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President's Message

Linda Powers

What a resounding success the shell and book sale was at our February meeting. Many interesting and beautiful shells were available and Judy Kauk sold \$337 worth of books from the late Bet Hamilton's collection. Monies from the book sale will go to ESC's scholarship fund. What a win-win for both sellers, buyers and a nice addition to the scholarship fund.

The nominating committee has submitted three members' names to fill the three open positions on the board. A heartfelt thanks to Doris Wall, Linda Hamilton and Suzanne Skalski for their years of service to the Englewood Shell Club. Linda and Suzanne almost reluctantly resigned their positions as Directors-At-Large to give newer members an opportunity to become more actively involved. Many of our members in a leadership position with Englewood Shell Club have been very involved for many years. Without the addition of new people and new ideas, the club's direction and future cannot be sustained.

To that end, I would like to propose a "succession planning" strategy. If anyone has an interest in any of the areas of the club such as membership, outreach, excursions, crafters, etc., please give me a call or send me an email. You may also contact any of the leadership individuals to learn more about their role and responsibilities of their respective position.

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A big thanks to Sue Murray who has volunteered to work with Martha and Leslie with Shellcrafting to learn some of the ropes of organizing the instructors and monthly crafting schedules. But, we need more new eyes and ideas in all aspects of the club to continue our growth and vitality.

The February general meeting had over 100 members and guests in attendance which was the largest gathering of members and guests any of us could remember. Membership is at one of the highest levels in our history. With so many members, I'm certain we'll get enthusiastic volunteers for all aspects of the club! Start to learn now about these areas so that we can sustain all the good programs and continue the fun in the Englewood Shell Club.

A Message your Newsletter Editor

MaryLinda

I've never been more proud to belong to a group of remarkable, talented women and men who are always willing to help others in whatever way needed. While visiting Florida to celebrate her birthday, my Mom was fortunate to experience the warmth and kindness of our club members. Mom enjoyed the birthday caroling and well wishes she received at the February general meeting, the personal notes and gifts she received while watching our shellcrafter activities and the unbelievable decorating talents showcased at Diane Herger's house during the shell home tours. Unfortunately, we were not able to make it to Linda's or Colleen's homes due to time. *Thank you to all for making Mom's birthday extra special!*

When I first joined the club five years ago, I never could have imagined the friendships and knowledge I would gain. I wanted to become more involved but because I was still working 'up north', I wasn't sure how to accomplish that. Linda Powers suggested I take my talents to publishing the newsletter which has been a wonderful and sometimes challenging experience.

Linda has mentioned the club's succession planning strategy. Look at what you enjoy in the club and take the leap of faith to get involved. For me, it's been fantastic –and, I got the bonus of having my Mom serenaded by the some of the best people I know on her birthday.

Beach Walks

Deborah Hubbard

We had a huge turnout of club members and guest at our February Beach Walk at Blind Pass Beach with lunch afterwards at Lock N Key. It was a beautiful day for the walk (minus the Red Tide).

Because of the new construction at Stump Pass Beach, we decided at the February General Meeting to change the location for the Wednesday, March 8th Beach Walk to Manasota Beach at 10:00 a.m. We'll decide on a lunch location nearby afterwards. I look forward to seeing everyone!

For those who are interested in joining our Summer Beach Walks, please be sure to add you name to the sign-up sheet which I will be circulating at both the March Beach walk and our March General Meeting.

Strolling Stump Pass Beach Feb 2017



Photo by Ross Bergen

Outreach Programs

Tori Weaver

So many thanks to all ESC members who have shared your "surplus" of shells with the Outreach Program. You may be asking "what's next"? The Outreach program will host shell presentations at the Cedar Point Park summer program for children.

The first Outreach Program will take place on June 22nd at 1:00 pm. If you are interested in assisting our one hour shell group or have program ideas, please contact Linda Powers.

My year as Chair for the Outreach Programs has quickly passed. I'd like to thank everyone that has helped me this year. Without your support, advice and friendship, we could not have accomplished all we did this year.



General Meeting Program and Special Guest

Sherry McKinney

Sit back as relax as we take a trip to the Philippines and learn about local shells when Alan Gettleman presents his program at the March meeting.

I had the pleasure of meeting and getting to know Alan in November on the Dominican Republic trip. He is an extremely knowledgeable and experienced shell collector and I know you will enjoy his presentation on "Shelling in the Philippines".

See you in March!

General Meeting Minutes

Reminder--the General meeting minutes are posted on the ESC website in the secured section cloud for "Members Only" and can be accessed by using the user name and password provided to members.



In case you haven't seen or heard of the Shell Love Bug visit to the Englewood Shell Club general meeting at the Englewood Elks, here is the Englewood Review's picture and caption. Thanks, Linda Powers, for forwarding this article. My question is how much does that VW Bug weigh with all the shells and adhesive attached. A true work of art!!!! MaryLinda

Club Chatter

.....*The Englewood REVIEW*.....

