



ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB

THE SHELL SCOOP – SHELL SEEKERS

MARCH 2020

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General Meeting
Tuesday, March 17
1 p.m at the Englewood Elks Club

NO Shell Study This Month

Shell of the Month

Grant Walker will be talking about the spiny oyster shell and also the proper sequence to a shell's identification. Certainly a talk not to be missed.



ShellCrafters

Join Team Leader, Leslie Furmage,
1 PM at the Englewood Elks Club on
Friday, March 20 to create a beautiful
glass-block lamp with shells.

March Beach Walk

Our next Beach Walk is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11 at Caspersen Beach, 4100 Harbor Dr, Venice, at **9:00 AM.**

This is a change of location and an hour earlier due the sand replenishment being done on Manasota beaches. We also moved the time back an hour to find better parking. Deb will have our shell flag, and most likely be located within walking distance to the restrooms. Don't forget your sunscreen, water, and something to sit on. While we are shelling we usually make a decision where to go to lunch afterwards. Due to our earlier starting time we will probably go for lunch between 11:00-11:30. To check on beach conditions, contact one of these websites:



“May you always be the one who sees the light in the little things.”

Morgan Harper Nichols

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 hubsfldeb@bellsouth.net



Sunday, March 8 is the start of Daylight Saving Time, which begins at 2:00 A.M. that night. SO don't forget to “spring forward” and set your clocks ahead one hour!



Are You Happy-Go-Lucky?

Marilyn Boyd, Greeters' Team Leader, is seeking individuals to help welcome members & guests attending the club's monthly general meetings. She can be reached via email at mcboyd622@aol.com. Let her know even if you can only do it once or twice. Remember, members & guests must sign in at the Greeter's table and be sure to get a raffle ticket!

Shell and Shell Craft Sale March 17!

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 our ESC members. 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.

Contact Linda Hamilton at 937-578-3605 with questions.



Food Drive Success!

"Thank you! Our February 18, 2020, Food Drive was a HUGE success. Englewood Helping Hands organization was most appreciative of the large quantity of items donated along with \$10 cash donation from a couple of our members." *Candy Niziol*



Mark Rennie, Englewood United Methodist Church Helping Hands chairperson

March Guest Speaker: Mary Lundeborg

Wild Florida Birds and the Challenges They Face



Florida is one of 5 key locations for birds; we have the most species diversity of any place in the United States. Birds can be sensitive to changes in the environment, and are indicators of the health of our water. Learn about birds in Florida and some of the challenges they face, such as red tide, habitat loss and climate change. Photographer and nature writer Mary Lundeborg will illustrate her talk with images of the beautiful birds who live in or migrate to Florida.

Mary Lundeborg is a full-time resident of Englewood, Florida. She is a conservation photographer and writer who celebrates the natural world. Her goal as a photographer is to create appreciation for the beauty and fragility of this planet, especially water ecosystems, such as the coastal regions and estuaries in Florida, the rivers in Wisconsin and Colorado, and the glaciers in Antarctica. Mary's specialty is wildlife, which requires stillness, patience and a passion for understanding animals.

Mary's photographs have been exhibited in juried art galleries in several states and published in books, calendars, and newspapers, and she has won awards from state, national and international associations. A retired professor and department chair from Michigan State University, she taught photography part-time through Ringling College of Art and Design, and now teaches at the Venice Rookery through Tarntec: <https://photography-workshops.directory/photography-workshop/photographic-exploration>.

She writes nature books for children and adults, and authors a column for the *Sun Tribune* called "Noticing Nature." Mary has contributed pro bono work to the National Park Service, Stump Pass Beach State Park, the Science and Environment Council, Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program, Lemon Bay Conservancy, Audubon, Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast, Friends of Stump Pass State Park, the Charlotte County Environmental Caucus and Coastal Wildlife Club.

Upcoming Overnight Trip!



A special trip to Navarre Beach in the Panhandle on April 8 & 9 coming home on April 10. Partner up! Call Best Western at 850-939-9400 and book your room (Rates range from \$139-\$159 plus tax). For more info or any questions, call Marty at 203-592-4040.



