



Welcome Back!

Board Meeting—Oct. 21
Beach Walk—Oct. 24
First Club Meeting—Oct. 28
Sanibel—Nov. 5 & 6
Study Group—Nov. 10
Carefree & ShellCrafters— Nov. 14

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President's Message—

Welcome back, fellow Shell Seekers. The summer break seems too long at times. We will all be looking forward to swapping summer stories with each other. Tuesday, October 28 at 1:30 P.M. will be our first general meeting. Remember to bring your wonderful summer finds to share with the group during our Show and Tell Program. We are all looking forward to receiving our tee-shirts, wind breakers and totes. Don't worry if you haven't ordered yet and want to order, you will still have a chance. What a great job the Committee did. Ann Madden, Ruth Middlebrooks, Susan Ross and Jo Ann House, superlative work by all. Thanks to you all.

Several of us shellers have met at the beach at least every other week this summer. It was fun shell seeking, story telling, relaxing, laughing and, of course, eating. We plan to continue this through the winter months. It's a great chance to meet your fellow shellers in an informal setting. The Leadership Team has been working throughout the spring and summer to plan activities that can be enjoyed by as many members as possible. Do notice that we have a few time changes to better accommodate members and activities.

Be sure to sign up for the Holiday luncheon! It will be Tuesday, Dec. 9 at Manasota Beach Club once again. The format will be similar to the last two years. We set the gift exchange limit at \$12.50 this year; be sure to bring a shell-related gift if you wish to participate. Sign up via the coupon later in the newsletter. Remember, all checks this year are written to Englewood Shell Club! See you soon!

Doris Lyons, President

Join Us at Study Group—

The ESC Study Group will hold their first meeting at Cedar Point Park at 1 P.M. on Monday, November 10. During the first half of this meeting we will be discussing cone shells found in Florida. The second half of the meeting will be devoted to shell identification. Please bring any shells you wish to discuss, as well as your favorite source guide. Also, we will be discussing future topics and venue for the season. Due to a Carefree Learner trip conflict on Monday, January 12, the study group will meet on Thursday, Jan. 15. Otherwise we will continue to meet the second Monday of the month: Nov. 10, Dec. 8, (Jan. 15), Feb. 9, March 9 and April 13. See you there!

Debbie Freeman

Sanibel Island Trip is Nov. 5-6—

The club is once again going to shell on Sanibel. The two-night stay will be November 5th and 6th, 2008. I have arranged for members to stay at the Blue Dolphin or the Holiday Inn. They are both on the beach and the inn has a pool, tennis courts and a restaurant.

At this time all the rooms at the Blue Dolphin are filled; however, if they have cancellations from previously registered non-ESC clients, we get the rooms. As of Memorial Day, four rooms at the Holiday Inn are reserved; we are hoping to fill ten to assure members a really nice discount! If you have not already reserved your spot for this trip, which was announced last spring, do so with the coupons enclosed with this newsletter. This popular trip allows members to get better acquainted in a relaxed atmosphere, to shell early and late on Sanibel's beaches, to learn more about the shells of our area and to explore Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, Ding Darling National Wildlife Refuge, and the shops and restaurants of Sanibel and Captiva. See you there! For more information, call Marilyn Boyd at 941-474-2500 after 9-7-08. For more information about past trips, look on-line at past years' newsletters.

Marilyn Boyd

Summer Fun—



Beach Walks with Brenda Were Beautiful—

Spring Beach Walks with Brenda finished off April 11 in grand style with delightful walks on a nearly deserted beach, swimming in warm, azure water, and dining at the Manasota Beach Club. The day was even more special because Judy Miller found a lovely Lion's Paw Scallop and the neighborhood gopher tortoise joined us for lunch! Other shells found were not exotic, but there were many sea fans and whips, lovely two-inch



sea stars, and loads of yellow cross-barred Venus, checkerboard clams, cockles and scallops of all types, jingles, coquinas, spiny jewel boxes, buttercup lucines, surf clams, a variety of oysters including winged oyster pairs and coon oysters, keyhole limpets, a few sea urchins and more. Everyone picked up shells specific to the plans they had for upcoming craft projects on hot summer afternoons.

