



ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB

THE SHELL SCOOP – SHELL SEEKERS

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President's Message



WHELK-COME back renewing shell club members and new members! The summer has come and gone and I'm hoping everyone had a fun and relaxing season. We are again grateful for no hurricanes. Again, our excursions, beach walks, and most of our club's activities are dependent on good weather, no red tide, or other challenges we face here in Florida.

Our General Meetings will be the third Tuesday of each month from 1pm to 3 pm. The meetings are held at the Elks club in Englewood. As always, we will not have a general meeting in the month of December but will celebrate the Christmas holiday with our holiday luncheon. We have changed the venue to the Boca Royale Country Club in Englewood.

As a reminder, please bring a notebook, your checkbook, and a calendar to every meeting as you will need to pay for the holiday luncheon, excursions, et al. The notebook of course is to take any notes. As a reminder you will need to renew/pay your membership prior to attending any ESC function. We will not order any shell club merchandise until the January meeting when most of our club members return.

As our club members age, we are challenged with a myriad of health issues. I would like to at this time wish everyone well and please keep us posted. If you know of a club member who needs a little TLC, please contact one of the board members.

The Englewood Shell Club has survived and thrived since 1996, only because of its committed and talented members. You will note we have several positions open: Programs, Outreach, and Social. There have been several shell clubs across the country that are no longer in existence. I know none of us want that to happen to our club. We need members to step up and give their time and talents. Again, if you don't want to take on a position by yourself, partner with a member. Our club is only as strong as its members! Please consider reinvesting into what you so dearly love and enjoy!

Happy shelling, Colleen

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Seeking Seven Shell Study Volunteers

The Board of Directors is seeking seven individuals to initiate a Shell Study Program. This can be a shell found near home or a shell found in other waters. See Colleen to sign up for a one-month hitch.



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 **11:30 a.m.** Buffet price per person is \$30 plus tax and service charge. There will be a sign up sheet at both the October and November meetings.



Are you participating in Toys for Tots Campaign 2019?

If so, please bring donations of unwrapped new gifts in original packaging to the luncheon.

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

***ESC First Meeting of 2019-2020**

Tuesday, October 15, 1p.m at the Englewood Elks Club

***Reminder: "Shell & Tell"**

Bring your shells, crafts, and summer stories to share at the meeting.

***October Shell Crafters**

Join the fun creating shell themed party favors for the holiday luncheon with Leslie and Sue 10-noon Friday, October 18, in the back room located inside 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.

Beach Walks! ESC Beach Walkers meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 10 a.m. ESC 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

Beach Walk Schedule:

November 13 Englewood Beach, 2100 North Beach Rd., Englewood

December 11 Boca Grande Beach, 880 Belcher Rd., Englewood

January 8 Nokomis Beach, 100 Casey Key Rd., Nokomis

February 12 Stump Pass Beach, 900 Gulf Blvd., Englewood

March 11 Blind Pass, 6725 Manasota Key Rd., Englewood

April 8 Manasota Beach, 8570 Manasota Key Rd., Englewood



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



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!

Thank you former Excursion Team Leaders Marilyn Boyd and Ruth Middlebrooks for their outstanding dedication.
Welcome new Excursion Team Leaders Marty Atkins and Carol Ayers

