

# Englewood Shell Club

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# *Happy New Year!!! 2012*



## **President's Message**

**Whew! The holiday's are behind us. Santa is on his way back to the North Pole. I hope everyone got to see our Christmas tree at Cedar Point. It was lovely. Now we can get down to the important tasks at hand and the real reason we are in sunny Florida - SHELLING! YAY!!!!**

**The next planned trip is to Shell Key on January 11. Sure hope you have made your reservation for this one. Good shelling on this island and you don't even have to drive to get there. We will be leaving the driving to All Around Charters. All you have to do is show up. sit back and enjoy yourselves.**

**The club is now in full swing for the season. Shellcrafters meet on January 20th. The Carefree Learner trip is on the 25th. The monthly Beachwalk is set for January 11th.**

**The Christmas tree at Cedar Point is scheduled to be dismantled and packed away on January 2nd. Volunteers will be needed for this task.**

**Our speaker for the January 17th meeting is Jean Airey. Jean will be speaking on the "Native Burial Excavation on Manasota Key. You won't want to miss this meeting.**

**Nancy Weborg**

**Outreach Happenings:** There are a few scheduled presentations coming up for the New Year. Confirmed for February for the Lemon Bay Fest are: Elsie Quirk Library for the 7th, and Charlotte County Library on the 10th. On the 23rd, at the Boca Grande Lighthouse chapel, we will be providing all the bells and whistles for these folks. Members will be asked to lend their shell knowledge to benefit local residents.



### Member Profile - Amie Barnicle

Tales of a wanderlust since I first put foot on Terra Firma. At an early age I was asking anyone on the corner to take me to the beach because my mother was waiting for me, and so began any search for “what’s over there.” Basic instincts of a true Jersey Girl, (so that’s it!) I have resided almost always on a shore: Atlantic City. Bringantine, Sanibel. I have been over, in, and under about every marine waterway along the eastern United States and made many excursions to the islands. I took advantage of any level of education that came my way and am still going. I’ve been an engineer, a teacher, and have designed non-print materials for libraries and learning centers. I have created exhibits around mollusks and shells and was part of a lecture group that started the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum. I called R. Tucker Abbott friend and mentor. I established, early on, an eco-touring kayak outfit. I’m an avid fisherwoman and photographer with an avocation concerning mollusks and their habitats, and hopefully interest others in the same. I am a current resident of Florida with feet on the shores of Cape Cod. I was blessed with a fantastic husband for more than forty years, and have a son and grandchildren. I’m a wish grantor for the Make a Wish Foundation, a Red Cross responder, and a Recreation Commissioner. All in all, I really love being and helping. We only pass this way but once. Enjoy being a child of the universe! Me, I’m Amie Barnicle.



### The Cedar Point Christmas Tree

Continuing an annual tradition, the Englewood Shell Club decorated a special tree at Cedar Point Park. All ornaments are hand made with shells and made by club members. We had a great group of helpers who decorated the tree. We are hoping that they will help to take it down on January 2 at 10 AM.

Shellcrafters met on December 16 to make Christmas ornaments. Examples of ornaments from the Cedar Point tree provided ideas and inspiration.



Our members are amazingly creative and talented ! We are proud of their accomplishments.

### Shellcrafters meet January 20



## Library Display SHELLS, SHELLS, SHELLS!!!!

Our Outreach Committee has been active! During the month of November the Shell Club provided a display of local shells for the Elsie Quirk Library. The exhibit was Put into place by Linda Powers, Brenda Steele Nancy Weborg, and Diana Leonhardt

## December Beachwalk

The December beachwalk was well attended. The big “find” of the day was an abundance of Coquina Shells. Of course the weather was perfect and the color of the Gulf was spectacular, as usual. Our local beaches always surprise us with the diversity and quantity of interesting shells that can be seen here. This summer has been a Bonanza for sand dollars. The lovely favors at the Christmas luncheon were made with shells found near Pelican Point where we shelled with Linda Powers.





## Christmas Luncheon at the Gulf View Grill December 13



**Good Friends! Good Food! A visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus and lovely presents with SHELLS! What a wonderful way to celebrate the Christmas Season! Thanks to Brenda Steele, and all her terrific elves who made this such a happy occasion.**



Excellent photos taken by Linda Maggiore, our photographer extraordinaire!



# January **Shell Club Calendar - 2012**

- 1/02/12 Undecorate Christmas Tree - Cedar Point Park 10 AM  
1/02/12 Study Group 1PM Debbie Freeman's house  
1/03/12 ESC Board Meeting Elsie Quirk Library 10 AM  
1/11/12 Beachwalk 10 AM location to be determined  
1/17/12 ESC General Meeting Elks Club 1 PM  
Program: Jean Airey, "Native Burial Excavation on Manasota Key."  
1/20/12 ShellCrafters 12-2 PM Englewood Sports Complex  
1/25/12 Carefree Learner - 6:30 AM Marina Jack

## February

- 2/07/12 ESC Board Meeting 10 AM Elsie Quirk Library  
2/08/12 Beach walk 10:00 AM location to be determined  
2/10/12 Deadline for March Newsletter  
2/17/12 ShellCrafters 12-2PM Englewood Sports Complex  
2/20/12 Study Group Debbie Freeman's 1 PM  
2/21/12 ESC General Meeting - Elks Lodge 1 PM  
Program: Charlotte LLOYD Thorpe "Shells of northeast Florida"

## March

- 3/05/12 Study Group Debbie Freeman's 1 PM  
3/06/12 ESC Board Meeting 10 AM Elsie Quirk Library  
3/14/12 Beachwalk 10:00 AM location to be determined  
3/16/12 ShellCrafters 12-2 PM Englewood Sports Complex  
3/20/12 ESC General Meeting 1:00 PM Elks Lodge  
Program: Elizabeth Staugler "Lemon Bay Scallops"

## April

- 4/02/12 Study Group 1:00 PM Debbie Freeman's house  
4/03/12 ESC Board Meeting Elsie Quirk Library 10:00 AM  
4/17/12 ESC Farewell Picnic - Englewood Gardens Beach Club  
11 AM-4 PM

## June

- 6/16 -24/12 Conchologists of America Annual Convention  
Crowne Plaza Hotel Philadelphia

## May - September

### Summer Beach Walks - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays

\*\* Deadline for October Newsletter - September 15

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