

**Englewood Shell Club
General Meeting
November 13, 2012
Englewood Elks Club**

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 by President Nancy Weborg.

Business Meeting

Nancy presented the Treasures report. Our balance is currently \$6,870.67.

Programs- Charlie Barr reported that the January speaker will be Karen VanderVen, "Florida AND Honduras 2012".

Excursions- Deb Freeman reported that Dec. 14th and Jan. 11th we will have the Carefree Learner Trips. Everyone was reminded that the boat is docked at Sarasota Harbor and it leaves at 7:00a.m. Call or email Deb if you have questions.

Ruth Middlebrook reported that the Palm Island Trip is Friday Nov 16th. Everything is set for the trip, everyone going will be meeting at Prime Time at 7:30 a.m. to set up car pools.

The Useppa trip is scheduled for Jan. 22nd; the Tropic Star will pick us up at Boca Grande. The price is \$62.00 which includes boat, lunch and museum tour.

The trip to Cedar Key is set for Feb 26/27 the cost is \$94 which will include a boat trip, lunch and breakfast.

Beach Walks- Darlene Gallentine reported that Dec. 12th will be the next beach walk at Manasota Key Beach 10:00a.m.

Sunshine –If any member knows of a person who needs a card they should let Carol Genest know. Pres. Nancy mentioned that Doris Lyons a past president has passed away.

Communications –MaryLinda Coward is the editor. Pres. Nancy reminded us that the deadline for all information going into the Jan newsletter is Dec. 14th. ESC Newsletter@aol.com.

Social- Sheila Miller reported that the Christmas party is December 18th, at Howards starting 11:00a.m. She will need volunteers for decorating and check-in. There is a sign-up sheet . There will also be a gift exchange. You are to bring a \$15.00 shell related gift if you would like to participate.

Library – We still have 12/13 outstanding books for the Library, Everyone was reminded to please return all books.

Membership – Katherine is working on the current roster, this will be available online. We now have a new sign-in at the meetings for all new members. Nancy passed out new member packets.

Merchandising - Shirley Kastner reported that all the merchandize is here and for sale.

Study Group-The group will meet on Dec 3rd at Deb Freeman's house at 1:00. The members will be planning this year's program.

Shell Crafters- Sandi Ouderkirk reported on Shell Crafters. The meeting will be at the Suncoast Church on Riverwood from 1-4 the Thursday after the general meeting. The cost is \$7.00 for the room plus materials.

Nov. 15th –Bracelets, Jan. 17th –Trees /Wreaths, Feb14th Mirrors, Mar 14th Gar Shells.

We need volunteers to decorate and undecorate the Christmas tree at Cedar Point, dates are On Dec.5th/Jan 3rd, at 10:00.

Charlie Barr introduced our speaker of the month Linda Shockley. She had a wonderful slide presentation on Bivalves and Clam shells.

Old Business

The nominating committee for the 2013/14 slate of officers will be Judy Green, Ruth Middlebrook, and Helen Gardner.

New Business

The club will have a Shell sale for members at the March meeting. January there will be a short meeting after the business meeting to plan the sale.

Christina Anglin has a shell display at the Library for the month of November.

Bet Hamilton presented the shell of the month, a rare beautiful shell she found at the pit. She will also present the shell of the month in Jan.

John Coagrande gave us more information on the mystery snail from the October meeting.

We had our drawing for door prizes.

The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,
Shari Loechler, Secretary