



ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB

THE SHELL SCOOP – SHELL SEEKERS

OCTOBER 2020

CLUB WEBSITE: www.Englewoodshell.club

Co-Presidents: Meredith Blain & Martha Dehne

Hello Shell Seekers!

October is finally here. We are cautiously awaiting the return of our snowbirds. Yes, things will be different, but the Board of Directors and the Team Leaders have been busy brainstorming ideas to keep our Shell Club Members active, entertained, and safe. For starters, we are upping our fundraising efforts. Look for auction items at events, and ads in the newsletter. This year, we will be offering ESC stickers for purchase. I personally love them on my shell buckets. Don't forget that there will be a Zoom practice class before the official general meeting. Have a Shell handy for our group Show and Shell. You don't want to miss the slideshow of photos from the 2019-2020 Shell Year. Freeman and I have been working on a fun and free You Tube project. ESC will have its own official channel! This will be another platform to view the presentations during the general meeting. The presentations and any Special Shell Interviews will be kept private for Englewood Shell Club Members and a link will be emailed to you. A few of the excursion videos will be chosen to be viewed by the public. Do you have any videos that you want to contribute to the You Tube Channel? Let me know if you do! Last but not least, a Big Thank You to Everyone who has renewed their Membership!

Sincerely,
Co-President Meredith Blain



BIG NEW NEWS...

Email addresses and phone numbers can be accessed by entering a user name and password in the Members Only section of the ESC's website.



GOT ZOOM?

Brand new?
Not a Zoom expert yet?
Would you like to practice?

Karen B. and Linda M. have kindly volunteered to help with questions during a practice session on **Monday, October 19 at 2:00 PM.**

Connect to practice session by clicking on:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86435172851?pwd=bVFFLytsL2NlaGdvOVViUDFhQkRCdz09>

Links to assist you in learning on your own: <https://zoom.us/>

OR <https://youtu.be/9isp3qPeQ0E>

October General Meeting will take place on Zoom Tuesday, October 20 at 1 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86432049302?pwd=OVhxdWJvS1k0RGNDQ0hZditJV0tSUT09>

A Note from Co-President Meredith Blain

Thank you for submitting your photos for the 2019-2020 Shell Club.

We'll have the canvas giveaway drawing during the October general meeting.

Please continue to send in your photos for the 25th anniversary.

Karen Blackford will be the Historian for the 2020-2021 year.

Thank you!

HISTORIAN'S REQUEST

Do you have fond memories of ESC people, trips, special events, amazing shell finds, etc.? Do you have copies of articles featuring the club and/or its members? Do you have copies of new or old club related photographs? If you do, please email them to Historian Karen Blackford. Pick up is available.





OCTOBER 14 BEACH WALK

Manasota Beach—Manasota Key Rd., Englewood
Please wear your name badge

Our 2020-2021 Beach Walks will be the 2nd Wednesday of every month, October thru April. Starting time is **9:00**. By moving our meet time back an hour from past years, we hope to avoid the crowds and expect the temperature to be cooler.

Due to the Coronavirus, bring your own brown bag lunch and we will eat with our beach chairs socially distanced.

I will have our shell flag and most likely be located within walking distance to the restrooms. Don't forget your sunscreen, water, and something to sit on. Need more information? Call, text, or e-mail Team Leader Deb Hubbard.

SHELLCRAFTERS

Shell crafters, of all skill levels, meet 10 a.m. on the last Friday of the month, October thru April at Lemon Bay Park in Englewood. Team Leaders are Leslie Furmage and Sue Murray.

STUDY GROUP: Let's talk about Land snails!



Always interesting and often overlooked! Martha Dehne will bring her small collection of Land snails to discuss & identify. If you have any, please bring them with you! As always, we would love to see any land or sea treasures that you would like to share with the group. We will be meeting 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 28 at Lemon Bay Park-570 Bay Park Blvd., Englewood. Please wear your masks.

THE ONE AND ONLY CAREFREE LEARNERS TRIP of 20-21 is **tentatively** scheduled for 8 a.m. on Friday, January 15. Cost: \$20 per person. Space is limited to 20 participants. To reserve your seat or for more information, contact Excursion Co-Team Leader Carol Ayers.

BRAND NEW: THE ESC MARKETPLACE!

Have a shell or shell related material to sell? Place an ad in our monthly newsletter. Ads can be no longer than 40 words and must contain your name. Cost: \$5.00 per ad/per newsletter. All ad material, plus payment (check made out to Englewood Shell Club) should be mailed to Candy Niziol two weeks prior to the upcoming issue. Candy's email and phone number can be found on the roster in the Members Only section of the website.



