 124 paid members. Additionally, there are 5 Honorary members and 6 Emeritus members in the club. These members receive free membership each year as they have earned their title based on their past contributions to ESC but often can no longer attend ESC functions. Due to the



cancelling of many Club functions at the end of this season, any member who hasn't received his/her new name tag, will receive it at the next club activity. Over the summer, check the Shell Club website for the 2020-21 Membership form. You can print out and mail it, if desired, or bring it to the first General meeting in October. If you have any questions, contact a membership co-chair: Gay Barlow or Linda Schmoyer.

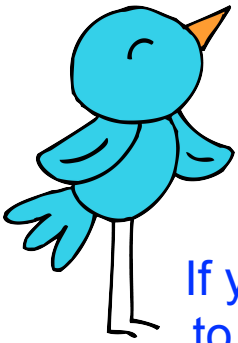
*Grin your smile! Giggle your laugh! Unfurl your joy!*



Five ESC members had a glorious day shelling on our March Beach Walk at Caspersen Beach and enjoyed the beautiful weather.

Left to right: Anita Wilson, Lisa Ketner, Colleen Fosnough, Deborah Hubbard and Cindy Boyd.





## Shelling Adventures on the Horizon:

There may be a trip in May to Pass-a-Grille, which is part of the St. Petersburg's seashore. Contact Marty Atkins for more information at 203-592-4040.

If you want the latest news on a November 13 & 14 fossil trip to Gainesville, Contact Marty.

A Carefree Learner Excursion will take place on Friday, January 18, 2021. More about this trip, organized by Carol Ayers, will be published in the October newsletter.

## Member of the Month: Nancy Weborg



What is your favorite shell? The coquina

What is your prized shell found? A wentletrap

What is your favorite beach? Sanibel

What is your most unusual find? A baby ear

Tell us a fun fact about you: My second passion is beading and making jewelry!

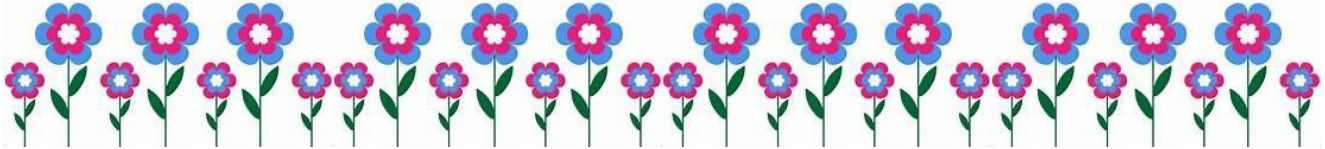
How long have you been a member of the ESC? Over 10 years

Have you held any positions at ESC or volunteered? Yes, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President, President, and Parliamentarian

Nancy, a native of West Bloomfield, Michigan, became a full-time Venice, Florida, resident ten years ago. She has fond memories of riding with her two younger siblings around Lake Cass with her father at the helm of his speed boat. Nancy has a son, a daughter, and two grandsons-one age six and the other 20. Nancy retired from full time work as a district court clerk and then retired for the second and last time about 15 years ago as a part time Deli Manager for Kroger's. Shortly after moving to Venice she met her neighbor, Sue Rundle. One afternoon Nancy saw Sue leaving the house and asked where her new friend was going. When she heard Sue was heading out to an Englewood Shell Club meeting, she asked to go along. Nancy enjoyed the afternoon so much, she quickly became a member.

# 25th Anniversary ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB

1996-2021



## Collecting Memories and More!

Do you have fond memories of ESC people, trips, special events, amazing shell finds, etc.? Do you have copies of articles featuring the club and/or its members? Do you have copies of new or old club related photographs? If so, send them to Historian, Meredith Blain: [mblain93@gmail.com](mailto:mblain93@gmail.com)

## Merchandise News



Anyone interested in obtaining their merchandise, should contact Patti Redmond at 941-662-0665 . She is willing to make arrangements to meet you at a convenient location for delivery. Also, we will have to wait to order more merchandise the next time we gather again in the fall.

