

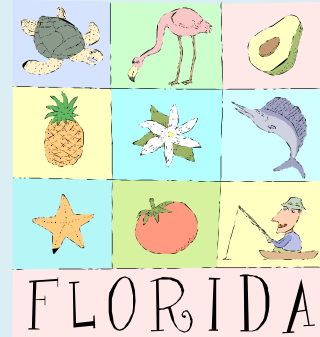
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The journey of our lives is not just about the destinations we have reached. Our wisdom, education and personal growth come from the people we meet, the paths we choose to follow and the lessons we have learned along the way

President's Message – Debbie Freeman

Welcome to another shelling season with the Englewood Shell Club! Our Board and Chairpersons have been hard at work this summer to see that everything we do this year will run smoothly for everyone. We need to let them know that we appreciate their time and effort, so please say "Thank you!" when you see them.

Keep in mind that the shell club is always looking for members to help out with various projects. Our Chairpersons do a great job, but we are a big club, and extra hands can make things a little easier for all. Please, take a look at the calendar and get involved in the planning.



President's Message Con't.

I did want to thank our past-president, Nancy Weborg for making my transition to president an easy one. Her record keeping has been a huge help. Thank's Nancy!

Now is the time to choose what you want to be involved with this season. There are some limits on the number of people for attending trips, or taking part in shell crafts. We ask that you please do not put your name on a sign-up sheet unless you are going to be there. Things need to be paid for when you sign up, so bring your check book and remember no refunds unless you can find someone to fill your seat.

Keep an eye on our website for new pictures and any changes that we may need to make for upcoming events <http://englewoodshellclub.org> If you have pictures, changes, or additions you would like to have on our website see or email MaryLinda or me.

We "shell sea" you at the meeting!

Newsletter Editor – MaryLinda Coward

It doesn't seem possible that Fall is officially here and there are less than 100 days left in the year. ESC snowbird members are starting to arrive in the Sunshine state for a retreat from the impending cold and snow that will arrive too soon up North, while our year round resident members look forward to another outstanding ESC year. Your club board and chairpersons have been busy this summer preparing for this year's upcoming excursions, shell crafters, study groups, programming, beach walks and Carefree learner outings. To enhance your membership, please consider how you can get involved in the many opportunities available. If you have an interest or would like to know more about the different options available, contact any of the Board members or chairpersons. Many hands make light work and it's a great way to meet new friends.

Remember the club's email account for club members to communicate any changes you may have for your phone numbers, email or snail mail addresses or to provide comments for the Board or Chairpersons.

Email is: escnewsletter@aol.com.

Happy Shelling!

MaryLinda



Shell Crafters - Sandy Ouderkirk

Hello, my name is Sandy Ouderkirk, and I am the chair of the Shell Crafters. My friend, Dottie Swann, was going to co-chair with me, but due to some unforeseen issues, she will not be able to do so. I wish her a speedy return to the Shell Club! In the meantime, I am happy to announce that Jan Plummer and Leslie Furmage have graciously offered to assist with the Shell Crafters, and I appreciate their willingness to help out.

This year finds the Shell Crafters with a new home. Our new location will be at St. David's Episcopal Church, 401 South Broadway, Englewood. The space at St. David's Episcopal Church allows us to hold classes and store our shells. A heartfelt THANK YOU to all the helpers who moved the shells to our new location.



CLAM SHELL HALLOWEEN DECORATIONS – CHECK OUT THE 'HOW TO' AT http://allaexpression.com/blog/holidayhalooweenornament_part1/



Thanks to the Shell Crafter Moving Brigade last Spring



NEW LOCATION FOR SHELL CRAFTERS THIS YEAR. MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 401 SOUTH BROADWAY, ENGLEWOOD, FL

We have an exciting schedule for 2013-2014, thanks to many volunteers who offered to lead a session. Classes this year will be held on Friday mornings, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. They will follow the Tuesday monthly meeting (in most cases). The cost for each class will be \$7.00 which is the same as last year. In some cases there may be additional charges based on the particular craft. The classes will be held in the side building to the left of the sanctuary. Watch for signs to direct you.

Since the first Shell Club meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 15, it will be necessary to contact me either by phone 315.404.5313 or email sandioud@yahoo.com if you wish to attend the October 18th class, which will be *Initials and Bird Houses*. You can also register at the October general meeting. We are looking forward to a very successful and fun-packed year! Sign up and join the fun! At each of the monthly club meetings, there will be a sample of the upcoming crafts and a sign-up sheet. Listed below is the schedule for the 2013-2014 season.

