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# ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB

## THE SHELL SCOOP – SHELL SEEKERS

### JANUARY 2021

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

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

Happy New Year Shell Seekers!

As much as I had planned to start this with thank goodness 2020 is over I can't. It was a difficult year, more so for some than others but, for ESC it was far better than we had expected. We still had monthly meetings, beach walks, excursions, shell crafters and shell study. Granted they were all held in ways that we aren't used to but, being able to see our shelling friends at all has been such a blessing. It makes me so proud to be part of this wonderful group.

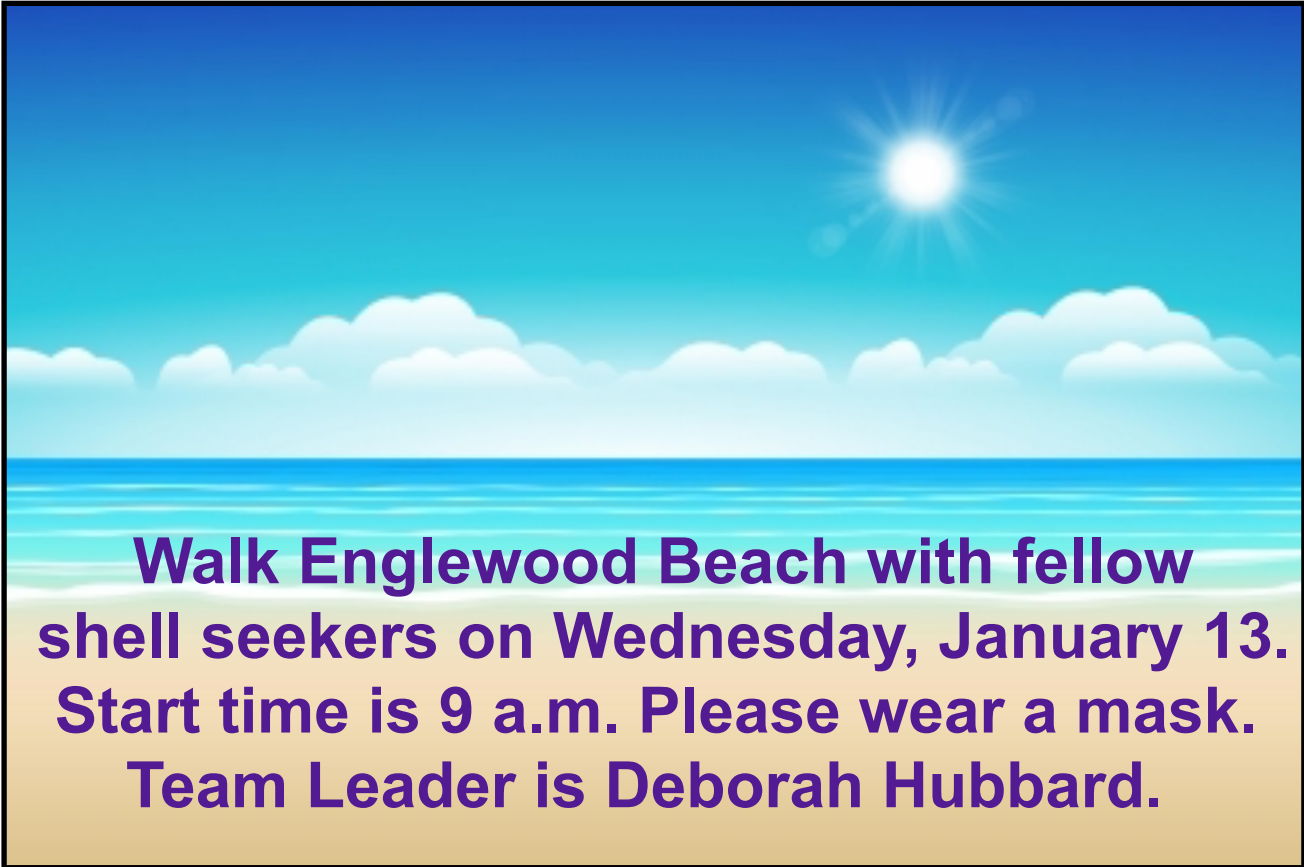
Our annual Holiday Party was held at Maxine Barrett pavilion on Venice Beach. We had a fun crowd and safely enjoyed each other's company. I'd like to say a very heartfelt thank you to everyone that made that possible. Especially Colleen Fosnough for planning the party; Lisa Ketner for seeing to it that everything ran smoothly; Judy Kauk and husband for putting the adorable pinecone tree favors together; Leslie Fumage for making sure that the trees were decorated and making sure the grab bags were filled; Karen Blackford for organizing the donations to the Jubilee Center and providing the music at the party; Candy Niziol for heading up the silent auction; Meredith Blain and Cindy Boyd for donating their creativity to the raffle table. And a special thank you to everyone that came to the party and participated in the fun! Last but not least, thank you Grant Walker for purchasing a slew of grab bags and then generously gifting them to partygoers! It was a perfect way to close out the year!

