



# ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB

THE SHELL SCOOP – SHELL SEEKERS

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## President's Message

*Colleen Fesnough*

WHELK – COME new and renewing shell club members! I'd like to introduce myself. My name is Colleen Fesnough and I'm looking forward to getting to know each and every one of you over the next several months! I am a shell enthusiast and have been an active member for three years. I am a bit overwhelmed, but with our wonderful board, committee heads & volunteers, I know we will have a very successful year. Thank you one & all!

The fall has arrived and a new Shell Club season has begun. The good news this year is there were no hurricanes, for which we are grateful. The bad news is that we are plagued with red tide. I'm sure everyone is wondering when and if this will ever go away. The red tide will affect every out-door activity we want to plan and everything we have planned thus far. Tentative dates for everything from beach walks to excursions near the water will depend on what is happening with the red tide situation.

As a reminder, please bring your notebook, check book and name badge to every meeting as you will need to pay for the holiday luncheon, excursions, et al, and take notes. You must renew your membership prior to attending any ESC functions. We will wait to order any shell club merchandise till the January meeting when most of our snow bird shellers return.

Sadly, we lost a long time member this year, Janet Nicely who passed on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Janet will be missed. Also, we'd like to keep those members with health challenges in our hearts.

The Englewood Shell Club has survived & thrived since 1996 because of its committed, dedicated & talented members. I hope you, too, will be an active participant and volunteer to make ESC better and stronger. Our club is only as strong as its members! Please invest back into what you so dearly love and enjoy.

Please contact me anytime either by phone or e-mail. Here's to a fun-filled 23<sup>rd</sup> year!!! Happy shelling!

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### Thank You!

Thank you to those board and committee members who retired from their duties at the end of the 2017-2018 season. We appreciate all your hard work on behalf of ESC. So, to Linda Powers (president), Sandy Ouderkirk (vice president and membership), Rita Stonehouse (treasurer), Suzanne Skalski (at large board member), MaryLinda Coward (newsletter and website), Connie Cummins (merchandise), Pam Orozco (social) and Anita Wilson (study group), three cheers!

### Volunteers Needed

Our 2018-2019 season has begun, and we have three key positions to fill. PLEASE VOLUNTEER!!!

~ We need a **newsletter editor**. I am pinch-hitting for this issue, but I already have too much on my plate to take it on regularly, and my technical skills with anything other than excel are shaky. As I put this issue together, I found that the board members and committee members all contribute articles, and the person who takes this on must be able to put them into a cohesive format. This person must also be the liaison with our website manager.

~ We need a person to lead the **Shell Study Group**. This is a once per month activity held on the last Wednesday of the month. Homer Rhode will work with the new group leader, providing excellent technical knowledge. The volunteer we seek will identify a shell or group of shells for the members to study, and bring the shells and literature to examine. In lieu of this, this group leader may line up other members to present and discuss shells.

~ We need a Beach Walks leader: With Deborah Hubbard recovering from a serious illness, we need a person to step up and lead beach walks. Deborah has already planned the locations for this season. Our volunteer will send out reminders, monitor the beach locations for weather and red tide, and bring the flag to mark the locations at the beach.

Please think about volunteering for one of these three very important positions. Thanks!

Leslie Furmage, Vice President

### General Meeting Programs

*Candy Niziol*

November 2018: Megan Ehlers, PhD., is a Marine Science teacher in the Sarasota High School and serves as the Director of the Carefree Learner program, referred to as a 'floating classroom'. Her presentation will enlighten us on the Sarasota Bay and the Carefree Learner.

January 2019: John Colagrande is an avid shell and fossil collector and has donated fossil specimens to Yale University and the state museums in Harrisburg, PA and Trenton, NJ. The title of his presentation is "Understanding Tides".

February 2019: Dr. Gary Schmelz will speak to us about Fossils of the Chipola Formation in Northern Florida. His book, 'Beautiful Fossil Shells', will be available for purchase and signing for \$15.

March 2019: Sherry McKinney will give a presentation on her January trip to Vanuatu and Fiji.

### Shellcrafters

We have a full schedule of crafts for the 2018-2019 season. At our October session, crafters made elegant shelled holiday trees.

In November we will be creating five holiday ornaments. Each ornament will be pre-kitted, so crafters should bring the following: glue gun, glue sticks, white craft glue, inexpensive paint brush, tweezers, scissors, and a few toothpicks.

Dec. 14: Oyster Orbs (save your oyster shells)

Jan. 18: Shell Flowers on Drift Wood

Feb. 22: Shelled Lantern Shelf

Mar. 22: Wire Wrapping Shells

Contact: Leslie Furmage 301-535-6081 or Sue Murray 941-875-9654

The Englewood Shell Club's **Discount Merchants** have been updated for this year. Check your membership packets and the website for the current participants.

## Excursions

As President Colleen Fosnough said in her message, the red tide has affected so much of what we, as shell lovers, do. We had to cancel the Marco Island trip at the end of October as a trip for the club.

At present, the only excursions still planned are the Carefree Learner (Jan. 23 @ 8:30am, Marina Jack's). A second trip is planned for February 19 @ 6:30am. Sign-up sheets will be available at the general meeting. The February trip is on the same day as the ESC general meeting, but Carol Ayers says there will be time after the trip to get back down to the Elks.

The Carefree Learner is always a popular outing out of Sarasota Bay. If you have never been on an outing, these field trips aboard the Carefree Learner give participants the opportunity to observe organisms living in and around Sarasota Bay through hands on activities. Yes, that means you will be getting in the water. The trip is 2-3 hours on the sand flats of Sarasota Bay. It's winter and **may be cold**, and it **will be** muddy, so dress accordingly. **Water shoes are a must!**

As this excursion is always subject to weather cancellations, we need a phone number or cell to notify you in the event the weather isn't behaving, and we will have to cancel. This is a non-refundable trip unless it is cancelled due to weather. More information is available on the carefree learner website at <http://carefreelearner.com>

Contact: Carol Ayres, 941-830-8252.

