

Englewood Shell Club



The Shell Scoop

Shell Seekers

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President's Message

Welcome back Shell Club Members!

Let's make this year a great one.

We have several BIG changes this season. At the March meeting the Board of Directors decided to move our meeting place from Lemon Bay Park to the Elks Lodge on Indiana Avenue, just north of Dearborn Street. There were multiple reasons for the change. Our numbers have grown so much that the space at Lemon Bay was becoming too crowded. The problem with having to set up and return the tables and chairs to storage was a monthly ordeal. The inability to adequately darken the room for audio/visual presentations and the lack of a sound system were also problems. All these issues will be solved at The Elks Lodge. We will meet in the first room to the left inside the front entry. The meeting dates and time will remain the same and the Elks Club has food service available for those who would like to have lunch there before the meetings. Our rent for the space may be reduced if there are an adequate number who decide to have lunch there prior to the meetings.

The second big change was not our choice. I was notified that the building where we normally meet for Shell Crafters workshops

was being demolished in August to allow for expansion of the library at Tringali.

We had to scramble to remove our shells and storage cabinets before that date, although, to all appearances, they have not yet begun construction.

Shell Crafters will now meet in a beautiful space inside the front entry at the Englewood Sports Complex on River Road. Currently we are storing shells in Diana Leonhart's garage, but we will be able to move them to the Sports Complex in October.

During the summer, several members have continued with Shell Club activities.

Linda Powers has led summer Beach Walks the first and third Wednesdays of each month. We have met at several area beaches and have had a great time. Several of our members went on a shelling excursion to the Dominican Republic and we had a good representation of delegates to the COA convention in Boston.

I am hoping for a great season of shelling, friends and fun.
Christina Anglin



Past President's Profile

Anita Wilson

Why did a girl from Kansas develop such an interest in shells and fossils?

Western Kansas was once a great inland sea and Anita was amazed when she saw the huge prehistoric bony fish skeletons (among the world's largest) in museums and loved hunting for fossils in the rocky bluffs near home. Florida's fossils are easier to find and more diverse, she says!

Anita Wilson helped with our 15th year celebration by serving as ESC's program chairman. Before that she was club president (hence this feature), vice president, the club's first librarian and she and her husband Richard edited and printed our newsletter, The Shell Scoop, from 2005 to 2009; at the same time she worked with Freeman Crosby to activate our website.

It isn't too surprising that Rich and Anita worked together on the ESC newsletter since they acted as Editor and Mrs. Webb in Thornton Wilder's play "Our Town" in high school! Rich and Anita went on to graduate from high school



together and then to Kansas State where they married as sophomores and received both B.S. and M.S. degrees at the same commencements; later they were the first couple to receive PhDs from Utah State at the same graduation. They served together in the Peace Corps in Ethiopia and traveled widely in the Middle East. Rich and Anita taught in the University of Wisconsin system for nearly 35 years, where both served as department chairs (Rich, Biology and Anita, Food Science & Nutrition) and as University Marshalls. Anita served nationally in both the Society for Nutrition Education and the American Dietetic Association, was president of the Wisconsin Nutrition Council and consulted with such diverse groups as the U.S. Air Force and Higher Education in Taiwan. Both were officers of Sigma Xi, science research society, and active in Boy Scouts. They have one son, Mark, and a seven-year-old grandson Hunter. Anita's two sisters live in the Palm Beach area.

Before retiring in 1998 and moving to Englewood, Rich and Anita also ran an ecotourism business for nearly fifteen years, specializing in wildlife, birding, snorkeling, and archeology in Mexico, Central America, Venezuela, and Eastern and Southern Africa. They planned to make this a full time business after retirement from the University, but they've been having too much fun shelling and enjoying Florida to bother! Rich and Anita spend hurricane season at their cabin Tealwood in Northern Wisconsin, just an hour south of Lake Superior.

Shell Club Library

Our Library will be available for all of our members when we begin meeting at the Elks Club this fall. We are looking into having our books displayed and stored on a rolling Book Cart. This will make it easy for members to browse through our library books, which has so much information pertaining to all areas of shelling. Our Library consists of books for beginners in shelling, craft books on making flowers, sailors valentines, and other crafts, videos, American Conchologist Magazines, and many books on identifying the many shells we enjoy finding in our travels. I hope you will enjoy our Library in the coming year.
Eunice Herr - Librarian

Rita Stonehouse, Judy Kauk, Judy Green and Linda Powers



ESC members Judy Green, Judy Kauk, Linda Powers, and Rita Stonehouse volunteered for the 2010 Scallop Search sponsored by Florida Sea Grant. This second annual event was again held at Eldred's Marina and organized by Betty Staugler of University of Florida. 36 Teams (32 boats and 4 kayak groups) participated. 162 scallops were counted, up from the 94 counted in 2009. Judy Green, Linda and Rita are "old hands" at the search; all three participated last year. Judy Kauk was the rookie, but dove right in, surfacing with gooey mud on her face. The ESC girls represented 2 teams; Judy Green's team found 1 scallop; Judy, Linda and Rita found zip, but it was a lovely day for looking for scallops.

**Englewood Shell Club
Board of Directors**

President - Christina Anglin

Vice President - Nancy Weborg

Treasurer - Eileen Tabone

Secretary - Judy Kauk

Founding President - Barb Myers

Three Directors-at-large:

Joy Brandt

Eunice Herr

Richard Eckart

Programs

Debbie Freeman, Program
Chairman

October 23: Show and Tell -
Members share shell projects
recently completed.

