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President's Message

Linda Powers

WHELK - come back to all returning and new members!

It was quite a summer in southwest Florida, culminating with the devastation caused by Hurricane Irma. By the time our snowbirds return, you will probably not notice any of the effects. But I think every city in the state sustained some damage. We were very fortunate in the Englewood/Venice area. However, a few club members had some considerable damage to contend with. Everyone learned lessons from this one.

Summer 2017 broke attendance records for the monthly beach walks and for participation at the Conchologists of America convention in Key West. There were 13 members at COA and a fun time was had by all. Shelling during the summer was sporadic, yet it was amusing to run into fellow club members on the days we hoped would be good. Some nice finds were had...one member was lucky enough to find 2 junonias this summer!!

Our partnership with Cedar Point Park continued through the summer. We had a small, but enthusiastic group of kids for their summer camp program. They were thrilled to learn about and receive Florida's 12 Common Shells. And our annual participation in the International Coastal Cleanup at the park is always welcome.

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Sadly, we lost a long-time member this year, Jim Guy. Please offer condolences to his widow, Jane. A couple of members lost a parent this summer, and we have other members still recovering from some major illnesses. Our collective hearts go out to all these people.

Having just completed our first board meeting, I am re-energized about the upcoming season. New board member and Speaker Chair, Candy Niziol, has an outstanding list of speakers lined up for this year. A couple of new excursions were discussed and are being researched. Crafters have some amazing projects, and Study Group has plans to continue its very educational forum.

We do have an opening for a new Outreach Chairperson. I know we have retired educators in our midst. It is very rewarding to work with the community to educate them on our shell passion. Please consider stepping up to help with this position.

I'm looking forward to enjoying Englewood Shell Club's new season with all you!

It's a Shell-a-bration!

A Message your Newsletter Editor

MaryLinda

As the fall season arrives and it's time to prepare for the change in temps and time; I fondly remember all the things I find special about this time of year.

- Watching football with a crock of chili cooking and grilled cheese sandwiches waiting;
- Listening to my windchime make beautiful soft music as the fall winds blow and clear out the leaves on the trees;
- Cozy sweaters and cuddling;
- Fall bazaars and those wonderful pies compliments of the church ladies;
- Cinnamon candles;
- The calm before the hectic holiday season preparations;
- Fresh apple cider accompanied with warm donuts;
- Caramel apples (I recently purchased a new apple peeler and remember how fun it was to use...and then eat the apples dipped in caramel sauce. Healthy??? Maybe not so much, but good!);
- Daylight savings time and that extra hour of sleep on a Sunday morning.

And best of all, I know that I'll soon see many friends as they return from their summer places and prepare for a great shelling season ahead. Welcome Back, fellow shellers!

Beach Walks

Deborah Hubbard

Strolling Stump Pass Beach



Photo by Ross Bergen

Hurricane Irma rearranged our last Beach Walk of the summer (September 13, at Nokomis Beach), but a few of our Shell Club members made it out to check out the beaches. I can't wait to see their treasures and to hear their stories. Our next beach walk will be held Wednesday, October 11th at Englewood Beach at 10:00 a.m.; with lunch afterwards at a nearby restaurant. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Beach walk locations vary each month so be sure to check out the monthly location and time listed in the calendar on the ESC's website. You are welcome to join fellow members for lunch after the beach walks. Lunch location will be shared at the beach walks.

Membership Application and Dues

Sandy Ouderkirk

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great summer! Please get your application for membership in ASAP so that you are eligible to participate in all the events planned for this year. A membership application is included in this newsletter. Just print it out, complete and return to me. As a reminder; membership runs from October 1-September 30. When you come to the meeting, be sure to pick up a packet for returning members and your membership card. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you!

General Meeting

Sherry McKinney

We have an exciting line up of programs for the 2017-2018 Season. Final details on some of the speakers/programmers will be available later, but here's a preview of what ESC members can look forward to in upcoming monthly meetings: November - Joyce Matthys - Pen Shell Byssus; January - Dr. Leal of the Bailey Matthews Museum; February - Dr. Tori Weaver; and March - authors Blair and Dawn Witherington.

Merchandising

Connie Cummins

Be sure to drop by the merchandise table and see the new ESC merchandise available. Connie has been working hard on providing new merchandise options for members and she has succeeded! Fabric wallets will be available for purchase at the October meeting. Now is a terrific opportunity to pick up those Christmas stocking-stuffers early!



