

ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB

1. General Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2021

The fourth general membership meeting of Englewood Shell Club for the 2020-21 year was Tuesday, January 19 at 1 p.m. via Zoom because of the pandemic. The meeting began right on time. Meredith Blain, co-president, began by announcing a few etiquette rules for Zoom programs. She suggested we all be muted during the talk and save questions for the end of the presentation or write them to Meredith via the Chat box, so she could ask them. Dr. Jose Leal, Interim Director, Bailey Matthews National Shell Museum, began his excellent and informative talk, entitled "What's So Cool about Shells?" by congratulating the club on their 25th anniversary and mentioned that our 25th anniversary almost coincides with his tenure with Bailey Matthews and the Museum itself. His talk covered a wide variety of fascinating facts about shells, including shapes, colors, and most importantly, the animals themselves. Everyone learned a great deal both from both the presentation itself and about resources available through the Museum, including a new poster which will be available soon.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Following the program and questions, the business meeting was called to order by co-presidents Meredith Blain and Martha Dehne. To expedite the meeting, Meredith simply made announcements for many of the respective officers and team leaders.

TREASURER'S AND MEMBERSHIP REPORTS:

The treasury balance is currently \$6298.13. We have 75 members and 9 new members. Meredith thanked the new members for joining in a pandemic year and for being so active in the various activities.

TEAM LEADER REPORTS:

EXCURSIONS; Carefree Learner: The trip on Friday, January 15 was a big success.

University of Florida: Marty Atkins announced that Roger Portel said to call again in June. They are still not doing outside group trips because of the pandemic.

Anclote Island: Marty said a three-hour trip has been scheduled for 8 a.m. Feb. 28. If 25 people sign up, cost will be \$60 including tax and tip. It may be less if we have more people. Get a check payable to ESC to Marty immediately to reserve a spot.

Reel Kind: Twenty-one shellers have signed up for the February 14 trip in four boats. The trip is full, according to Marty.

Sanibel: Meredith announced for Marilyn Boyd that the trip this spring has been canceled because of the pandemic.

BEACH WALKS: Deborah Hubbard announced the next beach walk will be Wednesday, Feb.

10 at 9 a.m. At Venice Municipal Beach.

SOCIAL: Colleen Fosnough announced the spring social will be at Maxine Barritt Park Pavilion on April 20, 10 a.m.-2p.m. People can walk the beach and hopefully visit a food truck. Meredith added that Candy Niziole will be doing another shell auction and that this will be our 25th anniversary celebration. Send information to Karen Blackford for the scrapbook and anniversary video which will be shown at the celebration. Colleen said more activities are in the works and will be announced at each meeting between now and then.

MERCHANDISING: Meredith announced for Patti Redmond that 25th anniversary stickers are still for sale at all in-person activities for \$3 each or 2 for \$5.

PROGRAMS; Meredith announced that Carmi Thompson, University of Florida, will speak via Zoom about cephalopods at the February meeting and Mary Lundeborg will present the program she planned for last year at the March meeting which was canceled because of the pandemic.

SHELLCRAFTERS: Leslie Furrage announced the next craft session will be January 29, 10 a.m. At Lemon Bay Park. The group will be making modge podge jewelry holders from cockle shells. She will be sending an email with a list of details and what to bring for the project closer to the project date. Probably plan to bring a cockle shell (articulated or two halves) for this project, although some will be available.

STUDY GROUP: Martha announced Meredith will be presenting a program about how to do shell photography. Furthermore, each member attending can bring a favorite shell and Meredith will assist them in photographing it. If you wish, you can pay \$10 and Meredith will have an 8"x8" canvas print made for you from the picture chosen. Bring your cell phone for photography. This meeting will be January 27 at 10 a.m. At Lemon Bay Park. Journaling for shell records also will be covered at this meeting.

Meredith announced that this meeting was being recorded and the program should be on YouTube shortly. There were several announcements about members who were ill or had accidents. Nancy Weborg is in Hospice and not expected to live; the club has sent flowers. Ruth Middlebrooks fell yesterday at her home here and broke her ankle; she has had surgery and will be hospitalized for several days. Gay Barlow fell and broke her wrist. Send Cards.

Door prize drawings from members present for Meredith's 2021 shell calendars were given to Suzanne Skalski, Sandy Ouderkirk and Jane Guy.

Last minute announcements followed. Marty said an email with details about excursions will be coming. Martha announced that this was the meeting for **nominations for officers** for the coming year. She said all current officers had been contacted and were willing to serve a second year; additional nominations will be taken at the February meeting with elections at the March meeting. Please let the presidents know if you would like to serve as an officer, team leader or on a committee next year. A new librarian will be needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m. People stayed to chat for some time.

Respectfully submitted

Anita Wilson, secretary

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