Check Out What is FOR SALE!

A perfect wood and glass cabinet to display your shells \$20
17 inches wide, 20.5 inches tall, 10 inches deep
Mirror bottom, two glass shelves, with a glass inlay top
Contact Candy Niziol for more information and pictures.

NEWSLETTER Editor's Wish List

Lisa Ketner is always seeking newsletter stuff: photos, recipes, poems, shell stories, cartoons, book reviews, craft inspiration, and more!

Submission deadline: 4th Tuesday—Newsletter release date: 2nd Tuesday

Unique Shells with the Re-nourishment

Story and photo submitted by Anita Wilson

There were some very unusual shells coming ashore with the beach re-nourishment this summer. Some of them we would have trouble classifying via the Compendium. For example, Anita Wilson found a 0.50 caliber machine gun SHELL casing. As she researched the markings on the base (43 SL), she found it was manufactured in St. Louis in 1943! It has been out there in the bay ever since and still looks pristine. Most of us were aware of the WWII training bases in Venice and Punta Gorda. Anita remembers the story of how the guys stationed in Venice were sent on hikes down to the old gray barn in Englewood (finally torn down this year). There they met the girls of Englewood; several romances flourished! It ends up there was also a training base in Sarasota. All three bases handled groups of about 1100 men at a time; of those, about 200 were pilots. They all did target practice over the gulf and they were instructed to use every shell in the round, so there would not be any live ammunition left out there. The first men arrived in November of 1943; groups trained here until the war ended. This shell, which is four inches long, is the biggest treasure Anita found from the re-nourishment. Both she and Linda Powers found giant bittersweet clam

shells , close to 3 inches long. Linda Masterson found a perfect very large Scotch bonnet. There have also been lots of ziczac scallops (flats) and turbans. A member of Turtle the Patrol found a junonia! We are sure others also have found treasures. We would love to learn about them. Anita encourages everyone to keep looking, even though she admits her latest find was not a shell. She found a 2.5 inch *Carcharodon megalodon* shark's tooth on July 8.



Recipe from Candy's Kitchen

Refreshing & Super Easy Gazpacho



One 16oz canned whole tomatoes (do not drain)

1/2 peeled cucumber

1 clove garlic

1/4 cup Balsamic vinegar

1/3 cup olive oil

Use a blender and blend all ingredients until smooth

Chill for several hours or over night

Optional: Garnish with chopped veggies; salt & pepper to taste



Excellent Books!

Librarian Candy Niziol recommends these four books that take place in Florida:
John Grisham's (two books) *Camino Winds* and *Camino Island*
Rochelle Weinstein's *This Is Not How it Ends*
Jennifer L. Schiff's *A Shell of a Problem*

P.S. Be sure to check out the club's website for a current listing of our library books.

MEMBER OF THE MONTH: LESLIE MOHR

What is your favorite shell? Alphabet cone

What is your favorite find? Spiny oyster shell found on Don Pedro Beach. Also found that day were a Lion's paw and some nice Banded tulips.

What is your favorite beach? Boca Grande by the Lighthouse

What is your most unusual find? It is the size of a dollar coin, but oval shaped with a sort of stamped floral pattern.

We were unable to find any information on it until months later while browsing in the Mote Marine bookstore. To our great surprise, our strange find was an approximately 2.5 million year old Glyptodont fossil.

Fun Fact about You: While in college, I worked at the Wisconsin State Fair as an ankle grabber in the Haunted House.

How long have you been a member of ESC? Two years

Leslie was born, raised, and lived in Wisconsin until 2014 when she and her husband, Tom, retired to Englewood. After graduating with a BA in Economics and Business from The University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, Leslie had a lovely long career working in the electric and gas industry. Leslie and Tom have been married for 38 years and have one son and one daughter. They return to Wisconsin each summer to visit their children and rock hunt for agates in the regions of Lake Superior and Lake Michigan.



Thank you to the following ESC members for their generous gifts

Susan Ross—shell/craft supplies

Family of Audrey Grant—shell collection

Anonymous—monetary donation

Candy Niziol—monetary donation

Meredith Blain—monetary donation

Anonymous—Bailey Matthews Shell Museum membership

LOOK At WHAT 42 Hands Did in Four Hours!

Friends of Stump Pass had a Park work day on Saturday, September 19. From 8-noon, 21 adults collected many bags of trash off the beach and trails and also from within a derelict boat. Items included: tires, wood, cans, glass and plastic bottles, flip flops, cigarette butts, kids' toys, rope, and other types of junk.