October 18 – Initials and Bird Houses
Bring your wooden initials, pre-painted if you want, and a bird house pre-painted, any special shells or materials you want to use. The club will have some shells available



November 22 – Christmas Ornaments and Trees
Bring a Styrofoam tree and any special shells you will need for your project(s).



December 13 – Open Session – This will give you an opportunity to finish a project or start one you've wanted to work on

January 24 – Coquina Necklaces
Lead by Linda Maggiore Materials will be supplied, and a small additional fee will be charged for materials. If you have coquina shells, please bring them. The Club has some but not enough for this project.



February 21 – Candle Holder
Lead by Jan Plummer

March 21 – Glass Blocks
Lead by Eunice Herr



We are always looking for new craft ideas, so please feel free to offer suggestions or offer to lead a class

ESC Merchandise -Anita Larochelle and Michelle Roy



LET'S GO SHOPPING AT ESC

Have Anita and Michelle been shopping at the Merchandise Mart or New York this summer or maybe another outing to get the MOST fashionable items for this season?? Come see what they have available to ESC members this year. Wear and display your ESC merchandise proudly to show your support of ESC and promote the Club to others. And a big thank you to Anita and Michelle for volunteering!

Some ESC merchandise that will be available to you in the coming months -- you never know when a spare luggage tag will come in handy and they make it easy to spot and pick out your bag amongst the look-alike bags many of us use when traveling. There are also caps, visors, pins and small shell boxes available. You never know what these gals may come up with to offer the club so be sure to keep posted on what new items will be available this year.

Library Update – LeeAnn Bowers

Drop by and welcome LeeAnn to her new volunteer role as our club 'librarian'. The ESC library is open at each general meeting for use by club members. Books may be checked out and returned in a timely fashion. There are many books to choose from including books to help you identify shells or create shell projects. Stop by and see what books are available.

ESC Study Group – Debbie Freeman

Whether you are a new ESC member or have been an ESC member for a while, you may need some assistance or maybe you can help others in identifying shells or learn more about new ones. That's what the ESC Study Group is all about

The ESC Study Group meets monthly from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the home of Debbie Freeman. Dates may vary due to obligations, but as a rule we meet the first Monday of the month.



The goal of the Study Group is to help with shell identification, and to further our knowledge of shelling as a whole. This informal group is open to all members. If you have a shelling adventure, or have heard of something shell related that you found interesting, be sure to bring it, along with any shells you need help identifying. Because many members are not here in early October we are combining that meeting with the November meeting.

Meet dates are: October. 28, December. 9, and January 6. The February meeting has moved from February 3 to February. 10. Be sure to make your calendar on this date change. Additional meetings will be held March 3, and April. 7. If you have questions, or need directions email Debbie at: shellady@me.com or call 473-3359.

For new ESC members' information, The ESC Study Group was started many years ago by our club founder, and past president, Barbara Myers. Past President of the COA, Dick Forbush, also joined the Study group and provided his expertise until his retirement. The Study group started as a small group, but with our membership growing by leaps and bounds so has the attendance at our study group meetings.

ESC Outreach Program Amy Barnicle and Jane Guy

ESC Outreach Committee members along with volunteers are actively available to begin this season's presentations throughout our area as a public service. Our presentations highlight mollusks and their beautifully created shells plus awareness of the local Gulf shore environment. Membership as part of outreach team does not require commitment to every scheduled program. ESC members are of major importance to these opportunities for sharing our interest, enjoyment, and knowledge as we interact with those who attend each event. Any current member is welcome to join us as a temporary volunteer. If you know of a group that would like to invite an outreach discussion concerning collection, displaying and caring for shells to their gathering, please let them know about the ESC Outreach program.

Contact Co-chairs Amie Barnicle at 941-473-2247 or Jane Guy 941-492-4960 for more information or to request an Outreach program.

Carefree Learner 2014 Excursions January 2 and January 31

DON'T MISS THE BOAT FOR
THE CAREFREE LEARNING
EXCURSIONS WITH -.65 TIDES



We have two Carefree Learner trips scheduled this season. On January 2, 2014 there will be a minus .65 tide - you don't want to miss this one! We will depart promptly at 7:15 a.m. from Marina Jacks, Sarasota. We will sail again on Jan. 31, which is a minus .6 tide, departing at 7:45 a.m. Please get there 10 minutes early!

There are only 24 seats and these trip fills quickly. Your name will not be put on the list until we have your check. Don't forget a phone number. If the trip is canceled due to weather Debbie will need to be able to reach you. The cost is \$14.00, and covers tips.

