



# ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB THE SHELL SCOOP – SHELL SEEKERS FEBRUARY 2021

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

**Co-Presidents: Meredith Blain & Martha Dehne**

Hello February!

February is the month of love, and thankfully our LOVE of the Englewood Shell Club remains strong! The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is here and we are Shellebrating all season long. Our outdoor activities have been a big success thanks to everyone participating and social distancing. We have many different activities planned for February. On Valentine's Day, 21 of us will be in the 10,000 islands on a Shelling adventure. Talk about loving seashells!!! On February 28, Marty is planning a trip to Anclote Key for ESC members. Contact Marty Atkins if you are interested in the Anclote Key (Tarpon Springs) excursion. Of course, we are still having a beach walk at Venice Beach, along with Shell Study and Shell Crafters at Lemon Bay Park. Check out the rest of the newsletter for details. A big Thank You to everyone assisting with all of our technology presentations; Freeman C. and Lisa K. for the newsletter; Freeman for creating the YouTube Channel and the recordings; Karen Blackford for working on our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary photos & videos; Candy N. and Martha D. for sharing their amazing shell collections; Linda Masterson and Karen Blackford for all of the assistance with ZOOM help. A HUGE thank you to everyone attending Zoom meetings and your patience during this Pandemic year. CONCHgratulations to the Englewood Shell Club & all of the present and past members for sharing the LOVE of seashells for 25 years.

Co-President, Meredith Blain



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**ESC's 25TH**  
**ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**  
**10-2 TUESDAY, APRIL 20**  
**MAXINE BARRITT PAVILION**  
Please wear a mask.

# ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB

## 25th ANNIVERSARY

### CREATE AND SHARE A VIDEO!



“We are gathering memories and well-wishes to be included in a video commemorating the ESC 25th Anniversary Shellabration. We’d love to have as many members be a part as possible and it will be easy peasy for you to share your well wishes,” says Karen Blackford, ESC Historian.

### Here’s How to Get in on the Action:

- 1) Use your cell phone to create a video that does not exceed 20 seconds. (If you need assistance creating a video, contact Karen and together make a plan to have her video you in person.)
- 2) Introduce yourself, then tell how long you have been a ESC member.
- 3) Express your short message.

#### Example:

My name is Lisa Ketner. I have been a ESC member for two years. My favorite memory of ESC is finding a partial junonia on Keewaydin Island. My favorite thing about being a member is spending time with people who are kind to others & care about the welfare of nature. Happy 25th Anniversary Englewood Shell Club!

- 4) Either e-mail or text Karen your video message. (Her e-mail address and phone number are both located on the Englewood Shell Club website’s Members Only page.)

\*\*While we can’t guarantee you will become a Hollywood movie star, we do promise you will be appreciated for creating a video for the club’s 25th anniversary Shellabration.



### Shell and Tell is Back—with a Twist!

Share a photograph and tell us a story about your shell **OR** unusual beach find.

Submit often as you wish to Lisa Ketner via email.

On December 31, 2020, Mickey was found on Clearwater Beach. On the back of his head, stamped in white ink, is Mattel 2013. What an amazing sea adventure he must have had!



# General Meeting Via Zoom 1 PM Tuesday, February 16

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4867663210?  
pwd=RTMxM0ZNcDdPVm1KOW5ZMEpuL25XQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4867663210?pwd=RTMxM0ZNcDdPVm1KOW5ZMEpuL25XQT09)

Meeting ID: 486 766 3210

Passcode: z9r5xQ

## FEBRUARY GUEST, CARMİ THOMPSON

Will talk about *Cenozoic Aturia* from the State of Florida

Carmi's research focuses on the nautiloid genus *Aturia* across Cenozoic surficial deposits of Florida. While mollusks are common in Florida's surficial deposits, reports of cephalopods are rare. Of particular note are the cephalopods discovered in Oligocene deposits, which preserve as silicified phragmocones (the chambered portion of the animal) in concretions. These occurrences are unusual, as they have only been reported from a single locality in the state of Florida. The ultimate goals of this research project are to examine the progression of the genus through geologic time (in terms of systematics), determine the extent to which distribution of this genus is restricted in the Oligocene of Florida, and describe the species found in the Suwanee Limestone. She has also used micro-CT to scan additional concretions as a non-destructive examination of these cephalopods, as traditional techniques can lead to destruction of the specimen inside. Once those scans are completed, they can be used in educational demonstrations and learning activities.



