

ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB MINUTES

Holiday party 2020

The Englewood Shell Club Holiday Party was held at Maxine Barritt Park in Venice on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. It was a bring your own lunch event because of the pandemic. Approximately 30 members attended on a very cold and windy, but sunny day. Many people were dressed in Holiday attire.

There were grab bags with special shells available for purchase for \$5.00 each. There was also a silent auction of beautiful specimen shells organized by Candy Niziol which had been part of a collection put together for Cedar Point Park years ago by the Club. The shells were originally donated by Freeman's Crosby's neighbor Shirley Ryan's estate when she passed in 2002. The park is currently remodeling its education center. Once remodeled, they would like ESC to provide a collection of identified shells of Southwest Florida, but no longer wanted the International Collection. Meredith Blain and Cindy Boyd donated art and a wine basket for a raffle. More than \$500 was added to the treasury via the silent auction and raffle. All grab bags were sold, many purchased by Grant Walker and then regifted to attendees. Cute shell decorated pine cone Christmas trees were given as favors; this ShellCrafters project was organized by Judy Kauk and Leslie Furmage. Goodwill donations for the needy were accepted for distribution by Englewood's Jubilee Center; this was organized by Karen Blackford.. More than \$300 was collected.

Members had a good time conversing in person, even though masked during this long pandemic.

Anita Wilson, secretary

(This is simply a report of this event, not true minutes. Therefore they were not approved by the board.)