



# Englewood Shell Club

## *Shell Scoop*

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## President's Message

The Ides of March are upon us. The club certainly has been busy this year. We have been on some outstanding trips - with more to come. There is still the re-trip to Shell Key on March 7th and the fossil trip on April 7th. I would like to welcome all our new members this year. I hope you have been enjoying all the meetings, activities and trips. Don't forget our picnic is on April 17th. This is the last function of the club until we start up again in October.

This is an election month for the club. Our slate of officers will be announced at the general meeting on March 20th. The club will also be asking for members to step up and become involved in committees - either by becoming a

chairperson, co-chairperson or committee member to help with all our club activities, trips and social functions. Anyone wishing to volunteer for these activities, please let someone on the board know that you are interested. We need you to make the club successful. There are several committees to choose from and lots of people to help you get started.

March is going to be an exciting month for the club. We will be having a shell sale for club members. You won't want to miss this. Lots and lots of shells, and all below market value.

Our speaker for the March meeting is Elizabeth Staugler.

Ms. Staugler will be speaking on "Lemon Bay Scallops". Be sure to mark your calendars.

**Nancy Weborg**

# Member Profile - Rosalie Bunker



My name is Rosalie Bunker, and I reside here in Englewood Florida. I was born in New Hampshire and raised on a working farm with my two older siblings. We had Ten thousand chickens and every conceivable farm animal you can name. We made our own butter, canned vegetables, fruits and jams. When we weren't weeding we were probably haying. Our chores were endless.

The wonder of farm life was quite strenuous and losing its appeal for me, so for a change of pace my career choice was to be a beautician. I married after my schooling was complete, and we lived the service life for the next four years, finally returning to New Hampshire. For the next twenty years I owned and operated "ROSE'S BEAUTY SHOP" and used my creativity as a hair stylist while working out of my home and always available for my husband and three sons. Interestingly enough, these years were spent back on my original farm. We bought the farm where I was raised and my parents lived with us until they passed.

After my folks died, we moved to a farm in Maine, where we established the "IRON SLIPPER FARM". From Europe we imported English Shire Draft horses (the likeness of the Budweiser Clydesdales') and successfully cross bred them for hunter jumpers. Other activities included training, boarding, shows and weddings. Also we bred St. Bernard dogs and pot-bellied pigs. (No chickens this time around) Time marches on and fifteen years later I opened the "IRON SLIPPER CREATIONS" gift shop in Ogunquit Maine featuring unique hand-made crafts. I made a lot of these crafts myself thanks to the

New England weather has a way of sneaking up on you, so in 2007 Englewood looked like a great place to retire. I spend my days boating, walking the beaches, crafting and looking forward to the visits of my ten grandchildren.

Throughout my entire life, arts and crafts have been second nature to me. Whenever challenged with the unfamiliar, I am able to think outside the box and come up with a workable solution. I believe crafting to be a wonderful stimulant for the mind. Family members all have something I have created. Naturally the Englewood Shell Club piqued my interest as a great place to meet creative, talented, and energetic folks. This club's shell trips remind me of back home farm life when we reluctantly trudged around in the cold rain, only now I willingly choose to do it, but only in sunny Florida with my shell buddies. **Rosalie Bunker**

## Excursions Chairmen:

The Excursion chairmen coordinate trips for the shell club, assuring that they are fun. They encourage all members to share their knowledge in the collection of mollusks. Responsibilities include arranging transportation, overnight accommodations, when appropriate, determining fees, for participants and forwarding collected fees to the club treasurer.

**Ruth Middlebrooks, Marilyn Boyd and Debbie Freeman.**



Marco Island trip



# Taking Live Shells

During the January beachwalk, Linda Hamilton found a beautiful, live adult lightning whelk. A discussion followed as to whether or not she was allowed to take it.

There is no live shelling allowed in state parks. the lighthouse beach on Boca Grande is a state park. However, as Linda was walking back toward the parking lot, a sign was observed showing that she was entering the state park, meaning that the shell was found outside of the state park. AH HAH. However, Linda does not have a Florida fishing license. ALAS.

