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President's Message – Brenda Steele

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I hope you enjoyed the holidays. It's the time of year to be with family and friends and making new memories.

I'd like to extend a special thank you to the members of the Club who made ornaments and/or decorated our Christmas tree at Cedar Point. You did a beautiful job and your efforts were appreciated by the staff and visitors to the park. Our Christmas luncheon at the Manasota Beach Club was filled with holiday spirit, great conversation, friendship and delicious food. Thanks to Pam for organizing this annual event. Thank you to the summer beach walkers for donating the supplies and making the unique favors.

Your Board of Directors and Team Leaders are enthusiastic and are looking forward to growth, new ideas and diverse activities. We value your input and support. One of our goals is to provide a scholarship to a Lemon Bay High School senior who is pursuing a degree in marine biology. This effort will be funded by proceeds from a raffle and contributions strictly for the scholarship fund. A shell birdhouse and a needlepoint art work, both donated by Kris and Charlie Barr, are the raffle items.

I am so thankful to Barb Myers. Because of her dream and hard work, I have gained knowledge on mollusks, been to places I never would have visited, and have made lasting friendships.

Together, we can make 2015 a memorable year for you and the Englewood Shell Club.

Shellcrafters Sessions Martha Dehne and Leslie Furmage

January 9, 2015 is a TBD at this time but all hands are needed on January 12, to help take down the Cedar Point Park Christmas tree – volunteers needed again!

February 13, 2015 - Diane Herger will be demonstrating shell flowers and asks that you collect lots of coquinas that will be required for this project.

March 13, 2015 - Karen Paulsen will lead us making shelled cigar boxes.

A note to our instructors: As Shellcrafters will be meeting the Fridays PRIOR to our ESC meetings; we will have a whole month to forget what the next project will look like! Instructors should provide detailed supply lists (and maybe a photo if possible) of their shell craft project, specifying what items the instructor will provide, and what items the crafters should bring. At the ESC general monthly meeting, these lists will be available for members to pick up on the on the table with the sign-up sheets.

Shellcrafters charges \$5 to participate in each class, and there may be an additional cost if the instructor is providing any materials. If you have any questions, suggestions or comments; please contact Martha Dehne at 941-473-1247 or Leslie Furmage at 941-828-1297.

Ruth Middlebrooks, Marilyn Boyd, Carol Ayers 2015 Fun Times

Dates for two upcoming excursions have been set. The first is a bus trip to Honeymoon Island on Thursday February 26, 2015. The cost for this day trip is \$41.00.

The second trip is a two night trip to Cedar Key scheduled for March 24, 25, 26, 2015. Captain Doug's boat will take us for a shelling trip on March 25th. We will stay at the Island Room Resort. More details will be available at our January General meeting.



Study Group New Location! **Linda Powers**

Have you ever found a shell while walking along the beach or even in a parking lot that you weren't quite sure what kind of shell it was. Well bring that shell and your curiosity to the ESC study group. Our Study Group meets the last Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at Cedar Point Park.

It's a great way to learn more about shells and meet club members. We hope to see more of you there!

Membership **Sandy Ouderkirk**

The 2014-2015 ESC Membership form is included in this newsletter for you to complete and return to Sandy Ouderkirk.

Be sure to review your current contact information Sandy has in her membership roster and update anything that may have changed.

If you know of anyone interested in shells, invite them to one of our meetings – the more the merrier!

Carefree Learner **Carol Ayres**

There is still room for our Carefree Learner trip scheduled for Wednesday, January 21st.

We leave at 7:45 a.m. sharp from Marina Jacks in Sarasota. There are only 24 seats. To reserve your spot you will need to pay \$20.00 when you sign up. We also need a phone number or cell number if possible in case there is a weather cancellation. The trip is 2-3 hours on the sand flats of Sarasota Bay. It could be cold, and it will be muddy, so dress accordingly. Water shoes are a must. This is a non-refundable trip unless it is cancelled due to weather.



