

## Englewood Shell Club

### General Meeting Minutes

November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Lemon Bay Park

The meeting was called to order by President Christina Anglin at 1:00.

Christina welcomed and reminded everyone that the raffle tickets for the Shell Shop and wall plaques are now available to purchase. She announced that Joan Stegmeyer will be the chairman of the raffle. The tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Tickets will be sold through the March meeting and the winners will be determined at the April picnic. These donations were given to the club by Barb Myers, a founding member.

Also a reminder that all checks for any club function or product are to be made out to Englewood Shell Club.

Christina acknowledged Larry Strange and his wife for the hospitality shown to the club members at the Pizza party at their home during the Sanibel trip.

Shell of the Month: Debbie Freeman gave a short talk on the Slipper shell.

Ruth Middlebrooks will be speaking on the Music Volute in January.

#### Business:

Minutes- October minutes are posted for all to read and the latest approved minutes will be on the club website under members only. Anyone with difficulty downloading the minutes or the directory should see Susan Ross.

Treasurer's Report- Nancy Weborg reported that the current club balance is \$5,020.35.

#### Committee Reports:

Programs- Anita Wilson announced that all upcoming programs are in the newsletter.

Excursions- Debbie Freeman announced that the December 3<sup>rd</sup> Carefree Learner trip is full and has a waiting list. The January trip still has availability. Anyone going on these trips must wear water shoes.

Ruth Middlebrooks spoke of a February 1<sup>st</sup> trip to Honeymoon Island and a February 15<sup>th</sup> breakfast at Mote Marine. There will be a April 3<sup>rd</sup> fossil trip at the Immokolee pit. Marilyn Boyd told of what a wonderful time everyone had on the Sanibel trip.

Beachwalks- The December walk has been cancelled. The next one is January 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at Manasota Beach. Look for the windsock with shells.

Communications- Susan Ross announced that the November newsletter is online. If any

members don't have email or are unable to download the newsletter they should let her know and she will mail it to them. On the website there is a members only button where members can access the latest approved general meeting minutes and the membership directory. Go to the page with user name and password and put in member and member.

Librarian- Eunice Herr reminded those who have checked out books that there are many that need to be returned.

Historian- Sue Rundle would like photos from the recent Sanibel trip.

Membership- Linda Powers reported that prior to this meeting 125 had renewed and joined. Linda welcomed new members with membership packets and their choice of whelks. Linda encouraged all members who don't have a name tag to go through the unclaimed pins. Anyone who has changes for the directory should see Susan Ross or Linda.

Social and Sunshine- Jackie McLean asked that anyone knowing of members who should receive cards from the club to please contact her.

Christmas Luncheon- Nancy Weborg reported that there were 55 signed up for the luncheon prior to today's meeting. Everyone attending should bring a nonperishable food item which will be taken to an Englewood food bank. There will be a gift exchange for those wanting to participate. The gift should be shell related and is limited to \$15.00.

Fifteenth Anniversary- Brenda Steele reported on the January 22nd Marina Jack luncheon cruise. It will be a buffet and will include a 2 1/2 hour cruise around Sarasota Bay. After December 10<sup>th</sup> if the cruise is not full guests will be allowed.

Merchandising- Eileen Tabone reported that there are still t-shirts for sale. She presented new products, including check book covers for \$7.00, calendars for \$6.00 and luggage tags for \$4.00. She is hoping to have a club pin available soon.

#### Group Reports:

Study Group- Debbie Freeman announced that there will be no study group in December. The next meeting will be January 11<sup>th</sup>. The topic to be studied will be Turbans, Stars, and Tops. Please bring a chair.

Shellcrafters- Joy Brandt showed examples of the Christmas ornaments that will be the December 11<sup>th</sup> project and shell wall plaques on January 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be red and green gar scales for sale at the December work shop. Sign up sheets are available for the workshops and for the plaques to be ordered. Also an envelope for the money.

Christina mentioned that there will be a table for crafting projects to be displayed at the general meetings.

Outreach- Amie Barnicle encouraged members to volunteer for outreach talks and projects. Anyone that knows of a group that would like an outreach speaker should let her know. Debbie Freeman reported that some members of the Central Florida Shell Club out of Orlando came to her home recently to view her shell collection and spend some time on an Englewood beach. She mentioned that our club should support and encourage other shell clubs.

#### Old Business:

Christina reminded everyone that the February meeting has been changed to March 2<sup>nd</sup> in order to accommodate authors /speakers Peter Dance and Harlan Wittkopf. Decorating the Cedar Point Park Christmas tree will be December 1<sup>st</sup> and it will be taken down on January 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00.

There is a need for volunteers to set up and take down tables and chairs for our meetings. Christina is looking for someone who will address this need. Marilyn Boyd would like volunteers for greeters at our meetings also.

Susan Ross needs old club photos for the January newsletter featuring the history of the club. December 23<sup>rd</sup> is the cutoff date for the newsletter.

Debbie Freeman has COA applications for any members that are interested. Talk to Debbie if interested in joining or if there is interest in the 2010 Boston convention.

#### Drawing for Door Prizes

Anita Wilson introduced speaker Homer Rhode. He spoke on “ Land Snails-A Worldwide Perspective”. Anita presented Homer with an ESC hat.

A motion was made to adjourn and approved. The meeting was adjourned by the President at 2:35.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Judy Kauk, Secretary