



# ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB

## THE SHELL SCOOP – SHELL SEEKERS

### DECEMBER 2019

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

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**ESC members WILL NOT meet at the Elks Club in December.**

**The ESC Holiday Luncheon will take place in the Fairway Room at Boca Royale Country Club Monday, December 9. The annual event kicks off at 11:00 a.m. Tickets are available till December 5. Cost \$30 covers meal, gratuity, & service charge. Send check payable to ESC to Leslie Furmage 9096 Bantry Bay Blvd., Englewood, FL 34224**

### **TOYS FOR TOTS**

On behalf of the Englewood Shell Club, several members will be volunteering again for this worthwhile community event. As in previous years, we will be accepting donations for TOYS for Tots at the Holiday Luncheon on Monday, December 9. In lieu of a holiday gift exchange, the Board encourages you to bring a gift to donate to area kids.



Keep in mind, TOYS for TOTS welcomes NEW, UNWRAPPED toys, games, books, and more for kids from "newborn to age 15." Of specific need are items for the following ages: 0-6 months (e.g. soft/plush toys & books; pacifier/teethers; items that rattle, sound, or sing; learning toys such as Baby Einstein, Fisher Price, etc.). Also of specific need are items for an older age group: 11-15 years (e.g. beauty/grooming; toiletries; jewelry; arts/crafts kits; puzzles/brain teasers; challenging activities/games such as chess/checkers/Jeopardy).

The Board of Directors thanks you for our participation in this program, which will be appreciated by the hundreds of kids served in Englewood and the surrounding areas. Englewood Shell Club is proud to be a part of making this year's holiday brighter for local children.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Membership co-chair Linda Schmoyer @ 610-737-2962 or [email lindaschmoyer@me.com](mailto:lindaschmoyer@me.com)

## **JOIN the FUN!**

[LisaKetner1960@icloud.com](mailto:LisaKetner1960@icloud.com) is seeking newsletter material: photos, recipes, poems, shell stories, cartoons, newspaper clippings, craft inspiration, word search, book reviews, etc.

### **Why are Junonia so Rare?**



The Junonia sea snail lives miles offshore, in water between 90 and 190 feet deep! So it's very rare for the waves to roll them all the way to the beach without being damaged.

Picture left: November guest speaker Rebecca Mensch, MS, Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum Aquarium Curator

Photo left provided by Historian Meredith Blain



**At the Beach, life is different. Time doesn't move hour to hour, but moment to moment. We live by the currents, plan by the tides, and follow the sun.**

anonymous



The female English novelist who dubbed herself George Eliot was also a known seashell collector, along with the novelist Ian Fleming. The latter was the creator of the James Bond series. Other notable names on this list include Fidel Castro and Sir Thomas Lipton, the founder of the Lipton Tea Company.

## **CALLING ALL SHUTTERBUGS!**

**GOT....**Snapped photos of your crafts? At the Beachwalk?  
Or how about at any of the Shell Club Field Trips or Luncheons?  
Study group? Amazing finds?

**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 to Meredith Blain to 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**



## **ESC Library News:**

Here is an exciting book in our shell club library:  
*Beyond Extinction: The External Ocean. Climate Change & the Continuity of Life* by Wolfgang Grulke.

Check out the books at our general meetings.  
A complete listing of books and magazines will be  
posted on our website in the near future.

Any questions concerning the library can be directed  
to [candynizio@comcast.net](mailto:candynizio@comcast.net)

Submitted by: Candy Nizio Librarian

### **Current Merchandise For Sale:**

Patti Redmond: [p.redmond@live.com](mailto:p.redmond@live.com)

**Luggage Tags 2 per pack \$3.00**

**Shell Pin \$1.50**

**Shirts Men (also Tall) & Women  
Long and Short Sleeve  
V-neck and Crew  
Multiple Colors \$15-25**

**Unisex Fleece Full-Zipper Hood  
Multiple Colors \$35**

**Baseball Style Hats  
Multiple Colors \$20-25**



# January Carefree Learner Trip

**Monday, January 13. Boat leaves 8:30 a.m.**

**Questions? Call Carol Ayers: 941-830-8252  
or at 508-274-6584**

**The boat will leave the dock next to Marina Jack 8:30 a.m. sharp. Our adventure will last about 3 hours.**

## **Directions:**

Enter Marina Jack, 2 Marina Plaza, Sarasota, FL in your GPS. Or from I-75: take the Fruitville Road (SR 780) exit. Head west to downtown, then take SR 41 to Marina Jack.

The boat, named Carefree Learner, is located on the South end of the marina next to LaBarge Park.

## **Here's What You Need:**

Pail or bucket, gloves, small shovel or trowel, long-handled scoop, small plastic container for small treasures. Water shoes or boots are required; No Flip-flops! Dress in layers; you'll be glad you did.


**Rest Rooms are located in the back of O'Leary's!**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Merry Christmas ESC members! The season is upon us. Our holiday luncheon is right around the corner; Monday, December 9 at 11am. It is a time of giving. Please remember those less fortunate. We continue with the Toys for Tots program. Bring your newly purchased & unwrapped gift. Indeed!! It is better to give than receive. I just love the generous hearts of our ESC members! Enjoy the holidays with your family & friends. Happy New Year! See you all at the Holiday Luncheon.  
Colleen Fosnough  
President



### Legend of the Sand Dollar

There's a lovely little legend that I would like to tell,  
of the birth and death of Jesus, found in this lowly shell.

If you examine closely, you'll see that you find here,  
four nail holes and a fifth one, made by a Roman's spear.

On one side the Easter lily, its center is the star,  
that appeared unto the shepherds and led them from afar.