Slide show of past club activities:

November 23:- Karen VanderVen will
give a power point presentation on a
shelling trip to the Dominican Republic

December 9: Christmas Luncheon
(No program)

January 25: Bob Lipe will speak on
“Florida Shells”

February 22: John Cologrande:
“Cephalopods: It’s not just Calamari”

**In March we will need to change our
meeting date to accommodate a speaker
from England**

March 15 “Philatelic Shells” (Stamps)

April 26: Farewell Picnic

Summer Beach Walks



Linda Powers led Summer Beach Walks first and third Wednesdays each month. We had a lot of fun in the sun and the warm Gulf surf. The shelling wasn't spectacular but the socializing was great. We visited a number of local beaches and enjoyed lunch at several local restaurants. Englewood summers can be fun!

April Farewell Picnic



Our guys prepared delicious burgers on the outdoor grill, and members supplied a bounteous selection of salads, appetizers and desserts. The quality of the food was matched by the wonderful friendship and good spirits of our members.

We ended our lunch with a door prize drawing of many donated gifts and the long awaited drawing for the raffle prizes donated by our founder, Barb Myers.

The shell collages were won by Eunice Herr, who assured us she had the perfect place for them. The miniature shell shop was won by Carol Christensen, who happens to be a miniaturist, among her many other talents.



Shellebration Boston

The COA held their annual meeting August 26 - 31 in Boston, Massachusetts. It was sponsored by the Boston Malacological Club in celebration of their 100th anniversary.

Several field trips were offered and enjoyed. There were many varied programs given. They included New England marine shells, Jamaican land shells, oceanography, and collecting deep-sea cephalopods. The round table discussion about what to do with our personal shell collections was very informative. Both silent and verbal auctions were held, as well as a welcome party and farewell banquet. Debbie Freeman was our ESC representative and reported a productive club rep meeting.

Phyllis Gray,CFS, Alice Monroe COA
and Debbie Freeman ESC



Remember that the COA will be meeting next year July 13 - 17 in Cape Canaveral, Fl. Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events

October	
10/19/10	Board Meeting 10 AM Elsie Quirk Library
10/26/10	General Meeting 1PM Elks Lodge
November	
11/8/10	Study Group 1PM Debbie Freeman's
11/10	Beach Walk 10 AM Location TBA
11/16/10	Board meeting 10AM Elsie Quirk Library
11/19/10	Shell Crafters 12-2PM Sports Complex
11/23/10	General Meeting Elks Lodge
December	
12/7/10	Carefree Learner 7 AM Marina Jack's
12/9/10	Holiday Luncheon Noon Manasota Beach Club
12/10/10	Beach Walk Location TBA
12/17/10	Shell Crafters 12-2 Sports Complex

* No General Meeting or Study Group in
* December.

Shell Club membership

All memberships are due in October. A membership form is included in the newsletter for your use. The Board of Directors increased the membership fees slightly this year. Please make all checks payable to the Englewood Shell Club. Your membership form and payments may be mailed to Nancy Weborg at:
4564 Pompano Road
Venice FL 34293
They may also be turned in to her at the

Coupons

To reserve your place for activities and excursions, please clip enclosed coupons and send them with the amount due to the person designated on each coupon. Remember that all checks are to be made to: Englewood Shell Club. Coup[ons may be mailed

Englewood Shell Club RSVP Coupons

Checks are non-refundable and payable to the Englewood Shell Club

Stub to keep:

ESC Key West Trip

November 3-4

\$80 Deposit

Sent to:

Ruth Middlebrooks

Date: _____

Key West Trip

Hampton Inn Reservation Nov 3-4, 2010

\$80 deposit covers bus trip and holds room

Name _____

Phone _____

Mail check to: Ruth Middlebrooks,,1936

Greenlawn Dr 34223

Deadline October 1

Stub to keep:

ESC Holiday Luncheon

December 9, 2010 Noon

\$ 25

Sent to: Jackie McLean

Date: _____

Holiday Luncheon

Manasota Beach Club 12 Noon Dec 9, 2010

Name(s) _____

\$25 per member or guest

Mail check to: Jackie McClean, 68 Spring Lane,
Englewood Fl 34223

Deadline: November 26

Stub to keep:

ESC Carefree Learner

Dec 7, 2010 7 AM

Sent to: Debbie Freeman

Date: _____

Carefree Learner I Excursion

Carefree Learner, sailing from Marina Jack at 7 AM

Name _____

Phone _____

Amount \$12 Mail check to Debbie Freeman,
P O Box 339,

Englewood, Fl 34295

Deadline: November 30

Stub to keep:

ESC Carefree Learner

Jan 5, 2011

Sent to: Debbie Freeman

Date: _____

Carefree Learner II Excursion

Carefree Learner sailing from Marina Jack 7 AM

Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Amount \$12 Mail check to:

Debbie Freeman,

P O Box 339

Englewood Fl 34295

Deadline: January 5,2011

Application for Englewood Shell Club Membership

Please complete application and include your check made payable To: Englewood Shell Club.

Send to: Nancy Weborg
4564 Pompano Road
Venice Fl 34293

Individual Membership	Family Membership (2)
____ New \$27.50*	____ New \$50.00*
____ Renewal \$20.00	____ Renewal \$35.00

*Includes one time cost for name tag

Name _____

Spouse Name (optional) _____

Florida Address:

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Other Address:

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Would you be willing to serve on one our many committees?

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe _____ Preference _____

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

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 _____

DO NOT COMPLETE

Check _____ Amt. _____ Dated _____

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