Further discussion ensued as to whether she could have actually taken it had she had the license, due to the fact that she would have had to carry it through the state park and to her car parked in the state park's parking lot. BEHOLD... 2 police officers on the beach checking fishing licenses. Linda Powers approached the officers to get the (shell) scoop.

The police officers confirmed that with a valid fishing license **on your person**, 2 live shells of each species (except, of course, queen conchs) are allowed to be taken outside of the state park, even if you have parked within the boundaries of a state park. So the lesson is if you are inclined to take live shells, ALWAYS have your valid Florida fishing license in your pocket. In any case, the lightning whelk was a great find.

**Linda Powers**

## January Beachwalk~ Boca Grande



**Sorting Shells for the March Shell Sale**



**Lunch at Miller's Marina**



This Beachwalk was so popular another trip to Boca Grande is planned for the March beachwalk!

## Astronaut Trail Shell Show

“THIS IS THE BEST OF ALL POSSIBLE WORLDS”

With apologies to Leonard Bernstein’s character Candide, a successful shell show in the middle of winter is a wonderful event . When conchologists, artisans, and the general public can meet, see great artistic and scientific displays, the best of shells, pearls, shell collecting supplies, then this is the best of all possible shelling worlds. We did well with attendance, dealer participation, and income. We were happy to see members Bud and Sherry Schindler and Art and Carole Haugh who we have not seen for a year attend the show- Great to see you! Also we had serious shellers who flew in from Massachusetts, Virginia, Texas, Michigan and probably more than that just to attend our show. The ATSC members came together and worked long and hard to put on a wonderful show, and exhibitors brought great displays. And the value of the show continues as we fund the next scholarship from some of the profits of the show.

**Meeting Notice:** Remember we are meeting temporarily in the Satellite Beach David R. Schechter Community Center, 1089 South Patrick Drive, Satellite Beach at the corner of Jackson Avenue (next to the post office). The meeting is at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 25. The program will be a DVD presentation compiled by Linda Powers of Englewood of the most recent Jim Cordy trip to Eleuthera. Jim Cordy will provide commentary on what is to many of us our favorite location in the Bahamas. There will also be a lot of information on the show 2012 and show 2013.

Alan Gettleman

## Melbourne Show Award Winners

The **Englewood Shell Club** was well represented at the Astronaut Trail Shell Show in Melbourne, FL on January 14–15, 2012. Our Homer Rhode was one of two judges in the Scientific Division. Matt and Dona Blaine were very instrumental in organizing and assisting during the show, and three of our members ran away with ribbons in both the Scientific and Artistic Divisions. **Ruth**

**Middlebrooks** won 4 ribbons: 2 in Scientific for a self-collected carrier shell (*Xenophora conchyliophora*) and an ancient sand dollar in the fossil category; 2 Second-Places in Artistic for a quilted jacket and a whimsical wall hanging of butterflies made from oysters and augers. **Brenda Steele** won a First-Place ribbon for her Artistic entry of a beaded shell bracelet. And **Linda Powers** won First Place and the Judges Special Award for her fossil shell Christmas tree. The girls’ items were on display at the January meeting. Congratulations to all!



L to R: Dona Blaine, Ruth Middlebrooks, Brenda Steele, Linda Powers, Rita Stonehouse (not pictured: Matt Blaine, and Homer Rhode)



# Upcoming Shell Events in Florida

## Suncoast Conchologists Shellers Jamboree

May 26 - 27 2012

Shellers Flea Market  
Programs  
Shell Measuring  
Parade of Snails  
Shell ID  
Food Food Food  
Raffle  
Shell Art and Craft Show  
Auctions - silent and verbal  
Single specimen shell Show  
Door Prizes  
Shells Shells Shells  
Fun Fun Fun

For more information and  
registration forms, contact:  
[Jamboree2012@aol.com](mailto:Jamboree2012@aol.com)

## Sanibel Shell Show

March 1,2,3 2012

Sanibel Community House  
2137 Periwinkle Way  
Sanibel, FL

32nd Annual

## Marco Island Shell Show

March 10, 11, 12 2011

320 N. Barfield Drive  
Marco Island FL 34145  
(United Church of Marco Island)

Juried Scientific and artistic  
exhibits  
Shell sales ~ Door Prizes  
Proceeds benefit Shell Club  
Scholarship Fund



## Shell Crafters - March 16th -12-2 PM - Sports Complex

“Double Bubble” .You will probably have time to do both events. Ruth Middlebrooks is presenting Easter eggs and Debbie Freeman will present flower techniques. If you have another project you would prefer to work on, great! Bring styrofoam eggs, glue gun or pot and \$7.00. The project for April has not been designated yet.

