



ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB

THE SHELL SCOOP – SHELL SEEKERS

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Happy New Year!



General Meeting
Tuesday, January 21
1 p.m
Englewood Elks Club



Message from the President



Happy New Year Englewood Shell Club members. A warm welcome back to our snow birds. Shelling excursions will commence in January along with shellcrafters, shell study, beach walks, speakers/programs, and more, all leading up to the picnic in April. So much to look forward to in 2020! Kudos to all who stepped up to the plate as Board members or committee leaders. Let's look forward to spring elections and think about what role you may want to try next year. Thanks for joining ESC for the '19-'20 season and helping make ESC one of the best shell clubs around.

Happy shelling!

Colleen Fosnough



T'was the Season to be Jolly!

Eight members gathered at Cedar Point Learning Center on Monday, December 2 to decorate the Club's Christmas tree. Shown left to right: Lisa Ketner, Judy Landry, Linda Schmoyer, Linda Powers, Diane Herger, Colleen Fosnough, Leslie Furge, and last but not least, Sue Murray.

Photo submitted Linda Powers



As the saying goes, "What goes up, must come down." The Club's beautiful Christmas Tree, located inside the lobby of Englewood's Cedar Point Learning Center, will be dismantled on Monday, January 6, at 10 a.m. Please consider lending a helping a hand.

Are You an Extrovert?



Marilyn Boyd, Greeters' Team Leader, is seeking individuals to welcome members and guests attending the club's monthly General Meeting. Marilyn can be reached via email at mcboyd622@aol.com.



"Toys for Tots" says Thanks!

Submitted by ESC Co-chair of Membership and Toys for Tots, Linda Schmoyer

Cheers to another successful year of donations from our shell club members to the Charlotte County "Toys for Tots" program. Behind the scenes, under the leadership of Pat Ottolini and Marty Sears, our local Englewood warehouse had 40 volunteers who gathered all of the donations then counted, sorted, and filled bags for every child whose family had submitted their requests by the December 2nd deadline.

In our immediate area of Charlotte County, a total of 327 children from 111 families were given a wide variety of gifts—toys, games, books, and more. But even beyond that, once we finished fulfilling and distributing our many donations, the Englewood warehouse volunteers were able to forward many overflow items to help out the Punta Gorda warehouse where "Toys for Tots" requested bags were still being filled and distributed. It was truly a banner year!

Thanks again to all who participated in this important annual event to make Christmas a happier holiday for many deserving families.



Club President Colleen Fosnough Says:
"Our club's support for the "Toys for Tots" program was truly amazing! A big, warm heartfelt thank you to all who generously donated a variety of great gifts."

Photo submitted by Club Historian Meredith Blain



Fact or Fiction?

The roar that we hear when we place a sea shell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather it's the sound of our own blood surging through our bodies.



Blue Sky, Sunny Faces!

Submitted by Beachwalk Team Leader, Deb Hubbard

“Six ESC members recently attended our December Beach Walk on December 11 at Boca Grande Beach. It truly was a beautiful day and we had a wonderful, tasty lunch afterwards at Miller’s Dockside.”

Pictured left to right: Sandi Ouderkirk, Deb Hubbard, Linda Powers, Elaine Flynn, and Jill Judd.

Photo submitted by Beach Walker Linda Hamilton



W-O-W-Z-A!

50! Yes, fifty club members and a few guests gathered to eat, drink, and be merry at the December 11 Holiday Luncheon.

Photo submitted by Club Historian Meredith Blain



DO YOU LOVE TAKING PHOTOS?

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

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

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.



And The Beat Goes On!

LisaKetner1960@icloud.com is seeking newsletter material: photos, recipes, poems, shell stories, cartoons, book suggestions, craft inspiration, and more!

January Beach Walk!

Our next Beach Walk is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8 at Nokomis Beach, 100 Casey Key Rd., Nokomis. Don't forget your sun-screen, 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 & beach conditions and are encouraged to check them out on the following websites:

Mote Marine: visitbeaches.org

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

Englewood Live Beach Cam: pureflorida.com

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>

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

Departing Soon!

Carefree Learner Excursion

Monday, January 13

Boat leaves 8:30 a.m.

Want to go? Contact Carol Ayers at: 941-830-8252 or 508-274-6584

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 recommended. No Flip-flops! Dress in layers; you'll be glad you did!