### **Other trips being considered:**

Fossil Museum trip (overnight trip to Gainesville, FL)  
(Nov. 2019)

Fossil Dig (somewhere closer to Englewood)

Palm Island Trip

Tarpon Springs/Shell Island/St. Pete

## Beach Walks Need Volunteer

*Strolling along somewhere Beach*



*Photo by Ross Bergen*

It was difficult to schedule our Beach walks this summer. Hopefully red tide will be leaving us. Our Beach Walks are held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10:00. The schedule for the 2018-2019 Beach Walks is included on the ESC Calendar on our website. The Mote Marine Beach conditions for Red Tide will be checked the day before the walk. If it doesn't look good, an email will be sent out Tuesday evening to cancel the walk, and suggesting maybe we can meet for lunch at a nearby restaurant at 12:00.

Our December Beach Walk is scheduled for 10:00, Wednesday, December 12 at Boca Grande Beach, 880 Belcher Road, Englewood, FL 34223. Just look for our Shell Flag (usually near the Restrooms). We plan on having lunch at 12:00 (location decided by attendees). Remember to bring some water, a beach chair or blanket and your suntan lotion. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

## Study Group

*Homer Rhode / Need Volunteer*

Study group meets Wednesday, Nov. 28, at 2 p.m. at Cedar Point Park, 2300 Placida Road, across from Lemon Bay High School. As of this time, there is nobody to lead the group. If no volunteer is found at the general meeting on November 20, it will be cancelled. There is no study group in December because of the holidays.

## Membership Application and Dues

*Gay Barlow*

Our new year has started so it's important to get your membership renewal in. Our year runs from October 1-September 30 so if you want to be able to participate in our trips, classes, etc., you must be a member in good standing. We have a wonderful year planned so you won't want to miss out! A membership application is included in this newsletter. Just print it out, complete and return to Gay Barlow.

## Library

*Judy Kauk*

Be sure to stop by the library table at the November meeting to check out some great shell-related reference and craft



## ESC Holiday Luncheon

*Karel Ellis*

Remember to sign up for the Holiday Luncheon at the November general meeting on November 20. The luncheon will be held at the Waverley Restaurant (2095 N Beach Road, Englewood) on Tuesday, Dec. 11th. Cost is \$26.00 and there are three options for you to choose from. Lunch will be served promptly at noon, so members can start arriving by 11:15 a.m.

If you cannot attend the November meeting to sign up, please contact Karel Ellis at 941-441-8293 and make arrangements. She needs to give the restaurant a head count by December 1.

In lieu of a gift exchange, please bring a donation for Toys for Tots to the luncheon. See article below.

## Toys For Tots

All gifts need to be unwrapped. No gift cards, clothing, Barbies or Matchbox cars, please. Greatest need this year is the infant and toddler category. Here is a list of suggested items to make your shopping easier.

Sports Equipment: Fishing rods, Basketballs, Volleyballs, Footballs, Bikes, Tricycles,

Infant: Blankets, Activity Mats, Age Appropriate Stuffed Animals (no features that can be pulled off), Dolls (all ethnicities), \$5 stocking stuffers, Pacifiers and Paci Straps, Hooded Bath Towels, Baby Carriage

Toddlers: Trucks, Musical Toys, Dolls (all ethnicities), Children's Books, Interactive Toys (music and lights), Sippy Cups, Walk Behind Toys, Strollers, Dolls

Children 3-6: Riding Toys, Interactive Toys, Puzzles, Books, Developmental Board Games, Kid's Videos, Race Track Sets, Legos, Baby Dolls, Coloring Books and Crayons

Children 7-12: Board Games, Books, Purses and Wallets, Boom Boxes, Journals, Backpacks, Model Car Sets, Jewelry, Walkie Talkies, Nail Polish Sets, Lip Gloss

Teens 13-18: Teen Books, Adult Coloring Books and Colored Pencils, Journals, Backpacks, Strategy and Board Games, Bath and Body Sets, Makeup Sets, Purses and Wallets, Model Cars/Planes, Costume Jewelry/Watches, Art Supplies and Project Kits, MP3 Players, Telescopes, Science Kits

Toys for Tots also needs volunteers to help sort the donations. If you can spend a little time helping them out, they could really use your help. What I know right now is that one of the buildings in the plaza across from Englewood Bowl will be used for the sorting. I will have more information about this at the general meeting. Email [englewoodtoysfortots@gmail.com](mailto:englewoodtoysfortots@gmail.com)

Your donation of gifts and time will make someone's holiday a little brighter.

**APPLICATION FOR ESC MEMBERSHIP 2018-2019**  
**(October 1, 2018– September 30, 2019)**  
(PLEASE PRINT)

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

**Gay Barlow**  
**13089 Feldman Avenue**  
**Port Charlotte, FL 33981**

<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 11, 2018 Christmas Luncheon Options

## Waverly Restaurant, Manasota Key

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- **Option #1 – Sliced Roast Beef Plate (marsala mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes and mixed veggies)**
- **Option #2 – Very Berry Chicken Salad (mixed greens, sliced grilled chicken, berries, candied pecans and goat cheese with vinaigrette on the side.**
- **Option #3 – Orange Glazed Salmon Salad (arugula, garbanzos, vinaigrette on the side.**

**Coffee, iced tea, appetizer, rolls and butter, and bread pudding with sauce.**

**Check one choice above and give this form and \$26 check to Karel Ellis.**