

# Englewood Shell Club

## *The Shell Scoop*

**The Shell Seekers**

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### President's Message

What a wonderful sight welcoming you all back for the first meeting of the season! The feedback I have received was very positive about our new meeting place. We had

nearly ninety people present which would have really been too many for Lemon Bay.

I am very excited about our trip to Islamorada. The November newsletter will be delayed just long enough to include pictures from that trip. Some members were concerned that some trips had filled up so quickly. We will be offering more trips this season and you are encouraged to register quickly if you want to go. See our excursion chairmen if there are excursions you would like to see offered. We want to respond to the wishes of our members in all events. Christina





## Member Profile

# Ruth Middlebrooks

Ruth grew up in Prospect, Virginia a small community near Farmville where she was captain of her high school basketball team and won the award as Most Athletic. She met her husband Bob, a career navy man, while she was on summer vacation from Longwood College in 1958. They met at the famous Nags Head Casino and were married less than a year later. It is interesting to note that their NC home is within 15 miles of where they first met. Ruth quickly says she is indeed blessed with a wonderful family of three children, six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

After their first home in Norfolk, Virginia they moved 13 times before Bob retired at CINCLANTFLT in Norfolk after 23 years with a specialty in cryptology.. Duty stations included Guam, Hawaii, Washington DC, Cheltenham, Maryland, Vallejo, California, and back to Northwest, VA and then Norfolk once more. Bob finished his master's degree and she attended the College of Guam and the University of Hawaii during our travels while he was in the navy. Ruth

taught high school math in Agana, Guam and elementary school in Honolulu, Hawaii. Later she taught kindergarten in Clinton Maryland and opened her own preschool and kindergarten in Chesapeake, Virginia which she operated for 30 years before selling in 2003 with an enrollment of 100 children and a staff of 14.

Bob is semi retired and still does some management consulting work on the Outer Banks. He has been very involved in community activities on the Outer Banks and has served as President of the area Military Officers Association, Chairman of the Dare County Tourism Board, Vice Chairman of the Dare County Social Services Board and served three terms as Chairman of the Outer Banks Hospital Board of Directors.

They celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a trip to Belize in 2009 and in keeping with their shelling interests were able to snorkel at the Ambergris Caye reef.

Over the past years Ruth says they have been fortunate to visit some great places. Australia was one of their favorites but they also enjoyed Alaska, Panama, South America, the Caribbean Islands, Spain, Venice, Athens and the Greek Isles. They cruised out of Amsterdam and visited Berlin, Estonia, Finland, Sweden and St. Petersburg, Russia. Last year they went on a Mediterranean cruise seeing Italy and then she enjoyed a river cruise down the Blue Danube to Budapest

Ruth and Bob have been visiting Southwest Florida for a number of years and have owned their vacation home in Englewood for 8 years. True snow birds, Ruth says their visits to Florida are the highlights of their year's activities. Since joining the Englewood Shell Club Ruth has enjoyed the many local outings and the extended trips providing snorkeling adventures. She co-chairs the trip planning and enjoys arranging the club's visits to shelling locations.



# Sand Dollar Bonanza



The final Beach Walk of the summer was held at Linda Powers' beach. There was an abundance of sand dollars. Our crafty ladies had a great time using them in creative projects.

## Cayo Costa Trip

Monday, January 24, 2011 "Fun & shelling" is planned for Cayo Costa. We will leave from Boca Grande (Pink Elephant Marina). Be there by 8:15 A.M. for our departure and we will return at 2 P.M. You must plan your car pooling so we don't take up many parking spaces.

Tropic Star's capacity is 49 so pay your \$34.00 now. Make your check out to Englewood Shell Club. Bring a bag lunch and some cash for the \$2.00 park entrance, \$1.00 tram ride and a tip for the Tropic Star crew.