Restrooms are located in the back of O'Leary's!

February Carefree Learner Excursion

Monday, February 10

Boat leaves 7:30 a.m.

TIDBIT: Sarasota Bay is a lagoon located off the central west coast of Florida in the United States. Though no significant single stream of freshwater enters the bay, with a drainage basin limited to 150 square miles in Manatee and Sarasota Counties, it is generally treated as an estuary, with three "passes" or inlets, giving access from the Gulf of Mexico.

Shellcrafters will meet at the Elks Club in Englewood 10:00 am Friday, January 24. Shellcrafter Team Leader, Leslie Furmage, can be reached via email: labshf@aol.com



January Shell Study at Cedar Point

To be presented by: Judy, Martha, and Meredith

The **Nautilus shell** is an important symbol in sacred geometry and even mathematics—displaying a logarithmic spiral in its growth pattern. Unlike some other shell creatures, the Nautilus does not shed or exchange its shell, but creates a large chamber for its body as it grows.



Shell and Shell Craft Sale!

A shell and shell craft sale will take place at our General meeting on March 17. All items for sale must be shells or shell crafted items made by you (a member). Table space reservations may be made with a \$5.00 fee when you sign up. A table space will be 1/2 of each round table provided. A signup sheet will be available at the January meeting. Please contact Linda Hamilton at 937-578-3605 for questions.

Planning Ahead: February Food Drive

Please be advised that our club will hold a food drive at our February general meeting to benefit the Helping Hand organization. If you wish to participate, please bring any of the following items to the February meeting:

Nonperishable items; canned or dry beans, soup including broths, cereal, peanut butter or other nut butters, canned fruit in juice, canned vegetables, canned tuna or chicken, pasta/rice, pasta sauce, canned stews, unsweetened applesauce, toothbrush/paste, shampoo, deodorant are all greatly appreciated.

Please do not donate food that is past the expiration date.

Any questions, contact Candy Niziol: candyniziol@comcast.net



**Feeding the
Community**

Over the millennia people have collected sea shells.

We picture them at the dawn of man walking the beach and picking up shells that they found interesting and pretty. Certainly among the oldest jewelry ever found was at an ancient grave site (40,000 years BC.) The body was covered with beads that were made from shells. Humans have loved shells and long pondered their meanings. Here are some qualities that have been assigned for you to consider:

Coral:	warmth, charm, openness, complexity, enthusiasm, zeal
Cowry:	prosperity, worth, generosity, directness, ambition, versatility
Flamingo Tongue (snail)	strength, simplicity, potency, courage - <i>a very masculine shell</i>
Limpet:	intensity, stability, determination, durability, steadfastness
Murex:	poise, beauty, intricacy, intelligence - <i>very feminine shell</i>
Sand dollar:	loyalty, encouragement, reliability, certainty, predictability
Scallop:	truth, faithfulness, trustworthiness, precision, balance, dependability
Starfish:	orderliness, charisma, honesty, persistence, regeneration, originality
Triton:	expansiveness, loquaciousness, wildness, energy, passion
Tulip:	sweetness, compassion, loveliness, kindness, tranquility, love
Urchin:	boldness, confidence, creativity, decisiveness, certainty, bravery

Sarasota Annual Shell Show

The 2020 shell show will be Friday, Feb. 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 8: from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 9: from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Potter Building, next to Robarts Arena, 2896 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota.

Admission charge is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for students 12-18, and free for kids age 11 and under with a paid adult.

Club Librarian Candy Niziol Asks:

Want to add a treasure to your shell collection but just can't seem to find the perfect junonia? Or an imperfect junonia? Or even a piece of a junonia? Not to worry, this delicious mixture will put a junonia smile on your face!



T=tablespoon

Mix (stir) together: 1T smoked paprika, 1T celery salt, 1T raw sugar, 1/2T chili powder (can use more or less).

EXCELLENT on the rim of a bloody Mary glass or sprinkled over fish, poultry, French fries, vegetables, etc.

Thanks to Colleen Fosnough for this tried and true tasty treat!



Are You a People Person?

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Merchandise: A note from Patti Redmond:

Hi! I want to remind everyone to bring their money to the January meeting so I can place the order as soon as possible in order to get everything back for the February meeting. I will be taking orders for all merchandise that includes long and short sleeve tees, hats, and our sweatshirt.

This is the only order I will be placing.