So, here's to 2021! May we, as a club, continue to grow, provide a fun, safe place for shell lovers of all kinds to gather and enjoy what we love the most! SHELLS!!!

Happy Shelling & a very Happy New Year to you all!

Co-President Martha Dehne





**Walk Englewood Beach with fellow shell seekers on Wednesday, January 13. Start time is 9 a.m. Please wear a mask. Team Leader is Deborah Hubbard.**

## **CAREFREE LEARNER EXCURSION**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 8AM SHARP!**

***Everyone is required to wear a mask on the boat.***

**Contact is Excursion Co-Team Leader Carol Ayers.**



**GENERAL MEETING VIA ZOOM  
1 PM TUESDAY, JANUARY 19**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84694428332?  
pwd=REIJMWUxZDhFUDUzKzk2eWd5QUxjUT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84694428332?pwd=REIJMWUxZDhFUDUzKzk2eWd5QUxjUT09)





**January Guest Speaker José H. Leal, PhD, Interim Director and Curator at the Bailey Matthews Shell Museum, will discuss celebrating our 25th anniversary and his memories with ESC.**

Dr. José H. Leal was Director of the Shell Museum between February 1996 and August 2013, and is now its Science Director and Curator. Dr. Leal received his PhD in Marine Biology and Fisheries from the University of Miami. His love for shells and sea life goes back to his childhood years in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. 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 is also a past president of the American Malacological Society and of Conchologists of America, a past board member of the Florida Association of Museums, an Accreditation Peer Reviewer for the American Alliance of Museums, and editor of The Nautilus. In March 2010, under his leadership, the Museum was awarded its first accreditation from the American Alliance of Museums.

## **STUDY GROUP**

**SHELL PHOTOGRAPHY 101 & CANVASES  
PRESENTED BY MEREDITH BLAIN**

**Bring Your Camera and Favorite Shells**

**10 am Wednesday, January 27 \* Lemon Bay Park pavilion**

**Please wear a mask.**

## **SHELLCRAFTERS**

**MODGE PODGE NAPKINS ON SHELLS**

**10 am Friday, January 29 \* Lemon Bay Park pavilion**

**Please wear a mask.**

## Member of the Month: Marilyn Boyd



What is your favorite shell? the wentletrap

What is your favorite find? a small lion's paw scallop

What is your favorite beach? Great Guana Cay, an islet in the Bahamas

What is your most unusual find? a carrier shell

Tell us a fun thing about yourself: I have a collection of over 300 Boyd's bears. Also, I have been beading, mostly with Swarovski Crystals. I make bracelets and other jewelry items. I sell them in the Beach Road Boutique. It has been about 10 years since I've been doing this. I love doing it.

How long have you been a member of ESC?

Twenty-five years; I am a charter member. In addition to serving as President, Parliamentarian, and member of the Nominating Committee, I have chaired programs, trips, crafts, and greeters.

Marilyn is the middle child of five raised in the suburbs of Cincinnati, Ohio, by wonderful parents. After graduating from college, she began her 31 year career in education. It was while teaching fourth and fifth graders, a desire to be an advocate for children prompted a journey that led her to becoming one of 25 female superintendents in Ohio's 612 school districts.

Marilyn and her husband, Jim, have been married for 28 years. They split time between Cincinnati and Englewood and share their home with Heidi, a sweet, smart one-and-a half old white Bichon Poo.

Marilyn has been gathering shells off the beaches of west and east coast Florida for a long time and has added many to her collection from trips taken to Eleuthera, Bimini, and Panama.

When asked why she loves shelling her response was, "Each is so gorgeous and unique, you can't believe it."

## MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

In order to be included in the new directory, you must have your membership form and payment in by January 19, 2021, the next general meeting. The application is on the website. Thank you!

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## 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,” said 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 and also care about the welfare of all things in 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.

## THE ESC MARKETPLACE!

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 (check made out to Englewood Shell Club) should be mailed to Candy Niziol two weeks prior to the upcoming issue. Candy’s email and phone number can be found on the roster in the Members Only section of the website.



# CLUB DECAL FOR SALE

This vibrant 4" by 3" sticker, designed by ESC Historian Karen Blackford, can be purchased!

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.

## What a Generous Group ESC IS!

*On December 8, a whopping \$335 in gift cards and cash was delivered to the Jubilee Center in Englewood. In addition to supporting an organization committed to assisting local people in need, club members attending the Holiday Picnic bid on stunning shells, purchased raffle tickets and grab bags which added a combined total of \$846 to the club's coffer.*



## **CAN YOUR EAGLE EYE MATCH JANE GUY'S?** Submitted by Anita Wilson

Are you aware just how much searching the beach for shells can sharpen your eye? Here is a story about our long-time member Jane Guy that proves the point.

Jane has been a sheller most of her life. At the same time, she has had her eye out for coins that others dropped and did not retrieve. She has picked up those coins and kept them for 31 years. This last summer while she was at her summer place in Narragansett, Rhode Island, Jane decided it was time to count up her coins and contribute them to Make a Wish Foundation in honor of Jim, her husband for more than 60 years, who passed away three years ago last summer. When Jane and Rhode Island friends got together to count up her coins, she found she had 6,200 pennies, 1,450 dimes, 1,200 quarters, 640 nickels, and 492 dollar bills! The total was \$1,026! And it has all gone to Make a Wish Foundation.

Jane has shown that eagle sheller's eye on other occasions. Again in Rhode Island, she found an earring that had been missing in a parking lot for eight days. It was an heirloom lost by a woman who had her mother's engagement ring opals made into earrings! And just a couple years ago, Jane was Anita Wilson's guest at a charity luncheon to provide scholarships for women pursuing post-secondary education. After losing her favorite shell earring and searching unsuccessfully, Anita mentioned it to Jane. Jane went to the shell parking lot and found it within 5 minutes!

Just watch Jane search at our club's beach walks. She always finds something special.  
**CAN YOUR EAGLE EYE MATCH JANE GUY'S?**

## **COME TO STUDY GROUP JANUARY 27** Submitted by Anita Wilson

The first Study group session for the club was October 28 at Lemon Bay Park pavilion, the same place ShellCrafters has been meeting. More than twenty members attended the fascinating presentation on land snails presented by Martha Dehne and Judy Kauk. Would you believe there are more than 60,000 species of snails living today; they are found on every part of the globe. There are actually more species of land snails than ocean dwellers; 30,000 species live on land; 25,000, in the ocean; and 5000, in fresh water. There are two very different types of land snails; one group has four tentacles, one lung and can be both male and female. The other group has 2 tentacles, no lung and has separate sexes. Most are vegetarian. ESC members attending learned so much. For example, snail color often depends on the food they eat. Many are active at night and most seal themselves into their shell to survive the winter. Before actual reproduction, many engage in snail play, caressing each other for more than an hour. Martha and Judy showed examples of many land snails and told about the various groups. We also learned resources to help identify various land snails, including Abbott's *Compendium of Land Snails*.

There were no study group sessions in November or December because the dates fell too close to the Holidays, so your next opportunity will be 10 a.m., Wednesday, Jan 27.

# **T'WAS A JOLLY HOLIDAY PICNIC!**





AMAZING KEEYWADIN ISLAND...HEAVEN ON EARTH!



## Beach Walks Submitted by Team Leader Deborah Hubbard

“Twelve ESC members (including 2 new members) enjoyed the beautiful weather at our December Beach Walk at Nokomis Beach on Wednesday, December 16. Members attending were Jackie Hall, Kathy and Walt Cycak, Christine Hofer, Anita Wilson, Linda Masterson, Meredith Blain, Deborah Hubbard, Colleen Fosnough, Cindy Boyd, and two new members, Sue Castle and Linda Keck!”



Anita Wilson, Linda Masterson, & New Members Sue Castle Linda Keck



Christine Hofer, Kathy & Walt Cyak



Meredith Blain

Deborah Hubbard