



ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB

THE SHELL SCOOP – SHELL SEEKERS

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ESC Second Meeting of 2019-2020
Tuesday, November 19, 1p.m at the Englewood Elks Club

Membership Application & Dues

Gay Barlow & Linda Schmoyer

ESC year is October 1-September 30. You must be in good standing to participate in meetings, classes, trips, special events, etc. Applications are available on ESC website or can be obtained at general meetings.



November Guest Speaker

Rebecca Mensch, MS | Shell Museum Aquarium Curator

Rebecca Mensch, MS, grew up outside of Chicago. She completed her BS in Marine Biology from Florida Institute of Technology. She completed her Master of Applied Science with Honors from Auckland University of Technology. Her master's thesis was on the taxonomy of the deep-sea squid genus *Chiroteuthis*. During her first 5 years with the National Shell Museum, Rebecca has had a variety of responsibilities while in the position of Marine Biologist, including designing and leading in-house and outreach programming, identifying and cataloging scientific specimens in the Research Collection, conducting research on the life history of local marine mollusks, and curating and caring for the Museum's live mollusk collection. In her new role as Aquarium Curator, Rebecca is in charge of running the Museum's new live mollusk exhibits.



Shell of the Month...Don't Miss It!

Carol Mae has so many shells that she'd like to talk about; however, it's difficult for her to decide which one. Will it be, [Conus geographus](#), [Conus tulipa](#), or a special [Cassis tuberosa](#)? **On November 19, it will be revealed.**

\$\$\$ If you want to be reimbursed for purchase(s) made for ESC use, a store receipt must be given to the Treasurer.

ATTENTION SHUTTERBUGS!

GOT....Snapped photos of your crafts? At the Beachwalk?
Or how about at any of the Shell Club Field Trips or Luncheons?
Study group? Amazing finds?

We want your photos for the 2019-2020 Yearbook!

It's easy! E-mail mblain93@gmail.com

Or text your photo to Meredith Blain to 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



Are You in the Mood for a Tasty Treat?

If so, try Ruth's Snack Mix for a special tasty treat. Excellent to take with you to the beach, parties, or while just hanging around organizing your shells.

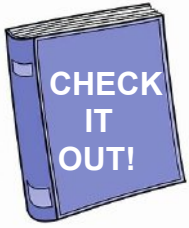
Ingredients: Small crackers, Cheez-It, pumpernickel sticks, rye rounds, small pretzels, or any other small cracker you like. Spread them out on a baking sheet. Mix together: 1 Cup canola oil, one envelope of Good Seasons Garlic & Herb Dry Salad Dressing Mix. Pour over the cracker mixture, bake 250 degrees for 2 hours. Stir every 30 minutes. Remove from oven, let cool and enjoy!
*Store in an airtight container or baggies.

Thank you, Ruth Middlebrooks, for sharing.



DON'T BE SHY!

**LisaKetner1960@icloud.com is seeking newsletter material:
photos, recipes, poems, shell stories, cartoons, newspaper
clippings, craft inspiration, word search, book reviews, etc.**



NEW BOOK IN OUR LIBRARY

***** Review by ESC Member Anita Wilson

Beyond Extinction: The Eternal Ocean: Climate Change and the Continuity of Life by Wolfgang Grulke is a brand new book in our Shell Club library. This 2019 book first became available at Conchologist of America and was offered to COA members at a discounted price before it was offered for sale in bookstores later in June. We were fortunate enough to obtain one of the first 50 copies with a limited edition bookmark and the author's signature.

This is a book every one of our members should read and enjoy. You will learn so much and will be left with a feeling of hope and stirred to action for the world in the face of climate change. If you only look at the gorgeous color pictures and read the cutlines, you will be awed. If you study the dramatic graphics, you will be amazed. If you only read the text pull-outs, you will learn so much.

For example, did you know phytoplankton in the ocean are responsible for more than half of atmospheric oxygen? Or that sponges could possibly be the ancestors of all complex life? Or that the Nautilus has been around essentially unchanged through five massive extinctions and more than 500 million years?

Hopefully once you start to look at the book, you will read every word. It is fascinating and can easily be read in one week's spare time. The book begins with origins of life on earth and Time itself. It moves to evolution, since life within the ocean evolved three billion years before life on land. Next come fascinating stories of animals that lived in the ocean but are now extinct. Climate has always changed and life with it. Then we learn of Ocean Life's success stories, and there are many more of these than extinctions. In spite of today's doom and gloom, only one percent of Earth's species have become extinct in recent human history. And mollusks are a true success story. The number of gastropod (snail) species is second only to the number of insect species. Two-thirds of all snail families that ever evolved still exist today through 500+ million years of life. The final chapter titled Origins and Destinies discusses our human role in the future of all life; what happens is our choice, not a matter of chance. It concludes with four surprises.

I will bring the book to the November ESC general meeting and will share a few more surprises with you, before the next set of readers check out the book!