Water and towels for foot and sandal washing and choice of iced tea or refreshing pink lemonade greeted us as we returned from shelling. Lunch at The Club was as delightful as ever. We began with a choice of cold orange/pineapple soup spiced with nutmeg or hearty hot Scotch broth thick with beef and barley. There were four hot entrees and two hot accompaniments as well as innumerable salads and relishes. Desserts included Hazelnut Boston Crème Cake, Key Lime Pie, Fresh Berries/Crème Anglais, and a variety of cookies. The gopher tortoise dined on hibiscus flowers! More shelling and swimming rounded out the afternoon. Thanks Brenda for restarting the beach walk tradition. **Brenda has scheduled the first Autumn Beach Walk for October 24 at Englewood Beach from 9 A.M. to noon.** (Photos on this page by Christina Anglin.)



Summer Shell Seekers

Summer Shell Seekers began just when Beach Walks with Brenda concluded! Beach walks were led by Jo Ann House and Joy Brandt on the first and third Thursdays of each month. The first was May 1 at Manasota Beach. About a dozen members attended and brightly colored umbrellas, chairs and towels were arranged in a circle on the warm sandy beach. It was a truly carefree and relaxing time for shellers and their



friends. Jo Ann and Joy designed this new adventure to maximize the opportunity of staying connected over the summer. Even the umbrella decided to play with the wind to keep things lively! A great time was had by all.

The first outing was so great that a second informal beach walk on May 8 at Boca Grande was followed by lunch at South Beach. The third walk was hosted by Linda Powers on Manasota Key. This was a windy day that precluded umbrellas, but kept temperatures comfortable and was great fun; we even got to view Linda's Philippine shell collection and see her artistic shell presentations! Paper cockles of various colors were one of the finds at each of the May searches of the Summer Shell Seekers.

The fourth walk was at Stump Pass Beach on June 5—And so the summer continued! Come to the October general meeting to learn more about the summer!
Jo Ann House

Carefree Learner Field Trips—

Debbie Freeman has scheduled three *Carefree Learner* Trips to explore Sarasota Bay this coming year. They will be Friday, November 14; Friday, December 12; and Monday, January 12. Sign up for one of these trips using the coupons enclosed in this newsletter. As always, please sign up for only one *Carefree Learner* trip at this time. We schedule multiple trips so that all members who wish to go will hopefully have the opportunity. We have enclosed a second *Carefree Learner* Extra Trip coupon, so that you can sign up for a second trip if you desire; these spots will be assigned only after all members have a chance for their first choice. As always, reservations are not recorded without a \$12 check made out to **Englewood Shell Club** for the trip; please write the date of the trip you wish to reserve on the check as well.

Meet at Marina Jack's parking lot (the southern-most driveway to this lot; this is well south of Marina Jack's restaurant and vessels.) along highway 41 along Sarasota's waterfront by 6:45. We sail at 7! The *Carefree Learner* is moored next to the party boat, *Le Barge*. Dress in layers because it may be cold at dawn, but it usually warms up as the day progresses. Bring sun glasses, sun lotion, water, a bucket for shells and other shelling containers/supplies. Shoes with toes that can get wet are essential. It is legal to take two live specimens of each species if you possess a Florida fishing license, but please do not abuse this privilege. It is always fun to carpool for this trip and to go out for lunch after the *Carefree Learner* returns to port about 11 A.M. However, this year, realize we jumped at the chance for a third trip, but the only date offered was Nov. 14. This is the date of the previously scheduled ShellCrafter Seascape Painting class. Therefore, we have been able to reschedule ShellCrafters at 2 P.M., rather than 1 P.M., to catch both activities, if desired.