## Upcoming Events

- 11/8/10 Study Group 1PM  
Debbie Freeman's
- 11/10 Beach Walk 10 AM  
Location TBA
- 11/16/10 Board meeting 10AM  
Elsie Quirk Library
- 11/19/10 Shell Crafters 12-2PM  
Sports Complex
- 11/23/10 General Meeting  
Elks Lodge
- December
- 12/7/10 Carefree Learner 7 AM  
Marina Jack's
- 12/9/10 Holiday Luncheon Noon  
Manasota Beach Club
- 12/10/10 Beach Walk  
Location TBA
- 12/17/10 Shell Crafters 12-2  
Sports Complex

\* No General Meeting or Study Group in  
\* December.



## Library Update

Our club is ready for the move of all our Library books to the Elks Club. We now have two book cases on wheels, which holds all of our books and can be locked and stored until we meet again each month. They were designed and built by John Herr, and will make it easier for everyone to browse through all of our books. You will find that our books are now color coded into the different categories related to shells. Thanks to Christina Anglin, Judy Kauk, Helen Gardner, and my husband for all their help in getting our Library books ready for our first Fall meeting.

**Eunice Herr, Librarian**



## Upcoming Programs

November 23:- Karen VanderVen will give a power point presentation on a shelling trip to the Dominican Republic

December 9: Christmas Luncheon (No program)

January 25: Bob Lipe will speak on "Florida Shells"

February 22: John Cologrande: "Cephalopods: It's not just Calamari"

In March we will need to change our meeting date to accommodate a speaker from England

March 15: "Philatelic Shells" (Stamps) Tom Walker

**Debbie Freeman, Program Chairman**

## Board Meeting



Eunice Herr, Eileen Tabone, Christina Anglin, Nancy Weborg, and Judy Kauk





# SHELL SEEKERS



## October meeting at the Elks Club

The first meeting of this season was attended by ninety members and guests.

The new space worked well except for a slight glitch with the sound system and an inadequate projection screen. We hope to solve those problems for future meetings.

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About twenty members enjoyed lunch in the Elks restaurant before the meeting. For those who would like to have lunch there before future meetings, we recommend that you arrive by about 11:45 to have plenty of time.

A group of Shell Club members were hosted by Kris Barr for an impromptu shelling trip to Boca Grande. It was a perfect day to be on the beach and the shelling was good.



HAPPY SHELL SEEKERS



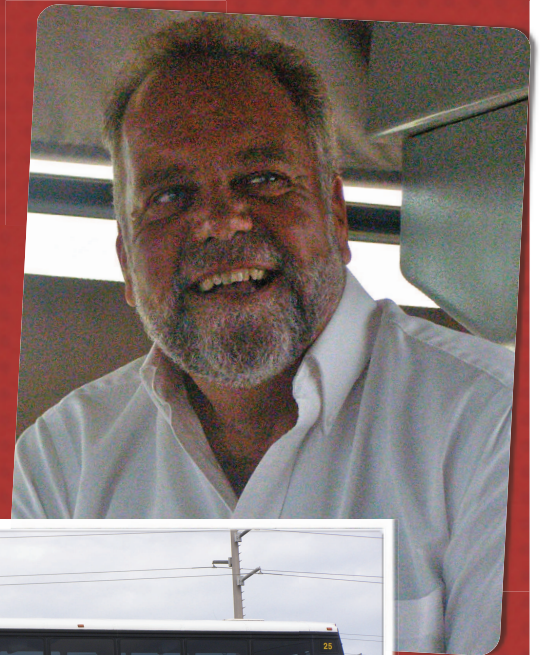
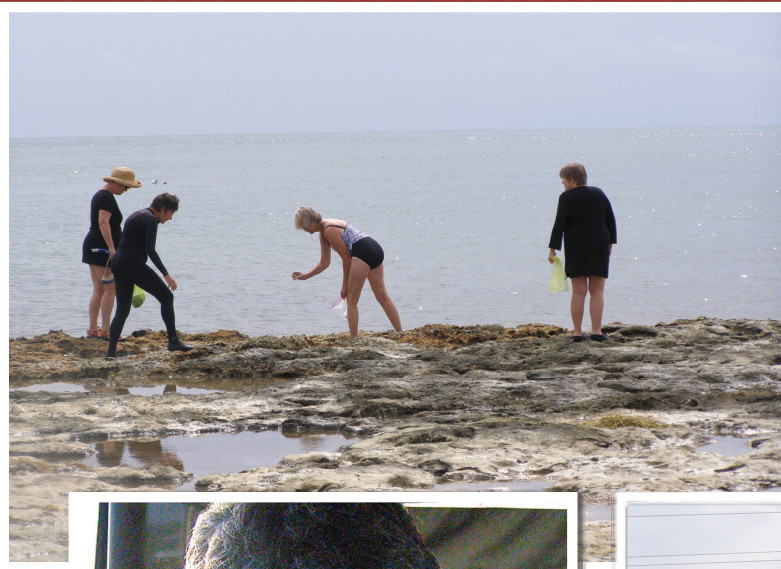
SUN, SEA, SAND - PERFECT



