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President's Message

Linda Powers

The holidays, as enjoyable as they are, are also stressful, and it is always comforting to return to a somewhat normal routine in January. The end of 2017 was no exception for the Englewood Shell Club, but members were up to the task.

An unexpected shell collection windfall occurred at the beginning of December. A HUGE collection was donated to the Club. With little time to organize, sort, and dispose of this donation, Leslie Furmage and Sue Murray spent hours upon hours completing this task. They came up with the idea to have a Shell Extravaganza, and that it surely was. With silent auctions, Chinese auctions, and bargain basement prices, Leslie and Sue sold the whole collection in just two hours. They collected over \$400, the largest single donation in the club's history. Be sure to thank these girls for their arduous work and dedication.

Speaking of dedication and demanding work, kudos also go to a handful of shell club members who volunteered many hours at Toys for Tots. This year Englewood was ground zero for this campaign for all of Charlotte County. Initially, club members spent hours counting and sorting the donations. Then came the fun part...distributing the toys to the families in need. The first distribution was in Punta Gorda. Next was Port Charlotte, then two days in Englewood. Toys for Tots served over 3,400 children in 997 families. Kudos to ESC volunteers Dwayne Cormier, Pam Orozco, Linda Masterson, Linda Schmoyer, and Rita Stonehouse for their commitment to this wonderful organization. We will be having a special presentation in February by the organizer of Toys for Tots, Marge Sandness.

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Add to this the members who helped with the holiday tree at Cedar Point Park, the faithful shellers who showed up during a cold front for the beachwalk, and Anita Wilson, Homer Rhode, and Candy Niziol for their Study Group participation.

The nominating committee has been appointed by the board. Nominees are needed for the positions of President, Vice President, and Treasurer. Please see Martha Dehne, Patti Redmond, or Jill Wenning if you, or a friend you would recommend, would be interested in supporting our club in one of these positions. Please contact any of committee or those in the positions for more information about these very important roles.

We've been a busy group in the couple of months since our last newsletter. And 2018 is shaping up to be just as fulfilling and exciting. Plan to come to our January 16th General Meeting where we will not only have an excellent speaker. I wish all of you a healthy and happy New Year!

Newsletter Editor

MaryLinda

A new year is upon us and with the new year comes change. I will be retiring from the Newsletter Editor role at the end of this season. I look back on the last six years of my role as the Englewood Shell Club Newsletter editor and reflect on what an interesting and yet challenging job being an editor of a vibrant club is. It's rewarding in the fact that I work closely with the very talented club's team leaders to offer our members the best opportunities to socialize, learn and participate in the many club's activities. Yet, it can be challenging to provide a newsletter that meets the needs of all. As I compile the many pieces of information to write the month's newsletter, it reminds me of a puzzle that sometimes is easy, sometimes more challenging and sometimes time-consuming to complete. But overall, it's been a great experience!

If you like to work in a dynamic environment with a wonderful team, consider yourself as a newsletter editor. Please contact any of the Board or myself if you have any questions.

Study Group

Anita Wilson & Homer Rhode

SHELL CLEANING TIPS IN JANUARY

Study Group attendees are fortunate that Joe Bao, longtime sheller around the world, ESC charter member and former ESC treasurer, will lead the discussion and demonstrate effective methods of cleaning shells at the January Study Group session. The meeting will be Wednesday, January 31 at 2 p.m. at Cedar Point Park. You won't want to miss this session!

Homer Rhode and Anita Wilson also will answer questions about building pizza box displays for the February General Meeting. As always, members are encouraged to bring shells to show and identify.

In February, Anita Wilson will discuss fossil shell identification and the Florida geology that makes fossils so prevalent here.



Beach Walks

Deborah Hubbard

Beautiful Englewood Area Beaches



Photo by Ross Bergen

Our December Beach Walk was held at Boca Grande Beach with an abundance of shells to be found by all. Lunch afterwards at Miller's Dockside Restaurant was enjoyed by those attending.

The January beachwalk was held at Nokomis Beach (100 Casey Key Road, Nokomis FL 34375) with lunch afterwards at a nearby restaurant.

The monthly beach walk locations are posted on the Club's main website page. Be sure to bring your beach chair and suntan lotion. Just look for our group with our Shell flag nearby (usually within walking distance to the restrooms). Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Excursions & Carefree Learner

Ruth Middlebrooks, Marilyn Boyd, Carol Ayers

Don't forget to sign up for the Carefree Learner, always a popular outing out of Sarasota Bay. If you have never been on an outing, these field trips aboard the Carefree Learner give participants the opportunity to observe organisms living in and around Sarasota Bay through hands on activities. Yes, that means you will be getting in the water. The trip is 2-3 hours on the sand flats of Sarasota Bay. It's January and **may be cold**, and it **will be** muddy, so dress accordingly. Water shoes are a must! The dates of the two 2018 outings are Wednesday, January 17th - 6:30 a.m. departure and Thursday, February 1st - 6:45 a.m. departure. Sign-up and more information will be available at the November General meeting or members can call Carol Ayres with any questions at 941-830-8252.