The Christmas Poinsettia etched on the other side,  
reminds us of His birthday, our happy Christmastide.

Now break the center open, and here you will release,  
the five white doves awaiting, to spread Good Will and Peace.

This simple little symbol, Christ left for you and me,  
to help us spread His Gospel, through all Eternity.

CourageousChristianFather.com Author Unknown

## December Beach Walk!

Our next Beach Walk is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 11** at Boca Grande Beach, 880 Belcher Road, Boca Grande at 10:00 AM. It's at the end of Gulf Blvd. by the Lighthouse.

\*\*\*Don't forget your sunscreen, water, and something to sit on.\*\*\*

Deborah Hubbard will have our shell flag, and usually be located within walking distance to the restrooms. While we are shelling we usually make a decision where to go for lunch. All members are reminded they need to be aware of the current water and beach conditions and are encouraged to check them out using the websites below.

**Mote Marine:** [visitbeaches.org](http://visitbeaches.org)

**Florida Fish and Wildlife:** [myfwc.com](http://myfwc.com) or call 866-300-9399 for a current recorded message on Red Tide (*Karenia brevis*).

**Englewood Live Beach Cam:** [pureflorida.com](http://pureflorida.com)

For information, questions, or comments contact Coordinator Deborah Hubbard 305-395-2464 (phone/text) or send an email to [hubsfldeb@bellsouth.net](mailto:hubsfldeb@bellsouth.net)

### **A note from ESC member Ellie Decker:**

Instead of going to the Punta Gorda Englewood Beach website, an easier way to find the Beach Cam for Englewood Public Beach is to go straight to <https://www.earthcam.com/usa/florida/englewood/?cam=englewoodbeach>

**Greetings Shellcrafters!!!** For the December craft session, we will be **GLUING ON GLASS**. This will take place on Friday, December 20, 10:00AM, at the Elk's Lodge.

You can decorate a glass or ceramic lamp (easily available at Walmart or any of the many charity stores), a bottle, or a candle shade. Bring one of those items, E-6000 glue, glue gun or pot, glue sticks, and plenty of shells (all sizes).

If you didn't sign up at the November General Meeting, you can call Leslie at 941-828-1297 to be added to the attendance list. Cost for the session is \$5 for the room fee.



# Almond Sand Dollar Cookies!



## Ingredients

- 1 cup butter flavored vegetable shortening Crisco
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1 large egg, room temperature
- 1 ½ teaspoons almond extract
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1-4 teaspoons water as needed

## To Decorate

- 120 pieces sliced almonds
- 3-4 tablespoons sparkling or granulated sugar for decorating
- 2 pieces 2" each, cut from plastic drinking straws, one plastic regular straw and one plastic smoothie straw
- 1 toothpick

## Directions

1. Preheat oven to 325°. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In large bowl, cream together the shortening and sugar.
3. One at a time, beat in egg, almond extract, baking powder and salt.
4. Gradually add in the flour. If the dough is dry and crumbly, add water, 1 teaspoon at a time, until the dough forms a ball. If the dough is too soft to work with, refrigerate for one hour until firm.
5. Working with one half of the dough at a time, roll out the dough to ¼" thickness between two sheets of wax paper.
6. Use a 2 ½" circle cookie cutter to cut out dough circles. Place the circles 2" apart on the prepared baking sheet. Continue until all of the dough has been rolled out and cut into circles.
7. Press 5 almond slices onto the center of each cookie, like the petals on a flower.

8. Use the pieces of plastic straw like cookie cutters. Press the bottom of the smoothie straw into the dough to create a hole between two of the almonds. Insert the toothpick into the straw to dislodge the dough cutout. Press the bottom of the small straw into the cookie making 2 holes on each side of the larger hole.
9. When all of the cookies are decorated with almonds and holes, sprinkle with sparkling or granulated sugar.
10. Bake for 14-16 minutes or until the edges of the cookies begin to turn golden. Remove from the oven. Use a spatula to transfer the cookies onto a wire rack to cool completely.
11. Store in an airtight container at room temperature for at least 2 weeks.

## Packing Tips

The cookies are sturdier when wrapped in pairs, bottoms together, in plastic wrap. For longer shipping times, double wrap in plastic wrap or use a vacuum sealer. Stack wrapped bundles in an airtight container or freezer-weight ziplock bag. Makes 24 (2 ½" diameter) cookies.

Author Wendy Sondov [themondaybox.com](http://themondaybox.com)

## JANUARY PROGRAM SHELLING PUERTO RICO!

*Come along with Karen Huether, Debbi Lewton, Candy Niziol, and Linda Powers as they take you on a shelling trip to La Parguera, Puerto Rico!*

*Four intrepid Englewood Shell Club shell seekers went on this snorkeling trip to Puerto Rico in March 2019. Puerto Rico has the flair of a foreign country, but with English-speaking natives.*

*Slides and shells will be on display.*

*We look forward to sharing our adventure with you!*



## JUMP IN!

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# The More, the Merrier!



Thank you to all of the members who gathered at Cedar Point Visitor Center on December 2 to decorate the ESC Christmas Tree. Many of these amazing shell ornaments have been created by talented members in past years, either at Shellcrafters or on their own at home. If you wish to view this beauty, the Center is open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

As the saying goes, “What goes up, must come down.” Please consider lending a helping hand to dismantle the tree 10 a.m., on Monday, January 6.



Did this comic make you laugh? If so, thank club member Virginia Watson for tickling your funny bone!

**ENGLEWOOD FINE ARTS  
& HANDMADE FESTIVAL  
10-4 DECEMBER 7 & 8  
DEARBORN STREET**

