Englewood Shell Club

The Shell Scoop

Shell Seekers

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President's Message



Happy New Year! Or as we used to say in Hawaii, "Hauoli Maka Hiki Hou" I am looking forward to 2011 with great anticipation. I will get rid of my cumbersome sling on January 3rd and begin physical therapy to regain the full use of my right arm. The coming year promises many great programs and activities for the Shell Club. Spring always brings wonderful events including shelling trips, shell shows, beach walks, crafts workshops, outreach programs, and a national Conchologists of America Convention to be held in Port Canaveral, Florida this year. I hope many of you will join and attend. Those who have travelled to the conventions held in other cities have been very enthusiastic about their experiences and encourage Shell Club members to register for the convention.

I look forward enjoying many trips and activities with you this New Year. Let's hope it is our best ever! Christina

Member Profile, Nancy Weborg



A Michigan native transplanted to sunny Florida. I can remember as a girl my grandparents, who lived in St. Petersburg, bringing me home seashells. My first taste of Florida came when I came to visit them after I graduated from high school. I loved walking on the beach and the glorious sunny days.

I spent most of my growing up years in West Bloomfield, Michigan. I graduated from high school there in 1960. My dad was a Justice of the Peace then and I went to work for him. I later worked for 52nd District Court as a scheduling clerk and court recorder. I retired from the court system and went to work for Kroger and was a Deli Manager there for 10 years.

I married my husband John in 1966 and we have two lovely children. Our daughter Krista and son-in-law Gene live in Denver, Co. Our son Scott and daughter-in-law Angie live in Wolverine Lake, Michigan and are the proud parents of our grandson Brandon. Brandon's football team (Walled Lake Central) just became regional champions. The first time in the history of the school.

Our romance started in January of 1966. We married in August of 1966. We then moved to Big Rapids, Michigan where John attended Ferris State University. It was only a college when we were there. He graduated with a bachelor's degree and I got a PHT (pushing hubby through) degree. We were married for 10 years and then got divorced. We stayed friends all thru the years due to our common bond with our children. In 2004 we remarried, retired and moved for Florida to enjoy the good life. And we have been doing just that ever since.



Volunteers from the Shell Club who decorated the tree: L to R: Sue Rundle, Linda Maggiore Joy Brandt, Eleanor Langlois, Marie Gallant, Shirley Kastner, Dottie Swann And Nancy Weborg

Note:

Debbie and Glenn
Freeman have donated
A mounted bobcat.
"Paws" to Cedar Point
Park. Be sure to check
him out on your next
visit. Thanks for your
generosity,Freemans!

Shell Club Members decorate the Cedar Point Park Christmas Tree

The Englewood Shell Club has decorated a special Christmas tree at Cedar Point Park for several years. All the ornaments are handmade of sea shells and are designed and made by Shell Club Members





Christmas Luncheon at Manasota Beach Club











Judy Green, Shari Loechler, Joan Stegmyer, Linda Powers, Rita Stonehouse and several more volunteers made the charming pelican favors for our Christmas Luncheon.

Great work, girls!



Calendar for 2011 January/July

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| 1/04/11 | Remove decorations from Christmas Tree - Cedar Point Park 10 AM |
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| 1/05/11 | Carefree Learner - 7 AM - Marina Jack |
| 1/10/11 | Study Group 1PM Debbie Freeman- 1PM - Cowries |
| 1/12/11 | Beach Walk - |
| 1/15-16/11 | Space Coast Shell Festival - Melbourne FL |
| 1/18/11 | ESC Board Meeting Elsie Quirk Library 10 :15 AM |
| 1/21/11 | ShellCrafters 12-2 PM Englewood Sports Complex |
| 1/24/11 | Cayo Costa trip - 8:30 Pink Elephant dock |
| 1/25/11 | ESC General Meeting Elks Club 1 PM |
| | Program: Bob Lipe: "Florida Shells" |

February

| 2/09/11 | Beach Walk 10 AM - |
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| 2/11-13/10 | Sarasota Shell Show - Manatee Convention Center, One Haben Blvd, |
| | Palmetto |
| 2/14/11 | Study Group - Debbie Freeman's 1 PM - Limpets and Chitons |
| 2/15/11 | ESC Board Meeting Elsie Quirk Library 10 :15 AM |
| 2/18/11 | ShellCrafters 12-2PM Englewood Sports Complex |
| 2/18/11 | Carefree Learner - 7 AM Marina Jack |
| 2/22/11 | ESC General Meeting - 1 PM |
| | Program: John Cologrande "Cephalapods - Not Just Calamari" |

