

# ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB

## 1. General Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2021

The fifth general membership meeting of Englewood Shell Club for the 2020-21 year was Tuesday, February 16 at 1 p.m. via Zoom because of the pandemic. The meeting began right on time and the co-president and program chair Meredith Blaine introduced Carmi Thompson, University of Florida, who was the day's speaker. She gave a very interesting talk about Cenozoic *Aturia* of Florida. Her research dealt specifically with *Nautiloidea* which branched off from earlier cephalopods about 419 million years ago. They live today as Chambered Nautilus, but most of the earlier relatives are now extinct. They and ammonites are found more than other cephalopods in the fossil record, because so many cephalopods, like octopus and squid, are soft bodied and seldom survive. Carmi discussed several recent theories as well as instrumentation used in shell fossil research today.

The Business meeting was called to order at 1:50 by Martha Dehne and Meredith Blain, co-presidents. Business was handled primarily via announcements to expedite the meeting.

**TREASURY AND MEMBERSHIP:** The treasury currently has a balance of \$6215.31. There are 88 paid members at this time whose dues have brought in \$2345.

**STUDY GROUP:** The February 24<sup>th</sup> study group will meet at 10 a.m. at Lemon Bay Pavillion. Karen Heuther will discuss Murex shells. She encouraged members attending to bring favorite Murex to share with the group and pointed out there are 1600 species of Muricidae..

**SHELLCRAFTERS:** Leslie Furmage will lead the February 26th crafting session. There will be an \$8 fee for the Valentine heart on plywood plaque project.

**EXCURSIONS:** The Reel Kind trip on Feb. 14 was excellent. On Feb. 28 there will be a trip to Anclote Island, north of Tampa. Participants should arrive before 7:30 a.m. at the Odyssey Boat Dock for the three-hour trip. A question regarding parking was raised.

**BEACH WALK;** Deborah Hubbard announced the March 10 beach walk will be at Blind Pass at 9 a.m.

**25TH ANNIVERSRY VIDEO AND YEARBOOK:** Karen Blackford said the video is coming along very well. She reminded members that they can do little videos and submit them to her by Feb. 28. She also announced the board decided the yearbook should include the April 2021 Anniversary celebration, so the book will be available for purchase first thing in the fall. Karen thanked everyone for contributions to both projects, and mentioned specifically long-time members Sue Ross, Jane Guy, Anita Wilson, Marilyn Boyd and Linda Powers.

**25TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY:** Colleen Fosnough and Lisa Ketner announced the celebration will be April 20 from 10-2 at Maxine Barritt Park, the same place we had our Christmas party. Please bring chairs, and wear a mask and name tag. There will be games, prizes, silent auction, a special cake and much more. Members do not have to bring their own food; the March newsletter

will have information about the varied catered menus which can be ordered ahead of time via Colleen. Please do bring money to pay for lunch as well as auction items, etc.

**SHELL OF THE MONTH:** Martha Dehne discussed the Hawaiian Sunshine Shell, the Lambert's Pecten. This scallop is found only on various Hawaiian islands; the colors vary with the island and even the part of each island. They are found 300-600 feet deep and vary from the size of a dime to that of a silver dollar. They were worn by Hawaiian royalty. Live shells are never gathered as that would bring bad luck. She also discussed various traits of scallop shells and some specific to this particular Pecten.

**BUSINESS FOR NEXT MONTH:**

**Election of Officers:** The presidents announced that current officers are willing to remain in office next year: Martha Dehne and Meredith Blain, co-presidents; Leslie Furnage, vice president; Judy Kauk, treasurer; Anita Wilson, secretary; and Linda Masterson, Candy Niziol, and Sandy Ouderkirk, board members at large. However, members may nominate additional candidates; the vote will be at the March 16 general meeting.

**Emeritus and Honorary Members:** The Board will decide on nominees at the next board meeting, however members should suggest people prior to that March 2 meeting. This vote also will be at the March 16 meeting.

**Newsletter:** Lisa Ketner asked members to submit articles for the next two newsletters.

**COA:** The Conchologists of America's annual meeting is planned for mid-June in Melbourne. Information is out. It is a great meeting with excellent field trips. Contact Linda Powers for more information.

**DOOR PRIZES:** Beautiful shells mounted on framed canvas donated by Susan Ross were awarded to Jane Guy, Patrice Rutter, Karen Blackford and Barbara Zittel.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita Wilson, Secretary

Approved: 3/2/21