As this excursion is always subject to weather cancellations, we need a phone number or cell to notify you in the event the weather isn't behaving, and we will have to cancel. Water shoes are a must. This is a non-refundable trip unless it is cancelled due to weather. More information is available on the carefree learner website at <http://carefreelearner.com>



Previous outing of ESC members 'hitting' the flats on SRQ Bay

General Meeting Speaker
Dr. José H. Leal
Candy Niziol
Edits by MaryLinda Coward



ESC members are very fortunate to have Dr. José H. Leal as guest speaker at our January 16th general meeting. Dr. Leal was the Executive Director of the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum, in Sanibel Island, Florida between 1996 and 2013. Dr. Leal is currently its Science Director and Curator.

Dr. Leal received his Ph.D. in Marine Biology and Fisheries from the Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science, University of Miami. He was an Assistant Editor for Sea Frontiers Magazine (Miami), a Visiting Professor at the Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle (Paris), and Postdoctoral Fellow at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History (Washington, DC).

Dr. Leal holds honorary faculty positions at the University of Miami and Florida Gulf Coast University (Fort Myers), where he is an affiliate member of the Coastal Watershed Institute. He has numerous scientific publications and is also the editor of the malacological journal *The Nautilus*. He was president of the [*American Malacological Society*](#) and of [*Conchologists of America*](#).

Dr. Leal's presentation will be on the "Amazing SW Florida Shells: Cross-examining the Usual Suspects."



Pizza Box Shell Display

PIZZA BOX SHELL DISPLAYS SLATED FOR FEBRUARY GENERAL MEETING

Anita Wilson & Homer Rhode

As a special learning treat, ESC members will be presenting shell displays in pizza boxes at the February meeting for everyone to view and enjoy. Don't forget to pick up your pizza box at the January meeting or at Rob's Pizzeria in Merchants' Crossing. Homer Rhode has graciously agreed to donate shell prizes for the displays judged to be the best three, so be sure to enter! But the committee emphasizes that the object is to have fun and learn, not to win the competition. If you want to participate, the ***What-When-Where facts*** are detailed below.

What is the Purpose? To learn more personally about one or more shells and translate that learning into a visual display to inform others about the shell(s). To have fun sharing what everyone learns and to enhance our creativity as we develop and share our shell displays. Possibly to encourage members to enter shell shows around the state.

When Will Our Shell Displays Be Shown? At the February general monthly meeting. There will be prizes for the top three displays!!!

Where Do I Get My Pizza Box? Boxes, courtesy of Rob's Pizzeria in Merchants' Crossing, will be distributed at the November general meeting. If you cannot attend, they also will be available at Study Group or you can pick up your own at Rob's. Thanks, Rob.

Tips for Building a Display:

*It is important to have a theme for your display. Just a few examples follow: shells found on rocks, in sand, or in the bay or freshwater rather than beach; shells gathered on one trip; shells of one family; unique specimens such as fossils, freaks, miniatures, or albinos; shells of one color or shells of one species that come in a variety of color or pattern forms; the same species at various stages of development, maybe with egg casings; one shell or shell group that is special to you, either self-collected or obtained some other way.

"Self-collected" means **personally** collected from the species' natural habitat; **personally** retrieved on a boat from a trap, net or dredge, or **personally** retrieved on shore from beach drift or scallop dump. "Self-collected" does not include loaned, gifted, purchased or traded specimens.

*Use quality specimens, but they do not have to be rare or uncommon.

***Have neat labels for each specimen.** Scientific name, author, date, and locality of collection are required. Common name and other pertinent data are optional, but often included. The scientific name should be underlined or in italics; there is a comma between the author and date, Genus is capitalized; species is not. Start locality found and other data on a new line. An example of a good label is below.

Oliva annulata form carnicolor Dautzenberg, 1927.

No common name.

Collected in sand trails during low tide. 1987.

Off Bantayan Island, N. Cebu, Philippine Islands.

*It helps to have background material (felt, colored paper, etc.) under your shells. You may wish to coordinate the color beneath the shells with colored paper beneath each of your labels.

*The color of your shells can be enhanced by coating shells with a very light mixture of lighter fluid and silicone or mineral oil. Shells for displays should not be sprayed with acrylic, lacquer or another artificial glaze.