## Newsletter News



Lisa's ESC *This and That* folder is thinning and she invites all of you to help stock it up during the club's non-meeting months by sending her goodies: photographs, recipes, poems, magazine/newspaper articles, shell stories, cartoons, book suggestions, craft inspirations, etc. [lisaketner1960@icloud.com](mailto:lisaketner1960@icloud.com)

“IF nothing ever changed,  
there'd be no butterflies.”

Unknown



## Spring into Action ...

### Get on the Memory Lane Train!



Do you have snapped photos of your shell crafts or amazing shell finds? Beach walks? Shell Club excursions? Holiday or end of year luncheons? Study group at Cedar Point?

**We want your photos for the 2019-2020 Yearbook!**

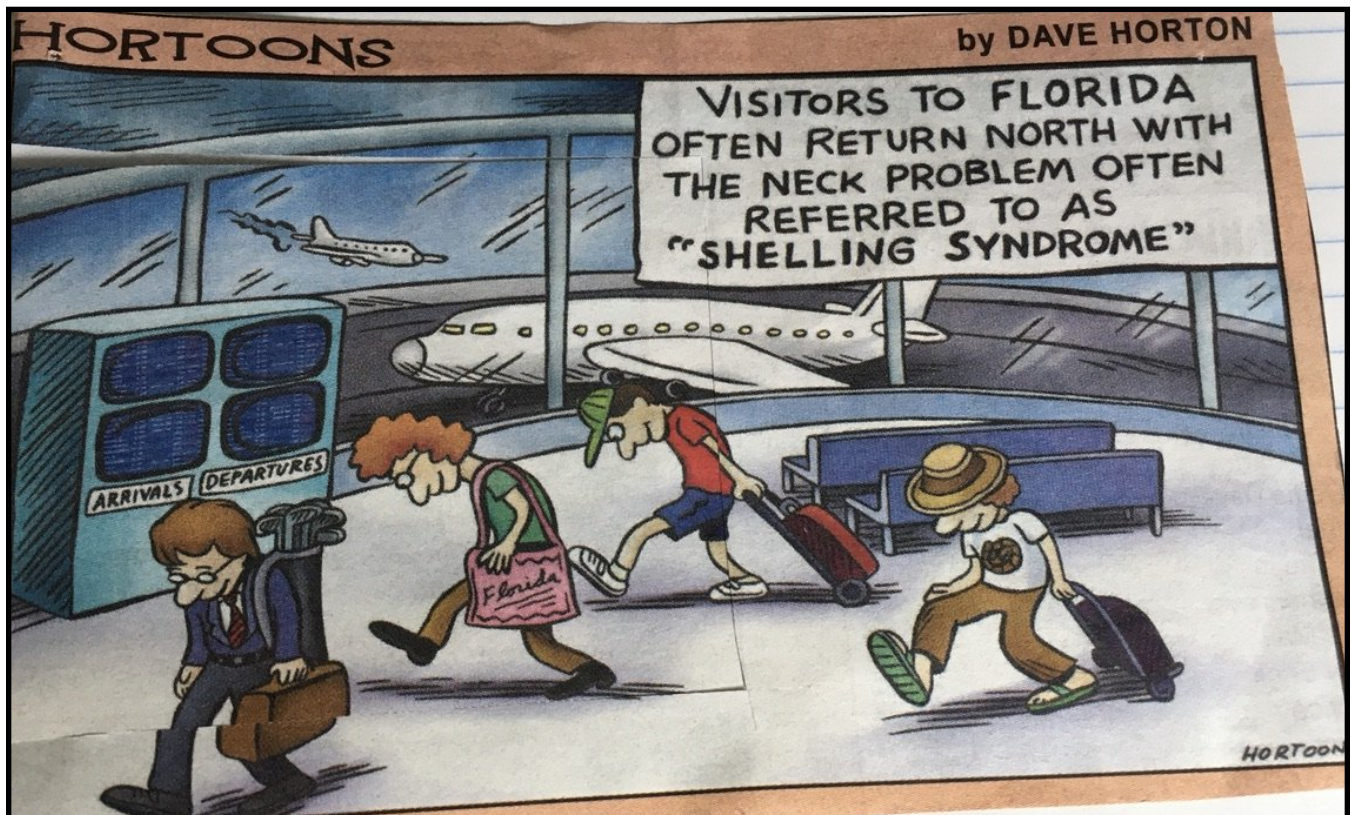
**It's easy!** E-mail [mblain93@gmail.com](mailto:mblain93@gmail.com) Or text your photo(s) to Meredith Blain at 941-445-1440 Let me know the info— Your name & description of photo/activity.