March

| 3/14/11 | Study Group Debbie Freeman's 1 PM - |
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| 3/15/11 | ESC Board Meeeting Elsie Quirk Library 10 AM |
| 3/15/11 | ESC General Meeting - 1 PM Elks Club - Tom Walker Program: Shell Stamps around the world. |
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| 3/18/11 | ShellCrafters 12-2 PM Englewood Sports Complex |

April

| 4/19/11 | ESC Board Meeting Elsie Quirk Library 10:15 AM | |
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| 4/26/11 | Shell Club Farewell Picnic - Englewood Gardens Beach Club 1 | 1-4 |

July

| 7/13-17/11 | "Space Coast Treasures" Radisson Resort at the Port, Port Canaveral, FL |
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| | Conchologists of America COA Annual Convention |

Recent Correspondence

From Founder, Barb Myers

Hello from snowy Buffalo! We've had two big storms already but I guess it's cold there too.

I want to let you know that I just found out that I must have cataract surgery in January and then February..My eyes have become worse in the past six months and reading is difficult, so it is time to have the surgery.

I really miss being with you all but all the reports are so good, and I love the Newsletters. Whether we will try to come for March and April is up in the air, but I'll surely keep you posted. It's been a "medical" year for us..one thing after another.

Please give my very best regards to all the board and club members. I hope to see you all soon. Thanks for your service to our wonderful club. May you have a blessed Christmas and New Year. Love Barb

We all wish Barb a speedy recovery and clear vision following her eye surgery. We look forward to seeing her back in Englewood soon.

I have notified members of our Outreach Committee about the display opportunity at the Elsie Quirk Library. In discussing possibilities with Ms. Hopper, she seems very interested in an exhibit about Sailor Valentines. She would like background information about the origin and uses of the valentines and would like to have included examples, both in progress and complete. Since we have a group of Shell crafters working on Sailor Valentines this year, I think it would be a wonderful opportunity to showcase their work. If you would like to volunteer to work with this project, please let me know as soon as possible.

From Toni Hopper, Senior Librarian Elsie Quirk Library

Hi Christina:

I see that you are the head of the Englewood Shell Club.

I am planning to have Mr. Beverland, a FL folk artist, do a "Florida Treasure Box" program for children/adults at the library during the Lemon Bay Fest this February. He will be bringing the boxes and using shells and other materials to decorate the treasure boxes.

I thought it might be fun to have a few members of the Englewood Shell Club assist the children/adults in making these treasure boxes and they could provide information on the different types of shells while decorating the boxes. I think it would be lots of fun for the children & the members of the shell club!

Do you think any one in your club would be interested in assisting us with this fun project?? The date & time would be Saturday, Feb. 5 at 2 PM at the Elsie Quirk Library. Please ask your members & let me know if this is something they might enjoy doing.

Thanks, Toni

Attention Exhibitors!

Dear Sarasota Shell Show Exhibitors,

We have appreciated your participation in our show in the past and hope you will consider entering again this year. We are a little late in sending our forms but hope that you will forgive us. You can find these forms on our new, revised website at www.sarasotashellclub.com. Please give us a visit there.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 810-5126-6120 (cell) or 941-567-5982(home). However, I will be in MI from 12/4 to 12/31. My cell will still be available. You may also contact me by email at spillow6@comcast.net.

Thank you for your consideration in exhibiting in our show. Please note the applications are due to the respective persons by January 21, 2011. We hope to see you in February.

Sandy Pillow Shell Show Chairperson, 2011

Trips and other items of interest from the Space Coast Shell Club

The first trip to Eleuthera for 2011 sponsored by the Astronaut Trail Shell Club will be May 13 - 20, 2011. Cost approximately \$700 per person including round trip flight, four to a cottage and a rental car. Each cottage brings their own food. Contact Bobbi corshell@earthlink.net for more information.

James and Bobbi Cordy

Merritt Island, Florida

Opening in November: The Johnson-Cordy Hall of Mollusks at the Brevard Museum of Natural History and Natural Sciences

"Passport to Seashells" Space Coast Seashell Festival, Melbourne Florida January 15-16, 2011

"Space Coast Treasures"
2011 COA Convention Radisson
Resort at the Port Port Canaveral,
Florida July 13-17, 2011

Happy New Year Shell Seekers!

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