TIDBIT: One of the early benefactors to help build the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum on Sanibel Island, Raymond Burr, the late actor of Perry Mason and Ironside Fame, was an avid sheller. An exhibit inside the museum commemorates his generosity.



You Don't Need to Be Irish to Be Lucky!

Got snapped photos of your shell crafts or amazing shell finds? Beach walks? Shell Club excursions? Holiday or end of year luncheons? Study group at Cedar Point?

We want your photos for the 2019-2020 Yearbook!

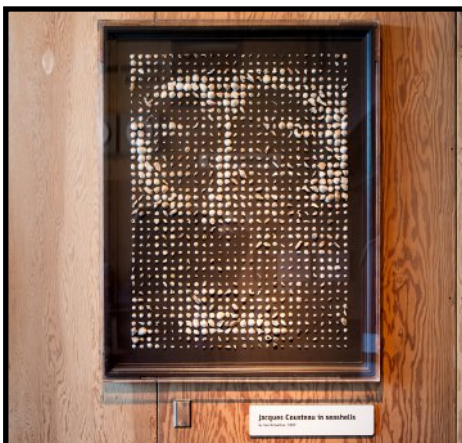
It's easy! E-mail mblain93@gmail.com Or text your photo(s) to Meredith Blain at 941-445-1440 Let me know the info—Your name & description of photo/activity.

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



Jacques Cousteau in Seashells

There's more to seeing than meets the eye. Seeing is a cooperative effort involving your eyes and your brain. Your eyes may perceive a group of dots, but it's your brain that has to decide whether or not the dots form a pattern that means something. In the exhibit "Jacques Cousteau in Seashells," created for the Exploratorium by artist Ken Knowlton, a framed collection of seashells seems to be a random pattern when viewed up close. At a distance, however, the pattern shows a likeness to well-known oceanographer Jacques Cousteau.

Member of the Month: Homer Rhode III

What is your favorite shell? Conus Ammarilis

What is your prized shell found? Rhodei (Annularid)

What is your favorite beach? Broom Beach, Western Australia

What is your most unusual find? Conus Chaldeus found in Costa Rica, strictly an IndoPacific shell

Tell us a fun fact about you: I am a wine enthusiast

How long have you been a member of the ESC? Five years

Have you held any positions at ESC or volunteered? Shell Study

Homer Rhode III was born in south Florida and raised around the Homestead area. He became hooked on shelling when his father, Homer II, the first Everglades game warden, introduced him to collecting when he was a young boy. Homer III graduated from Florida State with two degrees: Criminology and Environmental Health. He retired from a career in state environmental administration 25 years ago. He and his wife, Ann, lived in the Keys for 28 years and moved to Venice in 2004. They will celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary this month. Ann was quite adventurous and ready to travel and do exciting things from the start of the marriage. Both being avid scuba divers and also fans of snorkeling has provided them the joy of traveling to all seven continents to collect shells from a variety of habitats.



Can you guess which two members found a junonia?

Clue: Both first names start with M.



Ten club members rose before the birds on Sunday, February 23. They hooked up at Goodland Marina and were transported by boat to Shell Island at 7:15. Upon returning to the marina, around 11:00, everyone said how they would have liked to stay out all day. Marty will see what can do to make the wish come true in 2021. Photos by Meredith Blain and Lisa Ketner



A small group participated in February's Carefree Learners. Several Banded tulips were spotted mating. Photo by Marty Akins

“Tulips are slow, aggressive carnivores, preying on other large gastropods, such as Pink Queen Conchs (and even other Tulip Shells) and bivalves, such as clams. Using its radula, a “toothed” tongue, the Tulip bores a hole through the shell of its victim, and then inserts the tongue to devour the soft contents.” Patrica B. Mitchell

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Collecting Memories and More!