## Upcoming Excursions!



**Shell Island:** Sunday, Feb. 14. Boat departs Goodland Boat Park at 7:15 am. Participants should arrive at 7 *Sold Out.*

**Anclote Island:** Sunday, Feb. 28. Boat departs Odyssey Boat Dock at 8:00 am. Participants should arrive at 7:30.

*A few seats are still available.* To sign up or for more information, contact Marty Atkins via text. His number can be found on the rooster located in the Members Only section of the ESC website.



## CLUB DECAL FOR SALE

**VIBRANT** 4" by 3" sticker, designed by ESC Historian Karen Blackford. Price: one for \$3 or two for \$5.

All monies raised after printer's fee is paid, support club expenses such as events & rental fees. Stickers can be purchased at Beach Walks, Shell Crafters, & Study Groups.

## New Excursion Policy:

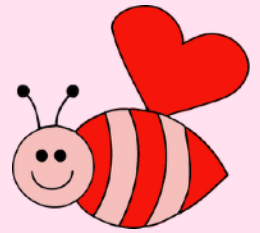
No refund for canceling your verbal or prepaid boat seat reservation. However, you may sell or give your space to a club member.

If you would like more information or wish to comment, contact Team Leader Marty Atkins via text. His phone number can be found on the roster in the Members Only section of the website.

## THE ESC MARKETPLACE!

Do you have a shell or shell related material to sell? If you do, then why not place an ad in our monthly newsletter?

Ads can be no longer than 40 words and must contain your name. Cost: \$5.00 per ad/per newsletter. All ad material, plus payment made out to ESC, should be mailed to Candy Niziol. Thanks!



# SPRING FUN IN THE WINGS ESC'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

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# JANUARY CAREFREE LEARNER EXCURSION



## BEACHWALKS

Six brave ESC members attended our beach walk at Englewood Beach in January. Mother nature was not the most helpful, but they still found a few treasures. Our next beach walk will be 9:00 Wednesday, February 10 at Venice Municipal Beach, 101 The Esplanade S., Venice. Look for our flag and chairs (within walking distance to the restrooms). Feel free to call/text or email Deborah Hubbard with any questions or suggestions.

**Please wear a mask.**

## STUDY GROUP

Come join Karen Huether for a shell study dedicated to all "Murex" lovers and learn and share about this fabulous and beautiful gastropod family. Did you know that there are more than 1600 validated species in the Muricidae family? It has always been one of the largest and most diverse group of Gastropoda. Please bring (if you want) one of your favorite Murexes (either self-collected or purchased) and a story to share. See you 10 am Wed., February 24 @ Lemon Bay Park pavilion.

**Please wear a mask.**

## SHELLCRAFTERS

PARTIALLY PAINTED PALLET WILL PROVIDE  
BACKDROP FOR A SHELL DECORATED WREATH

10 am Friday, February 26

Lemon Bay Park pavilion

TEAM LEADERS ARE LESLIE F. AND COLLEEN F.

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# MEMBERS OF THE MONTH: The CYCAKS

## Kathy:

What is your favorite shell? junonia

What is the favorite shell you have found? A large alphabet cone

What is your favorite beach? I have two: Manasota & Turtle

What is your most unusual find? A boring turret snail (shell)

Tell us a fun fact about you. I grew up in NJ, an hour away from the Jersey Shore. I have always loved the ocean and shells. I became a hooked shell collector in 1999 when a vacation to Sanibel Island exposed me to beautiful Florida shells. I "found" my first junonia (in a shell shop) and my goal is to find one on the beach!! Walt, my husband, and I have been full time residents in Venice since July 2017.