We will be out on the sand flats for 2 to 3 hours. Wear layers! It will be cold on our boat trip out. Shoes are a must! Wear water shoes or shoes you don't mind getting wet and muddy. Any questions please email Debbie: Shellady@me.com. For more information on the Carefree Learner check out their website at: http://carefreelearner-shs.com/Home_Page.html

Beach Walk Update from Darlene Gallentine

Here's the beach walk locations for this season:



October 9 - 10:00 a.m. Stump Pass	January 8 – 10:00 a.m. Englewood Beach
November 13 - 10:00 a.m. Boca Grande Beach	February 12 – 10:00 a.m. Stump Pass
December 11- 10:00 a.m. Manasota Beach North End	March 12 – 10:00 a.m. Boca Grande

Be sure and check out the pictures from previous beach walks in the Club's photo album cloud accessible from the main page: <http://www.englewoodshellclub.org/photos/index.html>

6 Program Speakers



2013- 2014 Programs - Katherine Gudgel

October General meeting – Time for Show and Tell. Bring your treasures and stories to share.

November General meeting -Dr. Jose' H. Leal Director and Curator of The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum will capture our interest with a fascinating presentation – more information to come.

What we did this summer????

Conchologist of America Meeting 2013 by Debbie Freeman

The COA was sponsored by the Sarasota Shell Club making it too close not to attend. The Greatest Show on Earth was the theme, and it was held at the Hyatt Hotel. My hat goes off to the Sarasota Shell Club for all the work and time they put into making it such a great meeting. I especially enjoyed the opening ceremonies. We had our own mini circus complete with clowns, jugglers, and cyclists.

The programs were varied and no matter what you like about shelling, it was not difficult to find several talks to capture your interest. Paul Calloman's presentation on photographing seashells was filled with helpful how-to hints, and fellow club member, John Colagrande gave an excellent program on pearls.

I was happy to represent the ESC at the COA this year. It is always interesting to hear what other shell clubs are doing to promote membership and shelling. We are not the only shell club trying to encourage younger memberships. If you have any suggestions to help attract younger members I would love to hear your ideas.

Silent auctions were held daily. There were plenty of great shells to bid on. I came away with a pretty Saddle Oyster (*Placuna sella*), and Carol Ayers won a Giant Clam (*Tridacna gigas*) as a door prize. Check out the photo club cloud on the ESC main page for pictures from the COA.

The last program was given by the North Carolina Shell Club. They are hosting the 2014 COA in Wilmington, NC., being held August 11 - 15, with field trips on August 9 and 10. The Scotch Bonnet is NC state shell, and you can count on seeing a few tartans that week! I have pamphlets with more information please let me know if you would like one.

The bourse is always the highlight of the COA meetings. There were about 40 dealers there selling shells and shell related items. It can be a little overwhelming if you are seeing the bourse for the first time, but well worth taking the time to look around.

The COA will be back in Florida in 2015, hosted by the Broward Shell Club. In 2016 we will be in Chicago, and then in Key West, FI. In 2017. Hope to see you there!

Chub Cay Tour A Success!

The following article appeared in the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum News, Issue 88-Summer 2013. ESC members Gary Schmelz, Linda Powers, and Rita Stonehouse were participants



In May, tour guides Dr. Gary Schmelz, biologist, and Anne Joffe, past president of the Museum board and owner of "She Sells Sea Shells" on Sanibel Island, FL, led a seven-day trip to one of the Bahamas' most impressive shelling locations. The shelling was great and everyone came home with lots of treasures.

Left to right: first row: Sandy Herman, Anne Joffe, Georgia Plumb, Carol Saunders, Linda Powers and Vicki Ross. Back row: David Herman, Gary Schmelz, Connie Miller, David Joffe, Pat Rosenquist, Linda Edinburg, Bernice Schmelz and Rita Stonehouse.

Great Bay Scallop Search 2012 Linda Powers

The fifth annual Great Bay Scallop Search was held on August 10, 2013. This event, to determine the health of our bay waters, is headed up by Betty Staugler, Sea Grant Agent at University of Florida, who was also a speaker at our Shell Club's March 2012 meeting.