Do you have fond memories of ESC people, trips, special events, amazing shell finds, etc.? Do you have copies of articles featuring the club and/or its members? Do you have copies of new or old club related photographs? If so, send them to Historian, Meredith Blain: mblain93@gmail.com

Shiny, Happy Beach Walkers!

“Five ESC members enjoyed the beautiful weather at our February Beach Walk at Stump Pass Beach. Afterwards six members had a wonderful lunch at Lock-n-Key!”
Quote and photos submitted by Beach Walk Team Leader, Deb Hubbard



Left to Right: Deb Hubbard, Linda Masterson, Anita Wilson, Linda Powers and Patty Womeldorf.



Left to Right: Sue Ross, Deb Hubbard, Anita Wilson, Linda Masterson, Linda Powers, & Pattv Womeldorf.



Feeling up for an outing, Ruth Middlebrooks accepted a ride from fellow club member Jane Guy. Taking a turn visiting with Ruth is Suzanne Skalski.



The tongue twister, "She sells seashells by the seashore," is based on a song written by Terry Sullivan. It's thought the song is about a real seashell seller named Mary Anning (1799 – 1847). Mary Anning was more than a seashell seller. She collected fossils and contributed important information about prehistoric life to the scientific community. She supported herself selling fossils to geologists and to tourists.



February Guest Speaker, Robert "Bob" Fuquay, spoke to us about the fossils of south west Florida. Following his presentation, he stayed for the remainder of the meeting, and at its close gifted the club library a copy of each of his published books: *Hunting Fossil Shark Teeth in Venice, Florida*; *A Brief History of the Earth*; *Florida Fossil Shark Teeth Identification Guide-The Fossil Shark Teeth Most Commonly Found in Florida*; and for children, *Algae The Alligator*.

Recipe of the Month: Crock Pot Corned Beef & Cabbage



1 (4 pound) corned beef brisket with spice packet
1 medium size head cabbage sliced
3 large carrots cut into bite size pieces
6-8 baby red potatoes, quartered
1 onion, peeled and cut into bite-sized pieces
3/4 cups water + 1 can beer (optional)

Place the carrots, potatoes, cabbage and onion into the bottom of a slow cooker, pour in the water, and place the brisket on top of

the vegetables. Pour the beer (if desired) over the brisket. Sprinkle on the spices from the packet, add salt & pepper as desired, cover, and set the cooker on high 6-8 hours. Yum! Submitted by Candy Nizioi



Merchandise News from Patti Redmond:

All merchandise is available at the same price during the month of March. All tee shirts long and short sleeve, windbreaker jackets, hoodie sweatshirts and hats are available to order. Please bring your cash or check to pay for your ordered merchandise at the meeting. Items ordered will be delivered at the April picnic.

Speaking of Merchandise

“One may think that the merchandising position is an easy one. It only looks that way because Patti makes it look that way. Without her attention to detail and organizational skills, this job would not go off “without a hitch.” Kudos Patti Redmond! “ Colleen Fosnough, president



83rd Annual Sanibel Shell Festival
March 5, 6, & 7, 2020
Sanibel Community House
Hours: 9:00-5:00 Thursday & Friday
9:00-4:00 Saturday



Rhyme For Shell Collectors

by Peg Newman

Here's to the sunburn, the sprain in your back,
The windburn, the chill, the weight in your sack,
And bottles and bags, the unpackable gear,
Strapped 'round you and playfully banging your rear.
Here's to the barnacle gash and the bruise,
The salt in your eyes, and the sand in your shoes,
Here's to the stink in the kitchen at night,
The cleaning and scrubbing and sorting out right
The searching through tomes till your eyes dull with strain
For the needed, elusive unspellable name.
Here's to the polishing, boxing, arranging,
Consulting, re-sorting, renaming, and changing;
Yes, here's to the weariness, bruises and cuts,
But most of all – here's to you wonderful nuts
Who go on collecting, foul weather or fair,
Not minding at all, with a glassy-eyed stare,
For the sane in this world who look on in surprise
And miss all the grief, and the fun, and the prize.☆

Submitted by Linda Hamilton



Every shell has a story.