COOLING OFF IN THE SHADE



# SHELL CLUB TRIP TO THE KEYS



Ruth planned another great shelling trip with our favorite bus driver, Dave, of All Around Charters.

We shelled, snorkeled, dined and had lots of fun. On Friday, the weather looked threatening but we decided to take our chances and it turned out to be a great day. We went out to two areas Keys - Lignum Vitae and Indian Key.

Both islands were rich in history and we had a very interesting talk by a park ranger, a Tour of the coral house on Lignum Vitae and a walking tour of the ruins of the original County









# Miscellaneous notes and Shell News

## **Discount on Shells:**

The owner of the Shell Shop in the Dome has offered a 10% discount on shells to Shell Club members. Just identify yourself or show him your name tag.

## **Offer of Shells for Sale**

My name is Marie Duplice and I formerly owned Earth N Sea, a shell and gift shop at Fisherman's village. I closed the shop 10 years ago and had put the remaining shells in storage. Over the years I have enjoyed them for my personal use, but have decided to sell what is left. Bags and boxes are marked and there is a large variety. They would be fine for those who wish to use shells for craft items and prices are very reasonable, most below the wholesale price I paid. Many \$2 and \$3 bags.

Since your club is local, I am offering this to you first. If anyone from your club is interested in seeing them, and perhaps buying some, please call me and we can arrange a convenient time. I could **have 6 – 8 people** at a time, but **it is important to schedule ahead of time**.

Marie Duplice,  
439 Fletcher Street  
Port Charlotte, FL 33954  
941-766-9673

## **Outreach:**

Marilyn Boyd is teaching about Shells at Englewood Elementary School this month.

She is generously volunteering her time and knowledge to acquaint area students with local shells.

If you would like to participate in Outreach projects for the Shell Club, contact our Outreach chairman, Amie Barnicle about opportunities to speak or work with groups in the community.

## **Member Sharon Craig Teaching Shell Crafts at Englewood Art Center**

**Sharon Craig's love of shell art began with a shell box her father made for her mother as a token of his love while struggling in Africa during WWII. During breaks from the action, he dove for the shells, bartered for a thin gold chain at one of the souks, made the wood box and borrowed glue used for the airplanes to put it all together. A meaningful part of her heritage, she is drawn to our local beaches and surrounding shore life. She relocated here in 2006. Sharon also likes to design jewelry, garden and cook. Her interests are captured in her work which is currently on display at EAC and area stores.**



# Englewood Shell Club Calendar

10-11 Season

**May - September Summer Beach Walks - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays**

## September

9/1/10 Deadline for articles for Newsletter. Send to: Christina Anglin -  
anglinc@comcast.net

## October

10/09/10 Deadline for November Newsletter

10/19/10 ESC Board Meeting -Elsie Quirk Library 10 AM

10/26/10 ESC General Meeting - 1 PM

Program: Members Sharing new shell creations / slide shows of past activities

## November

11/ /10 Trip to Key West

11/8/10 Study Group Debbie Freeman's 1PM

11/10 /10 Beach walk Manasota Beach

11/16 /10 ESC Board Meeting Elsie Quirk Library 10 AM

11/19/10 ShellCrafters - 12- 2PM Englewood Sport Complex

11/23 /10 ESC General Meeting - 1 PM

Program: Karen VanderVen - "Shelling in the Dominican Republic"