Come Paint with ShellCrafters—

Arrangements have been made for a class in Seascape painting, taught by Barb Kugler, to be held on Friday, Nov. 14, 2 P.M. (note: not the usual 1 P.M.) at Tringali Center. Participants must bring a 6 x 12 inch stretched canvas (not a canvas board) and two brushes, a 3/4 inch flat brush and a #2 script liner. The brushes can be purchased at the Dome for \$2.00 each and the canvas is available at Craft Depot in Venice. Bring something like a cup or margarine tub to hold water in which you can wash your brushes, and a couple of paper towels. Bring small shells of your choice to attach to the finished painting. Paints will be furnished.



Beth Kugler is a Certified One-Stroke Teacher in the Donna Dewberry method. This will be a departure from our usual class, and should be a great way to kick off the new year as well as fun for all of us who participate. The picture shows the type of painting you will learn; you can then enhance your art with your own shells. Register for this class via the coupon at the back of the newsletter. Remember checks are made out to **Englewood Shell Club** this year.

Eleanor Langlois

NOTE: Our president, Doris Lyons, also has reserved Tringali for ShellCrafters on Dec. 12, Jan. 9, Feb. 13, March 13 and April 10. Once again, the December Carefree Learner trip is the same day as ShellCrafters; the group will decide in November if they wish to change the December crafting date.

Coupons are New—

At the suggestion of several leadership team members, the board decided to use coupons along with your checks to reserve space for activities with a charge. You will find a page of coupons at the back of this newsletter. You fill in the coupon and send it to the person indicated along with your check payable to **Englewood Shell Club**. There is a coupon stub for your records. The hope is that it will alleviate the long lines for sign-ups at club meetings and will be easier for people who can't get to a given general meeting. We will see how it goes and make a decision later in the year whether to continue next year. We did not include a coupon for dues because a completed and signed membership form is required along with your check for dues.

Outreach At Cedar Point—

Diana Leonhardt, Barbara Elliott, Helen Gardner and Amie Barnicle collaborated to provide a mollusk program to Spring Break Campers, ages 6-9, at Cedar Point Park last March. Diana talked about the Horse Conch and its development and punctuated the talk with horse conch shells of various sizes. Barbara showed an exhibit of Lightning Whelks complete with egg capsule and young whelks. Helen highlighted local moon snails; she told about their carnivorous diet and showed evidence of the moon snail's ability to drill holes into shells of other mollusks in order to obtain dinner. She also explained the creation of an egg collar. Each of those three presenters addressed the way univalve shells move. Amie Barnicle covered the Scallop with its unique eyes and jet-like movement and gave a short presentation on other bivalves in our area. The program was followed by fun shell craft projects and each camper received a small collection of shells to take home. Everyone—learners, teachers and Cedar Point Staff, enjoyed and appreciated the ESC Outreach activity.

Amie Barnicle



Dues Will Be Due—

Dues for the 2008-2009 year are due at the first meeting you attend this fall or if you arrive in Florida late, you may mail your check to Vice President Christina Anglin, 10030 Charlemont Ave., Englewood, 34224. Forms are also available on-line at the club's web site www.EnglewoodShellClub.org. As you know, PAID membership is required before participation in excursions and ShellCrafters. We are hoping to publish the year's membership roster no later than January, so pay in November or before. Dues for renewing members are \$15/person; \$25/family. Dues for new members are \$22.50/person; \$40/family. The extra first year fee covers cost of the name tags that admit you to ESC activities. Remember, this year checks are payable to **Englewood Shell Club**, not to the treasurer personally.

Palm Island Excursion—

Ruth Middlebrooks finished up the 2007/08 excursions she planned in grand style. Not only did we have a brand new method of transportation for getting around Palm Island—golf carts, but when we arrived at Rum Bay restaurant for lunch, lovely exotic shells from the Philippines were waiting for each of us! Ruth gave all 40 participants a beauty—moon scallop to cowry to marble cone to sea star! Not only that, but it was surely Ruth's optimism that changed the two-inch rain of Sunday night into a lovely, sunny Monday, April 7—perfect for shelling, with a light breeze and temperature in the high 70's.