## Outreach Committee has had a busy season:

Englewood Shell Club Outreach took part in the Lemon Bay Fest with shell presentations at Elsie Quirk and Tringali libraries. We targeted local shells found around area shores. We shared our interest in collections, provided basic information, exhibits and printouts of miscellaneous mollusks, identification charts and cleaning instructions.

Jane Guy, co-chairman, set up a beautiful display of horse and queen conchs and her own valentine work in an octagonal frame. She began both programs with an informative talk concerning these shells.

Helen Gardner followed with a talk about how we clean shells, noting caution in collecting live shells, and enhancing their appearance. She showed examples of how they may be displayed in homes.

The table displays were the handiwork of Anna Hagstrom and Sandy Ouderkirk with the assistance of Lucille Eaton.

Amie Barnacle rounded out the programs with slides of gastropods, and bi-valves, and showed mantles at work.

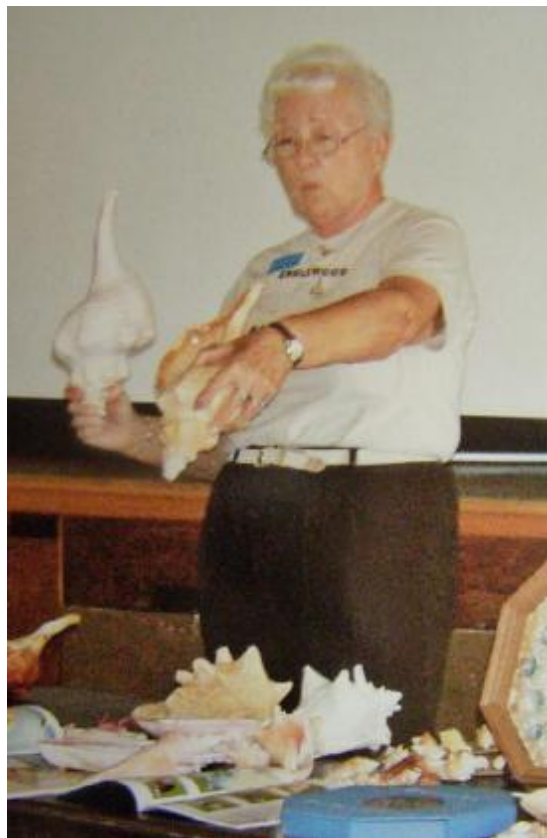
Following the presentations, the Outreach volunteers answered questions and talked with attendees. Approximately 70 interested individuals showed appreciation for the programs at both libraries.

Another program is planned for Outreach on February 23 at the Boca Grande Lighthouse Park Chapel.

**Amie Barnacle**, Chairman, Outreach

## Message from your Editor

I have enjoyed being the editor of The Shell Scoop the past two years and it has been a rewarding, educational experience, but it is time that I allowed another member to enjoy this fun job. Do not be intimidated. It was my very first newsletter and I learned by doing. Tell Nancy if you are willing. It will make her day! **Christina Anglin**





# Awards and Prize Ribbons Galore!

This has been an exceptional year for Englewood Shell Club Members winning prizes in local shell shows. An earlier article covers Winners in the Melbourne Shell Show, but we also had winners in the Sarasota Shell Show and the Sanibel Shell Show. The following members won awards: Ruth Middlebrooks, Jane Guy, Charlie Barr, Rosalie Bunker, Dianne Hergen and John Cologrande.

Congratulations to you all!

# Sanibel Trip



# Marco Island Trip



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## Englewood Shell Club Prize Entries - Sarasota Shell Show