Shell Crafters

Leslie Fumage and Sue Murray

Ok, shell crafters, now is the time to get ready for pumpkin season because the October project will be decorating pumpkins. How will the pumpkins be decorated???? Well, check out the information at the October general meeting and see for yourself. Projects for the rest of the year are: November - Ornaments; December-Shell Creatures; resin by Ruth Middlebrooks; Banana Splits by Candy Niziol; and flowers by Diane Herger.

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.



Shell Sale and Shell Craft Sale General Meeting – October 17, 2017

Remember all the great items that were available at last year's shell and shell craft sale? Well, our club is doing it again at the October General meeting.

It's not too late for you to register so you can sell your shell craft items (items you've made from shells only) and/or shells; individual or bagged shells. There will be a maximum of 10 individuals and there are 5 spots available, yet. Each seller will have half of a round table at the October general meeting to sell their items. The cost is \$5 per person and must be paid prior to the October meeting. If you are selling shells and or shell crafts at the October 17 general meeting, set up time begins at 11:30am in the meeting room and the sale begins at noon. Please be reminded that the recipient of any money made at the sale must be an Englewood Shell Club member.

***Any questions, please contact Candy Niziol (941 492-5296) or
candyniziol@comcast.net***

Some creative seasonal crafting ideas for your shells



ESC Study Group Anita Wilson

The first meeting of the ESC Study group will be Wednesday, October 25th at 2:00 p.m. at Cedar Point Park. This will be our annual *Show and Tell* meeting. We encourage everyone to bring shells they found this summer to share with the group. Homer Rhode will be on hand to help with identification if you have a find that you have not identified yet. Homer and Anita will also be asking everyone for topic suggestions for the year. We do have a couple of ideas that we will share with the study group member, but always appreciate input from ESC members.

The November meeting will be Wednesday, November 29th at 2:00 p.m. Candy Niziol has graciously volunteered to lead the information session after we talk about the month's finds. Candy will teach us about Olive shells! So, plan to bring your special Olive specimens to that meeting so we can see for ourselves the wide variety of Olive shells.

There is no December Study Group because of the Holidays. We are considering "Tips for Cleaning Shells" as the topic for the January meeting on Wednesday, January 25 at Cedar Point.





ESC Holiday Luncheon Pam Orozco

The ESC Holiday Luncheon will be Tuesday, December 12th at the Gulf View Grill located on Manasota Key across from the Englewood Public Beach. We will have a crudit  table set up so people can start coming at 11:15 and we will be served lunch at 12:00. Carpooling is always appreciated.

The cost will be \$26.00 this year and your entree choices are as follows:

1. Sliced roast beef plate w/marsala, mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes and vegetable medley.
2. Chicken avocado salad served atop mixed greens.
3. Orange Marmalade Glazed Salmon served over top of an Edamame and Arugula salad with garbanzo beans with a side of Merlot vinaigrette dressing.

Dessert will be bread pudding w/raisins with Anglaise sauce. Coffee, tea and water will be included as well as a bread basket at each of the tables.

Any questions; call Pam Orozco at 941-681-2462. Sign up will start at first general meeting. For those wanting to attend the luncheon and who will be out of town and unable to attend the October or November General meetings, please complete the Luncheon coupon at the end of this newsletter indicating your choice of entr e and send to Pam along with a check for \$26 payable to Englewood Shell Club.

There will not be a gift exchange this year, but we will be collecting donations for the Toys for Tots program.

Excursions

Big Hickory Island Trip – November 09, 2017

Marilyn Boyd

**Four-hour trip: 1 hour there...2 hours shelling...1 hour back
Followed by lunch for those that signed up**

You can choose to use SR 41 and pick up SR 867 once you cross the river. Driving time depending on traffic is 1½ to 2 hours Plan accordingly...Boat leaves sharply at 10:00 a.m. Please make your own arrangements for carpooling.