*You may wish to place shells on the bottom of the box and place placards that tell about the shells on the inside of the box lid. Be short, sweet and to the point because members will not have a long time to read things in each display. Include a little handout if you so desire. Use your own creativity in your presentation.

PIZZA BOX SHELL DISPLAYS (cont.)

*Have a card with the reference books used to identify your shells, i.e. Abbott, R.T. and S.P. Dance. 1998. Compendium of Seashells. 8th printing. Odyssey Publishing, El Cajon, CA. or Witherington, B. and D. 2017. Florida's Living Beaches: A Guide for the Curious Beachcomber. 2nd Ed. Pineapple Press, Sarasota, FL

This is important because the names of shells are frequently changed, especially recently. If your reference uses the name on your label, you are right—even if the name is different in a more recent book.

*Do not crowd your specimens in the pizza box.

*Displays will be judged on originality, accuracy of labeling, quality of specimens, educational value and craftsmanship/eye appeal. Do not include your name visibly in your display until after judging is completed.

*Working on a shell display for the shell club or a shell show is an effective way to learn about shells and shell families. It should be a learning experience and not a competitive exercise. Remember – the idea is to learn, AND it should be fun to do.

Historian *Marth Dehne*

Hello ESC members! The 2016/2017 yearbook is finally complete and ready to view in the ESC library. I hope that you enjoy it! I'd like to extend a BIG "Thank you" to everyone who sent me pictures to support the production of this yearbook.

If anyone has pictures from December 2017's Christmas luncheon, December beach walks or any other recent activity, please send them to me to be included in the 2017/2018 book.

Being the Club's Historian is a lot of fun. So much fun that I'd like to give someone else the opportunity to do it next year. If you have any interest in this position, please contact me or any Board Member for more details. Wishing everyone a healthy and happy 2018!

Outing to LBHS

Is anyone interested in taking a trip to Lemon Bay High School biology lab. There will be a sign-up sheet at the January General Meeting to see how many of our Club members may be interested. Please sign up or let Pam Orczo know if you are interested!

Membership Application and Dues

Sandy Ouderkirk

Happy New Year! We have a busy year ahead so it's important that you are current in your membership. The year runs from October 1-September 30 and you must be in good standing to participate in all our activities. Be sure to join today so you don't miss out in any of the fun.

2018 SHELL SHOWS & RELATED EVENTS

Following information is subject to change. Please verify with individual organization.

Jan. 13-14, 2018

53rd BROWARD SHELL SHOW, Pompano Beach, FL
Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 Northeast 6th Street
Alice Pace, 7405 SW 128 Ct., Miami, FL 33183
E-mail: alicepace90@att.net Tel. (305) 301-1296 (Cell)

Jan. 20-21, 2018

SPACE COAST SEASHELL FESTIVAL, Melbourne, FL
Eau Gallie Civic Center, 1515 Highland Avenue
Alan Gettleman, 2225 Tanglewood Lane, Merritt Is., FL 32953-4287
E-mail: lychee@cfl.rr.com Tel. (321) 536-2896

Jan. 27, 2018

FUM (FLORIDA UNITED MALACOLOGISTS), Sanibel, FL
Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum
3075 Sanibel Captiva Road, Sanibel, FL 33957
José Leal Tel. 239-395-2233
E-mail: jleal@shellmuseum.org

Feb. 9-11, 2018

ANNUAL SARASOTA SHELL SHOW, Sarasota, FL
(New venue)
Potter Building at Roberts Arena, 3000 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota
Nancy Marini, 5003 28th Ct. E., Bradenton, FL 34203
E-Mail: sarasotashellclub@gmail.com 941-758-9790

Feb. 10 & 11, 2018

AUSTRALIA INTERNATIONAL SHELL SHOW, Fremantle, Australia
South Fremantle Football Club, Parry Street
Joanne Lockwood, 14 Swallow Grove, Waikiki 6169
E-mail: xjoannex@bigpond.com

Feb. 23-24, 2018 (Friday & Saturday)

ST. PETERSBURG SHELL SHOW, Seminole, FL
Seminole Recreation Center, 9100 113th St. N., Seminole, FL
John Jacobs, 202 Soldier Court, Seffner, FL 33584
E-mail: johncheryl@earthlink.net Tel. (813) 309-2608 (Evening)
Exhibit form available at web site: <http://www.stpeteshellclub.org>

Mar. 1 - 3, 2018

81st SANIBEL SHELL SHOW, Sanibel, FL
Sanibel Community Center, 2173 Periwinkle Way
Mary Burton, 558 Foxcreek Drive, Lehigh Acres, FL 33974
E-mail: marybsanibel@hotmail.com Tel. (239) 395-3626
Website: www.thesanibelcaptivashellclub.com

