

**ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB**  
**General Meeting Minutes**  
**November 17, 2020**

The second general membership meeting of Englewood Shell Club for the 2020-21 year was Tuesday, November 17 at 1 p.m. via Zoom because of the pandemic. Because of a mix-up on correct passcode, the meeting began about 20 minutes late. Dr. Eileen Maldonado, Mote Marine Laboratories and Blue Horizons Inc., presented an excellent illustrated program about Chemical Cues in the Ocean. Every member learned so much.

**BUSINESS MEETING:**

Following the program, the business meeting was called to order by Presidents Meredith Blain and Martha Dehne.

Judy Kauk reported a current balance of \$5213.13.

Current membership stands at 74 members.

**TEAM LEADER REPORTS:**

**SOCIAL:** Colleen Fosnough was not present, so the co-presidents announced the Club Holiday party would be a picnic at Maxine Barritt Park Pavilion, Venice on December 8 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Everyone should wear a mask and bring their own lunch, beverages and a lawn chair. There will be party favors, a shell auction (pictures of some of the shells were shown), door prizes, and grab bags to add to the festivities. Members were encouraged to bring \$10 Target or Walmart gift cards for Christmas giving at the St. David's Jubilee Center for their Christmas

giving program which supports families in need. Members who plan to attend should RSVP to Colleen. The co-presidents also announced the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary party would be combined with the end of the season picnic in April.

**BEACH WALKS:** Deborah Hubbard announced the next beach walk would be at Nokomis Beach at 9 a.m.

December 16. Park in the first parking lot as you arrive at the beach. The January 13<sup>th</sup> beach walk will be at Englewood Beach. Deborah said we had an excellent Friday, Nov. 13 beach walk with 13 members plus one guest; the meeting had been impromptu, rescheduled from Wednesday because of Tropical Storm Eta on Wednesday.

**EXCURSIONS:** Marty Atkins asked Meredith to report on a recent trip to 10,000 Islands. She found numerous Florida cones, several 5 inch diameter sand dollars, horse conch, and other dead shells as well as she observed a live paper fig shell.

Marty then announced the Keewaydin trip on December 9 leaving at 9 a.m. from Rose Marina, Marco Island, has 14 people registered; there are 22 spots, so it is still possible to sign up. The cost is \$55; one must be a member to attend. This is a rain or shine trip; there is no food, water or facilities on the island, so arrive by 8:45 equipped and ready to board. ESC members will have the entire boat. There will be a return boat at noon; another at 2 p.m. or even later. Contact Marty by phone to reserve a spot. Marty is also planning a trip via Reel Kind out of Goodland

taking us to Shell Island or others in the area for late January or February.

The Presidents announced the Carefree Learner trip is still scheduled for January 15 at 7:45 a.m. leaving from Marina Jack's area in Sarasota.

**SHELL OF THE MONTH:** Candy Niziol introduced Sue Ross who gave a very interesting talk about the Atlantic Winged Oyster, a shell that is unusual but was found in great numbers on area beaches this summer. Among the points she made were the facts that the oyster is "edible, but considered unpalatable" and that they can be used to make pearls by inserting seed, but this is not done in the US.

**SHELLCRAFTERS:** The Presidents announced Judy Kauk would be leading a workshop making polymer clay seashells at Lemon Bay Park Pavilion 10 a.m. Nov. 20. All supplies will be provided, so there will be a small fee of \$3.00 to cover supplies. The December craft session will be Dec. 18. ESC 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary stickers will be for sale at ShellCrafters sessions (\$3 each or 2/\$5.).

**SHELL STUDY:** The next meeting will be January 27 at 10 a.m. at Lemon Bay Park pavilion. There are no meetings in November or December because of the Holidays both months. Volunteer presenters are needed for the spring meetings.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR FOUNDER:** Barb Myers was attending via Zoom and today was her birthday, so the group congratulated her and sang Happy Birthday.

Meredith Blain, Jackie Hall and Lisa Ketner won the shell raffle of Tulip, Helmet and Horse Conch, respectively. Although the meeting was adjourned at 2:40, members stayed online to chat for some time. Everyone had found great shells and observed interesting live shells ever since tropical storm Eta Nov.11.

Respectfully submitted

Anita Wilson, secretary  
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