Participating this year from ESC were veterans Judy Green, Linda Powers, and Rita Stonehouse. Newbies this year were Carol Ayres and Sandy Ouder Kirk. Judy Kauk, who has participated in past years, was unable to participate this year due to an injury. After the briefing, the five of us met up with our boat captain, Bill Allen, and boated to our assigned grid. We look for sea grass in 1.5-2 feet of water, the perfect habitat for scallops. At our first stop, Carol exclaimed "we're snorkeling here?" The water was very murky and dark to the large amount of rain, but after a short time in the water all snorkelers became accustomed to the conditions and proceeded with the survey. Betty had advised that the chances of finding scallops this year were not good, but zero is a number and is important data for the research. We, unfortunately, did not find any scallops; however, Carol did find a beautiful 8" crabbed horse conch. Total scallop count for the event was ONE, but it's a fun event and I'd like to encourage all ESC members to participate next year!

Third Annual Watermelon Eating Contest

For the third year in a row, the Englewood Shell Club has organized the Watermelon Eating Contest for Englewood's hometown celebration, Pioneer Days, held on Labor Day.

Running this contest is the hottest, hardest 20 minutes of work club members do for the community. This year's ESC participants were Carol & Dick Ayres, Pam Orozco, Sandy & Ivan Ouder Kirk, and Linda Powers.

We had a record number of contestants this year...42 kids! Two heats were run and there were 3 medal winners for each heat. The Englewood Shell Club is proud to support and contribute to the community by assisting with this contest. And a big thanks to our partner, Rhoads Produce, which provides the watermelons.



WHO SAYS THE GREEN
FLASH IS JUST A MYTH?

Excursions

Ruth Middlebrooks, Marilyn Boyd,
Carol Ayers, Debbie Freeman

On November 7th, a bus will take us to Egmont Key. This island is located at the mouth of Tampa Bay and is primarily a wildlife refuge but is also a place to find shells along the secluded and pristine beaches. It is accessible only by private boat. We will have a chartered boat to take us to the island and return to pick us up for our return trip. The trip will be from 7AM to 4PM. The fee of \$49 includes the bus cost and the boat cost. The maximum number of members for this trip is 45 people. For those wishing to make reservations, you may sign up at the October 15th meeting or phone Ruth at 941-474-4538 (after October 13th).

Future excursions will be communicated in upcoming newsletters once confirmed.

Broward Shell Show - Bus Trip January 18, 2014

The Broward Shell Club is having their annual shell show Saturday, January 18, 2014 in Pompano Beach. Debbie Freeman is planning a day long bus trip to the show. All Around Charters will pick ESC members up at the Elks Club Lodge on January .18, at 7:00 a.m. We will spend 5 hours at the show. Brown bag for lunch, and arrive back in Englewood around 7:00 p.m. We need 40 people to make the trip a go so look at your calendar, grab a ESC friend and book your spot. This should be a great one day outing so don't miss out. The cost per person is \$45.00. There will be a sign-up sheet at the October general meeting. See Debbie Freeman for more information.

Membership Dues 2013 – 2014

Membership dues for the 2013-2014 season are now due. Be sure to fill out your application and submit your membership dues at the general meeting or mail to Sandy Ouderkirk. Remember in order to participate in the excursions you must be a member in good standing with dues paid. Your club is very active with many opportunities to learn, have fun and meet people. And, while you are enjoying your membership, please consider volunteering on your favorite committee. Your enthusiasm and willingness are always welcome!

About Our Organization

The Englewood Shell Club was formed January 23, 1996 to bring together people interested in seashells. Club members share their enthusiasm and experiences of mollusks of all kinds, but we are most interested in Florida shells.

The Englewood Shell Club General meeting meets one Tuesday a month. The General Meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. October through April At the Elks Lodge #2378, 401 N. Indiana Ave., Englewood FL 34223. Please check the calendar for the Tuesday date for the monthly meeting.

APPLICATION FOR ESC MEMBERSHIP
(PLEASE PRINT)

Please complete application and include your check made payable to the Englewood Shell Club. Send to:

Sandra Ouderkirk
8984 Bantry Bay Blvd.
Englewood, FL 34224

<u>Individual Membership</u>	<u>Family Membership</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal\$35.00
<input type="checkbox"/> New*\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> New*\$60.00

PLEASE PRINT:

Name _____ Spouse (optional) _____

Florida Address:

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City / State / ZIP _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

E-mail _____

Other Address:

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City / State / ZIP _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Would you be willing to serve on one of our many committees? Yes No
Maybe?

Areas of interest to help out _____

Please contact me to discuss opportunities that are available and how I can become involved. Phone _____

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I agree that I am individually responsible for my own safety and my personal property when I participate in any club field trip activity. I will not hold the Englewood Shell Club, the field trip leaders, or the property owners liable for any injuries I sustain should they occur.

Signed _____ Date _____

Signed _____ Date _____

DO NOT COMPLETE THIS AREA

Check # _____ Amt. _____ Dated _____