February 3, 2017



On **Tuesday, January 17**, The Shell Love Bug visited the Englewood Shell Club at the Englewood Elks. The Love Bug is the brainchild of and designed by Pam Rambo of ILoveShelling.com and is used by the Lee County Visitor & Convention Bureau for promotions. Traveling on U.S. 41 from Sanibel Island, this was the Love Bug's longest journey to date. The Englewood Shell Club would like to extend a huge thank you to Pam Rambo and Josh Lambert of Lee County for bringing the VW for our community to enjoy. To learn more about the Englewood Shell Club, visit www.EnglewoodShell.club.



Shell Crafters

Martha Dehne & Leslie Furmage
Hello Shell Crafters!

It's that time of year when we look back at what creativity we've learned from our talented members. It's hard to believe the last Shell Crafter meeting will be on March 24th at 10:00 a.m. Back by popular demand, Ruth Middlebrooks will be teaching the group how to make some of the eye-catching wire wrapped shell pendants that we all admire. If you are interested in attending, check the sign-up sheet as space is limited.

As the season ends, we would like to extend a heartfelt 'Thank you' not only to our instructors; but, to everyone that signs up and participates in Shell Crafters. We have had fun and lively meetings and always look forward to seeing everyone! If any of you have crafting ideas or would like to share your talents by teaching a class, please contact Leslie or Martha....we'd love to hear about them! Maybe someone will donate a VW so the club can make our own shell love bug ☺. What a site to see!

Leslie & Martha

Shell Home Tour *Linda Maggiore*

The Shell Home Tour held on Saturday, February 25th showcased what a talented group of members ESC has. Diane Herger, Colleen Fosnough, and Linda Masterson opened their doors to the Englewood Shell Club to view their beautiful homes. All so different, and all so beautiful. It made for a fun afternoon enjoying all the work these ladies have put into their homes, and time, and energy they spent allowing us to walk through, and become more amazed with each room we visited.

Thank you, ladies, for welcoming us. Your generosity was very much appreciated by all.

Diane Herger



Colleen Fosnough



Excursions

*Ruth Middlebrooks, Marilyn Boyd,
Carol Ayers*

Useppa

Ahh, the joys of boating – as many of you know, the excursions scheduled to Useppa were cancelled/postponed due to mechanical difficulties of the boat's engine. The good news is that ESC members were not on the boat when the mechanical problems occurred – possibly in the middle of Charlotte Harbor.

One comment Linda Powers made in her President Message earlier this year was the need for flexibility. This is a perfect example of how flexibility is key in our ever-changing world including ESC excursions. Thanks to all who had signed up for the Useppa trip for your understanding of the situation.

The other good news is the Useppa trips have been rescheduled! The first rescheduled trip will be tomorrow, March 8th, the second trip will be March 27th and the last trip will be March 30th.

Palm Island

The Palm Island trip will be March 10th. Meet in the in the Merchant's Crossing parking lot (by Beall's) by 7:15 a.m. to carpool to the Ferry. You don't want to miss the boat (or in this case, the ferry).



Linda Masterson



Study Group

Anita Wilson

During the "Shell of the Month" presentation at the February general meeting, a question was posed why Texas lightning whelks are a different subspecies from those in Florida follows. I took the challenge and researched coming up with the following answer: The Mississippi River creates such a current as it flows into the Gulf of Mexico that lightning whelks do not cross the divide and have evolved differently. This extreme current was present even before the Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation began building dams, levees, etc. along the Mississippi to control floods and improve navigation on the river.

Thanks for the question which will help other ESC members know more about this beautiful shell and its habitat.

Library

Judy Kauk

The February library sale of donated books, shells, wine collars and shell display cases was a great success! We made a total of \$337 which will go toward the ESC scholarship program. This year we have added forty-seven new and used books to the library through donations and purchases. **Please remember that all books checked out from the library must be returned by the March meeting.**

Patti Redmond will be giving our "shell of the month" talk at the March meeting on the Common Jingle shell.

Merchandising

Connie Cummins

Tee shirts with our club's new logo will once again be available to order at the March general meeting with pick-up at the April meeting. Merchandise ordered must be paid for at the time of the order.

The February general meeting had many of our members donning their new colorful tee shirts. Look at the new tee shirt options available to order at the merchandise table in March.

Membership Roster

Sandy Ouderkirk

The updated 2016-2017 membership roster is available online in the "Member's Only" cloud on our website. Remember, the membership roster is for the exclusive use of shell club members' only and not for purposes of solicitation. Thank you for protecting our members' personal information and privacy.

If you have any changes to your contact information, please forward the updates to our membership chair at: sandioud@yahoo.com.

Membership dues run from October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017. Please watch for the October 2017 newsletter for membership application and dues for the 2017-2018 season.

Have a great summer looking for shells wherever you may be.