### **YOU COULD BE A WINNER!**

Every time you submit a photo, you will be entered in a drawing for some Amazing SHELL-TASTIC Prizes!

**THANK YOU!**

*Meredith Blain Historian*



Submitted by Carol Ayers

# Two Englewood Shell Club Members Win Ribbons at Sanibel Shell Show!

Congratulations to Cindy Boyd and Meredith Blain on their awards received at the 83rd Sanibel Shell Festival held March 5-7, 2020.



Meredith Blain-2nd Place



Cindy Boyd-3rd Place



**TIDBIT:** April 2, 1513, Spanish explorer Ponce De Leon sighted Florida and claimed it for the Spanish Crown after landing at the site of present day St. Augustine, now the oldest city in the continental US.



## A Shell Story by Grant Walker

Why is the shell below Nancy and my favorite shell? In 1977, we found this shell in a shell shop in North Carolina while on our honeymoon. When we look at it, we always remember the great time we had on our honeymoon.



photo by Linda Masterson

This shell is a Pacific Thorny Oyster. Phylum Mollusca, Class Gastropoda, Family Spondylidae, Genus Princeps. Reference: The Collectors Encyclopedia of Shells, 2nd addition, Dance, S. Peters, 1976.

## BEACH RE-NOURISHMENT LOOKS GREAT!

The Beach re-nourishment process on the South end of Manasota Key between Englewood Beach and Blind Pass Beach is progressing very quickly. Those who have access to the beach are absolutely amazed. Anita Wilson reports that the beach at the Englewood Gardens Club where we usually have our April club picnic is twice as wide as she has ever seen it in the 20 plus years she has lived here.



“Linda Masterson and I walked there March 24 and were able to walk farther along the beach going north than we have been able to walk in years. And the beach was littered with thousands of kitten paw shells! There were several fighting conch, more Venus shells than usual and a lovely lightning whelk, our club shell,” says Anita.



Photo by Lisa Kethner



The Shell of the Month for April might well be the Incongruous Ark, (*Anadara brasiliana*). Incongruous means “not in harmony,” certainly an understatement for these times we face right now. But how or why did an ark of our shores get this name? They are cute little shells; they seem in harmony with each other. Maybe the folks naming shells just ran out of names, since Florida is blessed with so many ark species. They are fairly similar to other small, white ribbed arks here, the eared, cut-ribbed and white miniature arks. Then there are the larger, thicker-shelled arks that usually have a black periostracum—the ponderous, blood and transverse arks. Ponderous is a rather interesting name as well. Not at all like the whimsical turkey wing or the mossy and red brown that are definitely descriptive.

Do you have an incongruous ark identified in your collection? They are an inch long or less, are thin shelled compared with most arks and have strong radial ribs and distinct dash-shaped beads, according to Blain and Dawn Witherington. Their book *Florida’s Living Beaches* says they live within the sandy bottoms near shore.

May our lives be back in harmony before long.