In addition to the shells Ruth gave us, Mother Nature provided an abundance of beauties. We found many lightning whelks, fighting conch, pen shells, and huge cockles including egg cockles and a few horse conch. Moon snails, gaudy natica, and baby's ears, along with many olives and several true limpets were gathered. There were coffee melampus and coffee bean trivia. Bivalves included large arks, surf and checkerboard clams, and all sizes and colors of scallops and coquinas. Betty Turner even found a Sea Pearl, one of the seabeans. Birding was wonderful as well. A reddish egret, five species of terns including at least 100 black skimmers, and four species of plovers, including the endangered snowy, were spotted around the ponds and nesting areas, while northern gannets and pelicans dived right off-shore. Several members even relaxed in chaise lounges left by Palm Islanders on the beach! Members laughed that the car ferry must be the shortest anywhere, but it was fun and our first car ferry of the year's excursions! It was so much fun that Christina Anglin made two round trips before 8 A.M.!

ESC Fall Calendar—

Board Meeting: Oct. 21 10 A.M.
Beach Walk—Oct. 24, 9 A.M.
First Meeting—Oct. 28, 1:30 P.M.
Sanibel Excursion—Nov. 5-6
Study Group—Nov. 10, 1 P.M.
Carefree Learner—Nov. 14, 7 A.M.
ShellCrafters—Nov. 14, 2 P.M.
Board Meeting—Nov. 18, 10 A.M.
General Meeting—Nov. 25, 1:30 P.M.
Dues Due—Nov. 25
Study Group—Dec. 8, 1 P.M.
Holiday Luncheon—Dec. 9, noon
Carefree Learner—Dec. 12, 7 A.M.
ShellCrafters: Dec. TBA
NOTE: There are **time changes** this year.

Show and Tell in October—

“Last year's Show and Tell program at the October meeting was such a hit that we have decided to continue the tradition for another year,” says Susan Ross, this year's ESC program chairman. “You are welcome to bring shells you gathered or purchased this summer, craft projects you completed, new shell books you find useful. You can share news about preliminary plans you have for shell show competitions or a little about your summer travels and the shells you found! Whatever you'd like to share, we will be eager to listen and learn!” “We look forward to seeing you at the first fall meeting for Show and Tell and news about the new club year, Tuesday, October 28 at 1:30 P.M. Lemon Bay Park” says Doris Lyons, ESC President. Note the time change; we are meeting at 1:30, rather than 1 P.M. this year.

Is a Club Song Next?—

The idea of a club slogan got Rich Wilson, our co-editor, thinking about a club song!

The Englewood Shell Club Marching Song

(Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic)

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the Englewood Shell Club,
They are winning all the prizes and are having all the fun.
They catch the conchs and whelks and the rare Junonia,
They're the Englewood Shell Club!

They scour the beaches down to dark and fossil quarries too,
If there's a shell that you don't know, they'll look it up for you.
They dig for shells in slimy mud and call it good clean fun.
They're the Englewood Shell Club!

Leadership Team 2008-09

President: Doris Lyons

Vice President: Christina Anglin

Secretary: Pattie Mihalik

Treasurer: Nancy Weborg

Elected Board Members: Eunice Herr/Brenda Steele/
Ann Madden

Immed. Past Pres.: Anita Wilson

Found. President: Barbara Myers

Committee Chairmen:

Membership: Chris Anglin

Excursions: Ruth Middlebrooks/Marilyn Boyd

Carefree Learner: Debbie Freeman

Beach Walks: Brenda Steele

Program: Sue Ross

Librarian: Eunice Herr

Publicity: Jo-Ann Carroll

Historian: Sue Rundle

Social/Sunshine: Jackie McLean

Holiday Luncheon: Doris Lyons

Newsletter: Rich & Anita Wilson

WebMaster: Freeman Crosby

Parliamentarian: To Be Announced

Nominating: To Be Announced Jan. 09

Group Chairmen:

Study Group: Barbara Myers/Debbie Freeman

ShellCrafters: Joy Brandt/Shirley Kastner/Rita
Stonehouse

Outreach: Amie Barnicle/Jane Guy

Greeters: TBA

ESC Jackets, Bags & Tees Are New—

Do you wish you had a nice canvas bag for all those shell club papers? Or how 'bout a big canvas bag for towels, sunscreen, beach goodies-and oh! yeah! shells? And since we do get cooler, windy, rainy weather from time to time in Florida, perhaps a nice lightweight windbreaker might be perfect! Well, wish no more!