## December

12/3 /10 Decorate Christmas tree at Cedar Point Park 10 AM

12/07/10 Carefree Learner - 7 AM - Marina Jack

12/ 09 /10 Christmas Luncheon - Manasota Beach Club

12/ /10 Beach Walk 10 AM

12/17/10 Shell Crafters - 12 noon - 2PM - Englewood Sports Complex

- 1/12/11 Beachwalk 10 AM
- 1/15-16 /11Space Coast Shell Festival - Melbourne FL
- 1/18/11 ESC Board Meeting Elsie Quirk Library 10 AM
- 1/21/11 ShellCrafters 12-2 PM Englewood Sports Complex
- 1/24/10 Cayo Costa Trip - 8:15 AM Pink Elephant, Boca Grande return 2 PM
- 1/25/11 ESC General Meeting Elks Club 1 PM  
Program: John Cologrande - Sarasota Shell Club - " Cephalopods: Not just Calamari"

## February

- 2/14/11 Study Group Debbie Freeman's 1 PM
- 2/09/11 Beach Walk 10 AM
- 2/11-13/10 Sarasota Shell Show - Manatee Convention Center, One Haban Blvd, Palmetto,
- 2/15/11 ESC Board Meeting Elsie Quirk Library 10 AM
- 2/18/11 ShellCrafters 12-2PM Englewood Sports Complex
- 2/22/11 ESC General Meeting - 1 PM  
Program:

## March

- 3/14/11 Study Group Debbie Freeman's 1 PM
- 3/15/11 ESC Board Meeting Elsie Quirk Library 10 AM
- 3/15/11 ESC General Meeting - 1 PM Elks Club (Note Date change for March Meeting)  
Program: Tom Walker "Philatelic Shells"
- 3/18/11 ShellCrafters 12-2 PM Englewood Sports Complex

## April

- 4/19/11 ESC Board Meeting Elsie Quirk Library 10 AM
- 4/26/11 Shell Club Farewell Picnic - Englewood Gardens Beach Club 11-4

## July

- 7/13-17/11 "Space Coast Treasures" Radisson Resort at the Port, Port Canaveral, FL  
Conchologists of America COA Annual Convention



# Englewood Shell Club RSVP Coupons

Checks are non-refundable and payable to the Englewood Shell Club

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Stub to keep:

ESC Cayo Costa Trip

January 24, 2011

\$34 Boat trip

Sent to:

Ruth Middlebrooks

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Cayo Costa Trip

Meet at Pink Elephant, Boca Grande 8:15 AM- 2 PM

\$34 boat trip -\$2 Park fee - \$1 tram - tip Bring lunch

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check to: Ruth Middlebrooks,,  
1936 Greenlawn Dr 34223

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Stub to keep:

ESC Holiday Luncheon

December 9, 2010 Noon

\$25

Sent to: Jackie McLean

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Holiday Luncheon

Manasota Beach Club 12 Noon Dec 9, 2010

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

\$25 per member or spouse

Mail check to: Jackie McClean, 68 Spring Lane,  
Englewood Fl 34223

Deadline: November 26

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Stub to keep:

ESC Carefree Learner

Dec 7, 2010 7 AM

Sent to: Debbie Freeman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Carefree Learner I Excursion

Carefree Learner, sailing from Marina Jack at 7 AM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$12

mail check to Debbie Freeman,

P O Box 339,

Englewood, Fl 34295

Deadline: November 30

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Stub to keep:

ESC Carefree Learner

Jan 5, 2011

\$12

Sent to: Debbie Freeman

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Carefree Learner II Excursion

Carefree Learner sailing from Marina Jack 7 AM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$12

Mail check to Debbie Freeman

PO Box 339

Englewood Fl 34295

Deadline: January 5, 2011

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