Sincerely,  
Anita Wilson

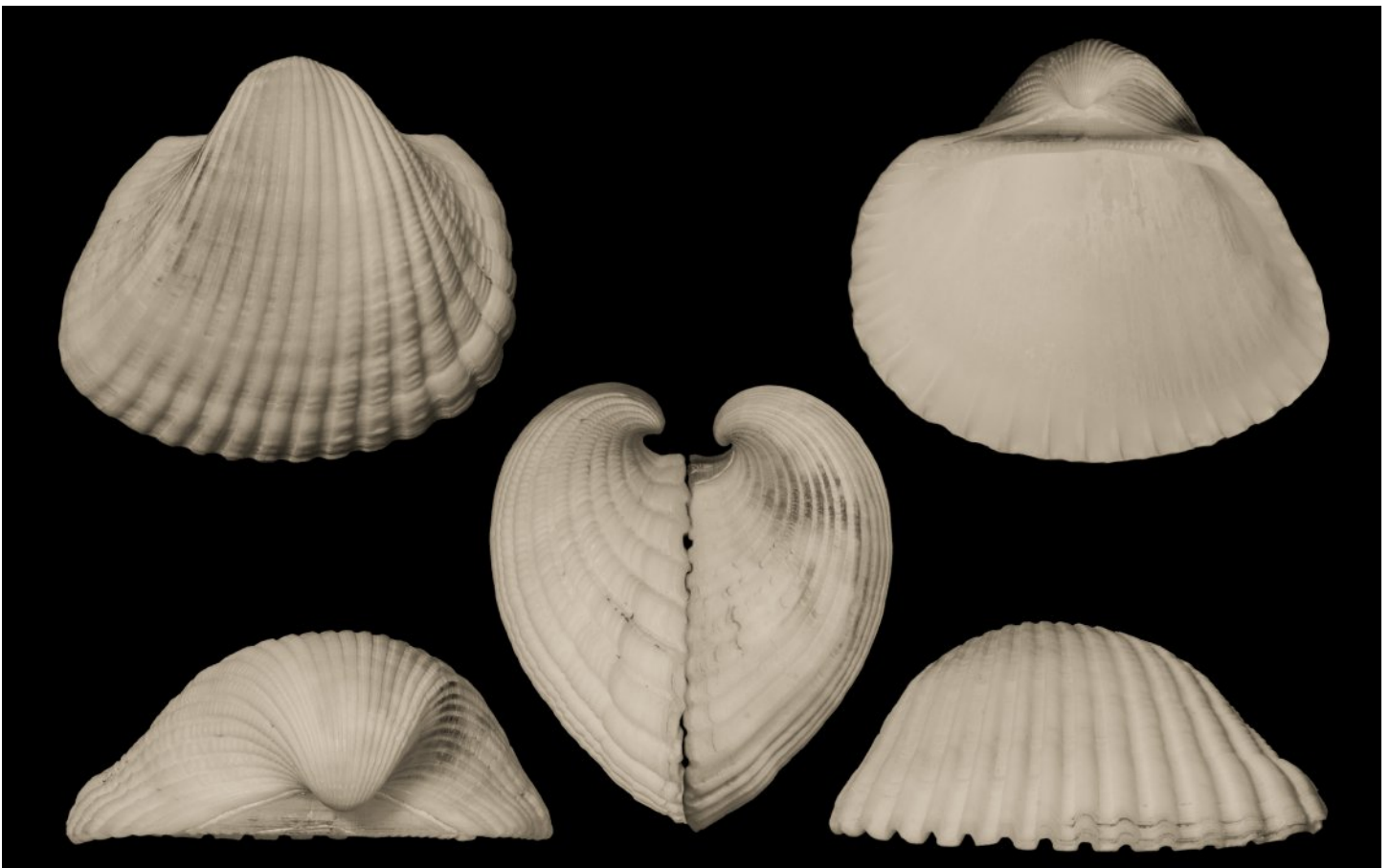


Photo Source: Internet

# ShellCrafter News from Leslie Furmage

## Shell Craft Display at Elsie Quirk Library

During the month of February, a beautiful selection of our member's hand-crafted shell items were displayed at the Elsie Quirk Library. Many thanks to Amie Barnicle and Jane Guy for arranging the display cases.

All of the items displayed were to have been picked up at the library on the 29th of February. For those who did not pick up their items, please contact me, as I am storing them in my garage. You can either pick them up, or they will be held until the October meeting.

## Shell Crafters

As most of us are self-isolating at our homes until the Covid-19 virus goes away, this is the time to go to your shell collections and dream up some crafts to keep you busy. Can you imagine what a great "Show and Tell" we will have at our October meeting? Hobby Lobby and Michael's are delivering supplies, so, no excuses!

Sue Murray and I are always looking for good ideas for craft sessions, so feel free to email or text us photos of anything you might like to try next season.

Until we meet again, happy shell crafting.



Royal Terns submitted by Linda Masterson