Save the Date!

The ESC Holiday Luncheon will take place in the Fairway Room at Boca Royale Country Club **Monday, December 9**. The annual event kicks off at **11:00 a.m.** Buffet price per person is \$30 plus tax and service charge. There will be a sign up sheet at the November meeting or send a check payable ESC to Brenda Steele 1470 San Jose Drive, Englewood, FL 34223 no later than **December 5**.



Greetings Shellcrafters!



For the November craft session, we will be making "stuffed shells". This will take place on Friday, November 22, 10:00AM, at the Elk's Lodge.

ESC has some nice-sized whelk shells that we will sell at \$1 per shell for the craft, or bring your own large whelk, conch, or moon shell.

Leslie will purchase succulents and greens for the project. (Selling the whelks will offset the cost of the greens.) You will need to bring your glue guns, glue sticks, and medium and small-sized shells to complete the project.

A sign-up sheet will be provided at the November 19 General Meeting, or you can call Leslie at 941-828-1297 to be added to the attendance list. Cost for the session is \$5 for the room fee, and \$1 for a whelk if you wish to purchase one.

Current Merchandise For Sale:

Patti Redmond: p.redmond@live.com

Luggage Tags 2 per pack \$3.00

Shell Pin \$1.50

**Shirts Men (also Tall) & Women
Long and Short Sleeve
V-neck and Crew
Multiple Colors \$15-25**

**Unisex Fleece Full-Zipper Hood
Multiple Colors \$35**

**Baseball Style Hats
Multiple Colors \$20-25**



Excursions: Carefree Learner Trips
Monday, January 13. Boat leaves 8:30 a.m.
Monday, February, 10. Boat leaves 7:30 a.m.
Stay tuned for details!

TOYS FOR TOTS NEWS!

On behalf of the Englewood Shell Club, several members will be volunteering again for this worthwhile community event. As in previous years, we will have a "TOYS for TOTS" donation box at the Holiday Luncheon on Monday, December 9. In lieu of a holiday gift exchange, the Board encourages you to bring a gift to donate to area kids.



This year, we're adding another option. If you won't be attending the holiday luncheon (or aren't sure if you will attend) or if you prefer to donate before December, you'll have an opportunity to drop off a kid's gift when you come to the club's next general meeting on Tuesday, November 19.

Keep in mind, TOYS for TOTS welcomes NEW, UNWRAPPED toys, games, books, and more for kids from "newborn to age 15." Of specific need are items for the following ages: 0-6 months (e.g. soft/plush toys & books; pacifier/teethers; items that rattle, sound, or sing; learning toys such as Baby Einstein, Fisher Price, etc.). Also of specific need are items for an older age group: 11-15 years (e.g. beauty/grooming; toiletries; jewelry; arts/crafts kits; puzzles/brain teasers; challenging activities/games such as chess/checkers/Jeopardy).

The Board of Directors thanks you for our participation in this program, which will be appreciated by the hundreds of kids served in Englewood and the surrounding areas. Englewood Shell Club is proud to be a part of making this year's holiday brighter for local children.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Membership co-chair Linda Schmoyer @ 610-737-2962 or [email lindaschmoyer@me.com](mailto:lindaschmoyer@me.com)



November Beach Walk!

Our next Beach Walk is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13 at Englewood Beach, 2100 N. Beach Rd., Englewood. Don't forget your sunscreen, water, and something to sit on.

Deborah Hubbard will have our shell flag, and usually be located within walking

distance to the restrooms. While we are shelling we usually make a decision where to go for lunch. All members are reminded they need to be aware of the current water and beach conditions and are encouraged to check them out using the websites below.

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

For information, questions, or comments contact Coordinator Deborah Hubbard 305-395-2464 (phone/text) or send an email to hubsfldeb@bellsouth.net

This beautiful headboard decoration was created by ESC Director of Sunshine Cindy Boyd. If you know someone who needs to be cheered up, contact Cindy: jellyfish1097@hotmail.com



JANUARY PROGRAM SHELLING PUERTO RICO!

Come along with Karen Huether, Debbi Lewton, Candy Niziol, and Linda Powers as they take you on a shelling trip to La Parguera, Puerto Rico!

Four intrepid Englewood Shell Club shell seekers went on this snorkeling trip to Puerto Rico in March 2019. Puerto Rico has the flair of a foreign country, but with English-speaking natives.

Slides and shells will be on display.

We look forward to sharing our adventure with you!



Englewood Shell Club *Palm Island, Florida*



April 2019

Shell Girls Just Wanna Have Fun!

Photo by Kelle Covington

Pictured left to right: Judy Kauk, Martha Dehne, Linda Masterson, Anita Wilson, and Meredith Blain

Trivia Question
What color is the harmless dye a sand dollar leaves on the hand of a collector?



Smell the sea, and feel
the sky, let your soul
and spirits fly.

- Van Morrison