Mar. 8-10, 2018

MARCO ISLAND SHELL CLUB SHOW XXXVIII, Marco Is., FL
United Church of Marco Island, 320 North Barfield
Jae Kellogg, 1402 N. Collier Blvd., Slip D-6, Marco Island, FL 34145
E-mail: pjsailkw@gmail.com Tel. (239) 253-8483

Mar. 10-11, 2018

XXX PARIS INTERNATIONAL SHELL SHOW, Paris, France
Espace Charenton, 327 rue de Charenton, 75012 Paris
Perrine Dardart, 8, Rue des Tilleuls, 02190 Pignicourt, France
E-mail: perrine.dardart@gmail.com Tel. 33 (3) 23-22-46-41
Mar. 17-18, 2018

3rd ANNUAL HAPPENING, Phuket, Thailand

Phuket Seashell Museum, Viset Road, Rawai Beach
Tom Rice, P.O. Box 3, Rawai, Muang, Phuket, 83130
E-Mail - ofseaandshore@gmail.com
Tel. 66 (76) 381 122

Apr. 28, 2018

BRITISH SHELL COLLECTOR'S CLUB CONVENTION, Essex, England
Theydon Bois Community Centre, Essex
Deborah Rolfe, 15 Dene Holm Road, Northfleet, Kent DA11 8LF, UK
Email: deborah@deborahrolfe.orangehome.co.uk, Tel. 44 1474 567 827

May 4 - 6, 2018

TEXAS SHELLER'S JAMBOREE, Corpus Christi, TX
Comfort Suites Central, 538 South Padre Island Drive
Theresa Stelzig Tel. (361) 946-6491
E-mail: cstelzig@twc.com

May 19-20, 2018

XXVIII BELGIUM INTERNATIONAL SHELL SHOW, Antwerp, Belgium
(New location)
Sporthal Kattenbroek, Kattenbroek 14
2650 Edegem, Belgium
Charles Krijnen, Burgemeester Jansenstraat 10, NL-5037
NC Tilburg, Nederland
E-mail: bvc.shellshow@planet.nl Tel. 31 (13) 463 0607
Website: www.konbvc.be/shellshow.php

June 2 - 3, 2018

GULF COAST SHELL SHOW, Panama City Beach, FL
Panama City Beach Senior Center, 423 Lyndell Lane
Jim Brunner, 2511 Parkwood Drive, Panama City, FL 32405
Email: jili1043@comcast.net.
Tel. (850) 215-2086

June 19-22, 2018

AMERICAN MALACOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING
Joint with **WESTERN SOCIETY OF MALACOLOGISTS**,
Honolulu, HA
Details to be announced on AMS web site

Jul. 7 - 8, 2018

TOWNSVILLE SHELL SHOW, Townsville, Queensland, Australia
Orchid Society Hall in Kirwan
Jack Worsfold
Email: jnw_48@yahoo.com.au

Jul. 14-15, 2018

KEPPEL BAY SHELL SHOW, Yeppoon, Queensland, Australia
Gus Moore Pavilion at the Yeppoon Show Ground
Jean M. Offord, 277 McDougall St., N. Rockhampton, Qld. 4701, Australia
Tel. 61 (7) 4928-3509

Aug. 25-26, 2018

3rd ANNUAL WEST COAST SHELL SHOW
San Diego, CA
Casa Del Prado Rm. 104, 1650 El Prado, Balboa Park
David P. Berschauer
Tel. (949) 422-6585
E-mail: shellcollection@hotmail.com

Aug. 30-Sept. 3, 2018

CONCHOLOGISTS OF AMERICA ANNUAL CONVENTION, San Diego, CA

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Sanibel, FL Sanibel, FL

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Englewood, FL 34223

20% DISCOUNT

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2980 Placida Rd.
Englewood, FL

10% DISCOUNT

APPLICATION FOR ESC MEMBERSHIP 2017-2018

(October 1, 2017– September 30, 2018)

(PLEASE PRINT)

Please complete application and include your check made payable to the Englewood Shell club. Send to:

**Sandra Ouderkirk
8984 Bantry Bay Blvd.
Englewood, FL 34224**

<u>Individual Membership</u>	<u>Family Membership</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal\$35.00
<input type="checkbox"/> New*\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> New*\$60.00

Name _____ **Spouse (optional)** _____

Florida Address:

Street _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone # _____ Cell # _____
E-mail _____

Other Address:

Street _____
City/State/Zip _____
Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Would you be willing to serve on one of our many committees? Yes No Maybe

Interested in _____

Please contact me to discuss opportunities within the Club Yes Phone _____

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

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Signed _____ Date _____

Signed _____ Date _____

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