How long have you been an ESC member? Since January of 2020.

## Walt:

What is your favorite shell? horse conch

What is the favorite shell you have found? A large fossilized horse conch that I dug up out of a huge dirt mound in the community where we live.

What is your favorite beach? Manasota and wherever my wife wants to go shelling.

What is your most unusual find? While on a recent Carefree Learner trip in Sarasota Bay, I found a large horse conch with an enormous hermit crab living inside. I left him in the bay. So hopefully other shelling fans will find him while on future trips.

Tell us a fun fact about you. I grew up near Englishtown, NJ, where drag racing became an integral part of my life. I got my son involved who eventually became a member of a professional team for about 10 years. I was able to join him and be one of the crew at many racing events across the United States. I moved to Florida in 2017 where my wife Kathy and I were first exposed to shark teeth hunting as well as fossil collecting at the beach and in the Peace River. I moved to FL in 2017 where my wife Kathy and I were first exposed to shark teeth hunting, fossil collecting at the beach and in the Peace River. Of course, while hunting for shark teeth, I started collecting shells for my wife to identify.

How long have you been an ESC member? Since January of 2020 .

## Shells & Shrimp Casserole submitted by Martha Dehne

1 16oz. box of medium shell pasta cooked al dente  
1&1/2-2 pounds of cooked shrimp (the more the merrier!)  
1 can cream of shrimp condensed soup  
1 can cream of cheddar condensed soup  
1 cup mayonnaise  
1 small onion finely chopped  
1 cup milk  
2 T Old Bay

Mix all ingredients and place in a 9x13 dish.  
Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.  
Enjoy!



## Do You Love Shell Books? Are You Seeking a Volunteer Gig?

After several years of dedicated service, Candy Niziol will retire from her position as the ESC Librarian next season.

Responsibilities of the Librarian include keeping a PDF listing (PDF already created) of all books in library and update as new books/magazines are received.

Paste sign up cards in back of new books.

When six or more new entries are added to PDF, send file to Lisa Ketner for submission to Freeman Crosby for posting on our website.

At each general meeting, take library cart out & set up by displaying books.

At the end of each meeting put books back into cart and lock up.

Arrange "Shell of the Month" by recruiting members to take turns briefly speaking at a general meeting about his/her favorite shell(s).

If this position interests you, please contact Candy Niziol.





# CONCHOLOGISTS OF AMERICA

Conchologists of America (COA) is an international organization devoted to the interests of shell collectors. As COA's membership director, I am proud to say that the Englewood Shell Club has the most COA members of any shell club worldwide!

I'm also proud to announce that plans are to proceed with COA's annual convention which is being held in Melbourne, FL this year. Convention dates are June 14-20, with the first two days reserved for field trips and the last two days for the infamous bourse. I attended this Melbourne convention years ago and the NASA tour and the Harbor Branch Institute field trips were top notch. They are being offered again this year, along with a Sea Turtle Preservation Society trip to scout for turtle hatchlings. Registration is \$195/pp plus the costs of field trips and accommodations. The convention is being held at the Hilton Melbourne. All CDC COVID protocols will be in place. You do not have to be a COA member to attend the convention.

For more information on COA, please contact me at linda.powers1@gmail.com or at 941.474.3187. You can also go to the COA website at: <http://www.conchologistsofamerica.org>. I hope to see a large contingency of ESCers again this year at the COA convention. It is a lot of fun to share our passion with so many others.

Linda Powers, COA Membership Director

**AN UPDATED MEMBERSHIP ROSTER  
IS AVAILABLE IN THE MEMBERS ONLY  
SECTION OF THE WEBSITE.**

**THANK YOU MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIRS,  
GAY BARLOW & LINDA SCHMOYER!**