All of these items are for sale with "Englewood Shell Club", a shell design similar to the design on the latest tee shirts, and "The Shell Seekers", our new slogan, embroidered on them. Jackets and bags are by order only—deadline Dec. 1. Use the form in this newsletter.

Finally, a new silkscreen tee shirt with our club name on it will be for sale at meetings beginning this fall, along with some small embroidered bags. No need to pre-order.

Special thanks to our members whose enthusiasm made this a fun project and our board for making it possible!
Ann Madden

The First of the Shell Shows—

North Carolina Shell Show—Sept. 25-28

Philadelphia Shell Show—Oct. 11-12

Space Coast Seashell Festival—Jan. 16-18

Spring Picnic Was Great—

The spring picnic held at Englewood Gardens Beach Club was a great success, thanks to Nancy Weborg and her committee. Because about 60 people attended, the array of appetizers, salads, side dishes and desserts (most featuring chocolate) easily rivaled the spreads at the Manasota Beach Club! Our club has as many great cooks as it has great shellers; in fact, it was suggested that if we need a fund-raiser in the future, we should consider a cookbook! The hamburgers and all their accompaniments were excellent, thanks to the great grillers: Bill Rundle, Bob Steele and John Weborg. Many members arrived early and stayed late to shell the beach and the parking lot which had just received a new load of fossil shell filled with lovely olives and other treasures. The day was beautiful, so people ate outside as well as in the clubhouse. Because of Nancy and her committee (Sue Rundle, Brenda Steele, Jackie McLean and Linda Powers) everything ran like clockwork! Nancy also thanks Rich and Anita Wilson who sponsored the beach club location.

Members took advantage of the picnic to conduct other club business. The Shell Seekers Implementation Committee set up a table to show samples, sell and take orders for windbreakers, totebags and t-shirts and did a rousing business. Thanks to Ann Madden, Jo Ann House, and Susan Ross who handled the table for the committee and had it so well organized (see the order form developed by Susan elsewhere in this newsletter). The Summer Shell Seekers committee (Jo Ann House and Joy Brandt) had a sign-up for walks; the book "Seashells of Southern Florida: Bivalves" by Mickelsen and Bieler, which the club purchased as a memorial for Marj Battista was on display and club librarian Eunice Herr was busy checking in the last books of the season. Amie Barnicle, club historian, brought the year's scrapbook and there were folks huddled happily around it, laughing and remembering, all day long!



ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB
Jacket and Tote Bag Order Form

Orders available for pick up at club mtgs., beginning Oct 2008. Mail order deadline is December 1, 2008. Pay when you pick up at mtgs.

Name _____

Address _____

E-mail _____

Phone Numbers: FL _____ Out-of-State _____ Mobile _____

Selections:

•Dickies Nylon Navy Jacket Circle size(s) Unisex: M, L, XL, 2X, 3X _____ Quantity _____ Price: \$47 M, L & XL; \$49 2X & 3X

•Dickies Nylon Royal Jacket Circle size(s) Unisex: M, L, XL, 2X, 3X _____ Quantity _____ Price: \$47 M, L & XL; \$49 2X & 3X

•Cream w/Navy Large Canvas Bag _____ Quantity _____ Price: \$32/ea.

•Cream w/Light Blue Medium Canvas Bag _____ Quantity _____ Price: \$16/ea.

Total Advance Order (Note: Payment is due at time of pick up.) Total Price: \$ _____

Signature _____

Mail your order form by Dec. 1, 2008, to: Jo Ann House, 1157 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, FL 33947.