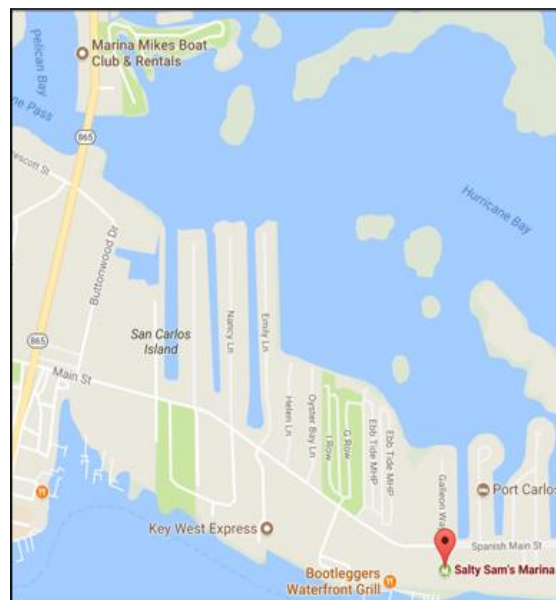
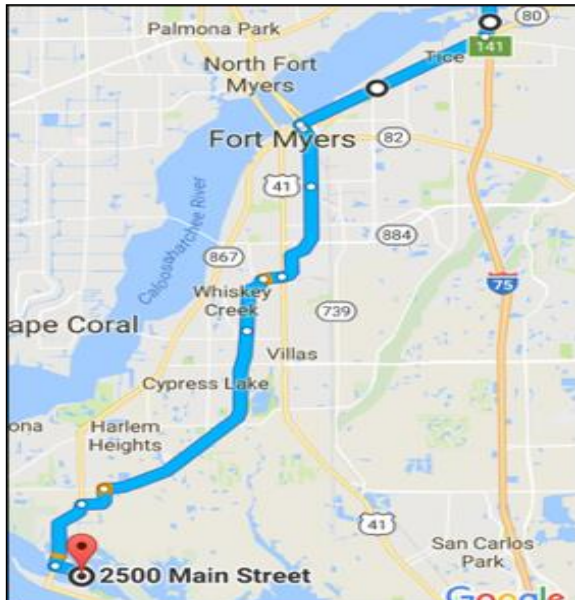
Meet at: Salty Sam's Marina, 2500 Main St, Fort Meyers Beach, FL 33931
(use above address for your GPS).

What to bring: windbreaker, hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, pail or bucket, gloves, small shovel or trowel, long handled scoop, small plastic container for small shells etc., water shoes "**NO FLIP FLOPS**".

Additional information about Hickory Island can be found at the website:
www.iloveshelling.com/blog/category/day-trips-from-sanibel/big-hickory-island/

Map URL to Salty Sam's Marina:
www.google.com/maps/dir/Englewood,+Florida/2500+Main+St,+Fort+Myers+Beach,+FL+33931/@26.7852291

If you have questions contact: Marilyn Boyd: 941-474-2500 or email:
mcboyd622@aol.com



A MESSAGE FROM OUR 2017 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT SARAH LOWN

Linda Powers commented, "I couldn't have said it better myself, so Sarah gave us permission to publish her picture and thank you note. Best wishes, Sarah, for a successful and fruitful career from the Englewood Shell Club".



Dear Englewood Shell club,
I want to thank you for the immense help in the tuition cost for my future education at Western Carolina University. What you do for the students and this community is very generous and it will help many students like me. I am looking forward to working with the environment and helping the world become a more sustainable and eco-friendly place. Please let me know if there is anything else I can do for you.

Again, thank you so much for all that you do,
Sarah Lowen

APPLICATION FOR ESC MEMBERSHIP 2017-2018

(October 1, 2017– September 30, 2018)

(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

Name _____ **Spouse (optional)** _____

Florida Address:

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

E-mail _____

Other Address:

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

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

Interested in _____

Please contact me to discuss opportunities within the Club Yes Phone _____

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I understand and agree that pictures taken during Englewood Shell Club activities in which I may appear may be displayed in ESC publications. 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, field trip leaders, nor the property owner liable for any injuries should they occur.

Signed _____ Date _____

Signed _____ Date _____

**covers one-time cost of name tag*

DO NOT COMPLETE

Check # _____ Amount _____ Dated _____

ESC Dec 12, 2017 Christmas Luncheon Options

Gulf View Grille, Manasota Key

Name: _____

- Option #1 – Red (meat). Sliced roast beef plate.
- Option #2 – Blue (seafood). Orange glazed salmon salad.
- Option #3 – White (chicken). Chicken avocado 🥑 salad.

If you are unable to attend the October or November General meeting and wish to attend the luncheon on Dec 12th, please complete this form indicate your menu selection and return with a check in the amount of \$26.00 payable to Englewood Shell Club to:

Pam Orozco
950 Elwood Ave.,
Englewood, FL. 34223