MERCHANDISE NEWS from Team Leader Patti Redmond



Orders for any new merchandise are currently on hold until in-person meetings are resumed. Please contact me to make arrangements for pick up of any remaining merchandise that was previously ordered and paid for. Until then, wear your Shell Club fashions in good health.

APPLICATION FOR ESC MEMBERSHIP 2020-2021

(October 1, 2020—September 30, 2021)

Complete application (please print) & include your check payable to the Englewood Shell Club

Send to: Gay Barlow, 13089 Feldman Avenue, Port Charlotte, FL 33981

Please Circle or Check Your Membership Choice

***Note:** Fee for new members covers one-time cost of name tag & membership folder.

<p style="text-align: center;">Membership Renewal \$30 New Membership \$40 Family Membership Renewal \$45 New Family Membership \$70</p>
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Name _____ Spouse (optional) _____

Florida Address:

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Email _____

Other Address:

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

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

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Pictures taken during Englewood Shell Club activities may be displayed in ESC publications. I agree that I am individually responsible for my own personal property when I participate in any club field trip activity. I will not hold the Englewood Shell Club, field trip leaders, or the property owner liable for any injuries should they occur.

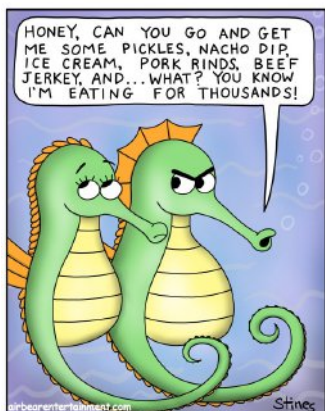
Signed _____ Date _____

DO NOT COMPLETE BELOW (For Membership records only)

Check # _____ Amount _____ Dated _____

Merchants Offering Discounts to ESC Members:

<p>BAILEY-MATTHEWS SHELL MUSEUM 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Rd., Sanibel, FL Phone: 239-395-2233</p>	<p>FREE ADMISSION ESC membership card must be shown</p>
<p>BEACH ROAD BOUTIQUE 11350 Beach Rd., Englewood, FL Phone: 941-474-6564</p>	<p>10% DISCOUNT</p>
<p>CREATIVE FRAMING & GIFT GALLERY Holiday Center 2357 S. Tamiami Trail # 6 Intersection of US 41 & 776, Venice, FL Phone: 941-493-2276</p>	<p>10% DISCOUNT</p>
<p>GASPERS DIVE 'N BOARD 2961 Placida Rd. Suite 3, Englewood, FL Phone: 941-698-0499</p>	<p>10% DISCOUNT Snorkeling Gear and Other Items</p>
<p>HATCH GALLERY 14375 Pambar Ave., Port Charlotte- El Jobean FL Phone: 941-764-8838</p>	<p>10% DISCOUNT</p>
<p>HOOKED ON SUP 6950 Placida Rd., Englewood, FL Phone: 941-504-1699 www.hookedonsup.com</p>	<p>10% DISCOUNT On-site rentals</p>
<p>PIRATE'S DREAM 3250 Placida Rd., Englewood, FL Phone: 941-830-8860</p>	<p>20% OFF</p>
<p>SWIM MART Merchants Crossing 150 Placida Rd., Suite D-8, Englewood, FL Phone: 1-800-210-6221</p>	<p>10% DISCOUNT Off 1 Item</p>



DID YOU KNOW?

In nature, male Seahorses are those who carry the female's eggs for about one and a half months in a tail pouch until they are born. This speaks of an amazing partnership between the males and females of the species, which are said to mate for life.

Board Meetings are the first Tuesday of the month. Start time is 10 a.m. If you would like a Zoom invitation, contact Co-President Meredith Blain.



A BIG Thanks to Meredith Blain and our Webmaster, Freeman Crosby, for creating an amazing ESC channel on YouTube!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3C41vREL0nB05SuqSPkmtA/>

You may also access videos by clicking Photo Video located on the Website's Main page. Contact Meredith or Lisa if you need assistance.

Everyone, of all skill levels, is welcome to participate. If you would like to share your videos of club trips, activities, or events, contact Meredith.



This cheerful 4" by 3" sticker, designed by ESC Member Karen Blackford, is now available for purchase!

Price: one for \$3 or two for \$5. All monies raised after printer is paid, support club expenses such as events & rental fees.

Stickers can be purchased at Beach Walks, Shell Crafters, and Study Groups.

OPENING DAY OF SHELL ISLAND SEPTEMBER 25, 2020

Photos by Meredith Blain and Captain Ryan



Marty A.

Sonia C.

Colleen F.

Cindy B.