Large Tote Bag. 100% 14 oz. cotton canvas beach-tote bag: natural color body with light blue contrasting gusseted bottom and reinforced straps. outside pocket on front; handles long enough to carry over the shoulder; open main compartment with key tab; Englewood Shell Club, The Shell Seekers design embroidered on one side. Size: 21.5" x 16" x 7"



Medium Tote Bag. 100% 14 oz. cotton canvas bag: natural color body with navy contrasting gusseted bottom and reinforced straps. outside pocket on front; handles long enough to carry over the shoulder; open main compartment; Englewood Shell Club, The Shell Seekers design embroidered on one side. Size: 18.5" x 13.5" x 5.5"



Dickies Navy Blue and Royal Blue Jackets. 100% nylon shell, 100% polyester lining; lightweight jacket with zipper; Englewood Shell Club, The Shell Seekers design embroidered on left breast front. Zips into its own front pocket's storage pouch; hood zips into collar; nylon sleeves with elastic cuffs; drawstring bottom; durable water repellent; vented front and back; inside pocket.



The above design is embroidered on all bags and jackets.

All Checks Non-refundable and Payable to Englewood Shell Club

Stub to Keep
ShellCrafters
Painting Class
Nov. 14, \$14.00
Sent to Eleanor
Langlois

Date Sent _____

ShellCrafters Painting Class
Tringali Center, Nov. 14, 2:00 P.M.

Name(s): _____ Phone: _____
Amount: \$14.00 Send To Eleanor Langlois, 1243 Paradise Way,
Venice, FL 34285
Deadline: Nov. 7

Stub to Keep

Holiday Luncheon
Dec. 9—\$22.00
(Gift \$12.50)
Sent to Doris Lyons

Date Sent _____

ESC Holiday Luncheon
Manasota Beach Club, Dec. 9, 12:00 Noon

Name(s) _____ Phone: _____
Amount: \$22.00 Send to Doris Lyons, 211 Rotonda Circle, Rotonda West, FL
33947
Deadline: Nov. 25

Stub to Keep

Sanibel Trip
Nov. 5 & 6
Sent to Marilyn Boyd

Date Sent _____

Sanibel Island Trip
Holiday Inn Reservation, Nov 5 & 6

Name(s) _____ Phone: _____
Amount: \$165 deposit/room (50% of total bill) Send to Marilyn Boyd, 1021
Grant St., Englewood, FL 34224
Deadline: Oct. 28

Stub to Keep

Carefree Learner

Date: _____
Sent to Debbie
Freeman
Date Sent _____

Carefree Learner Boat Trip

Circle Preferred Date: Nov. 14 Dec. 12 Jan. 12

Name(s) _____ Phone: _____
Amount: \$12.00 Send to Debbie Freeman, 1430 Bayshore Drive, Englewood,
FL 34223
Deadlines: Oct. 31, Nov. 21, Dec.19

Stub to Keep

Carefree Learner
Extra Ticket

Date: _____
Sent to Debbie
Freeman
Date Sent _____

Carefree Learner Extra Ticket

Circle Preferred Date: Nov. 14 Dec. 12 Jan. 12

Name(s) _____ Phone: _____
Amount: \$12.00 Send to Debbie Freeman, 1430 Bayshore Drive, Englewood,
FL 34223
Deadlines: Oct. 31, Nov. 21, Dec.19

Englewood Shell Club
Rich & Anita Wilson
935 Bayshore Drive
Englewood, FL 34223-2203

ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Time: Tuesday, December 9, 2008, 12:00 Noon

**Place: Manasota Beach Club
7600 Manasota Key Road, Englewood**

Punch and Finger Foods will be served in the Surf Room at noon. We will adjourn to the main dining room for luncheon buffet at 12:30

Cost of the Luncheon is \$22.00 per person, tax and gratuity included. Please pay on or before November 25.

If you wish to exchange a shell-related gift, bring one (\$12.50 maximum)

All parking is across the street from the Beach Club.