If you have any questions call Carol Ayres 941-8308252 or 508-274-6584. Find more info on the carefree learner website at <http://carefreelearner-shs.com/Home Page.html>

GENERAL MEETING PROGRAMS 2015

The last General Meeting program was presented by Linda Powers. Linda entertained the shell club with a travelogue about a trip six club members took to the Philippine Islands in January 2013. ESC members on the trip included Brenda Steele, Rita Stonehouse, Charlie Barr, Homer Rhode, Joe Bao, and Linda Powers. The pictures presented were very interesting and the crowd was wowed by the shells featured in the slideshow. Here's a picture of some of the shells found on that trip:



Upcoming Presenters:

January - SURPRISE

February - Shell Outreach program

March - John Colagrande

April - Members picnic

We are looking forward to showcasing some of our members and what they do!

Outreach Programs 2015 Amie Barnicle and Jane Guy

The ESC volunteer Outreach presenters did a great job last season during their portion of "Treasures from the Sea"; which was appreciated by the Englewood area folks that joined us at various locations such as Cedar Point Center, both local libraries, mobile parks, schools, museums, and environmental groups.

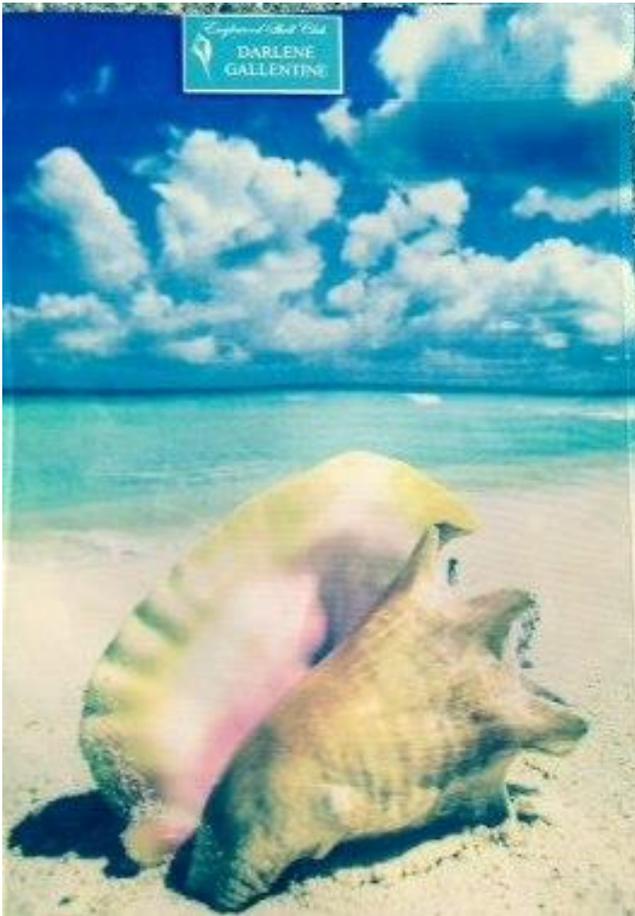
The ESC Outreach Team, representing the ESC, has scheduled the first couple public service presentations for 2015. The next scheduled events will be at Cedar Point Center on January 15th at 10:30 a.m. and Elsie Quirk Library on February 12th at 2:00 p.m. These programs highlight the Florida mollusks readily found along our local beaches.

These Outreach programs are open to the public and ESC members are encouraged to attend.

Beach Walks Darlene Gallentine

Hi Fellow Shellers. The beach walks for 2014-2015 are scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month. The beach walks are a way to meet other members while doing what we all want to do -- collect shells.

Here is the shell flag that will be flying where we gather on the beach of the month. Please bring your shell collecting containers, a plastic or mesh bag, sunscreen, water and a beach chair. We often go out for lunch but that is optional.



HISTORIAN Nancy Weborg

What is the job of the ESC Club Historian? My job is to take pictures to share with all the club members to preserve the past, present and future of the club get-togethers, excursions, beach walks, meetings, etc. While I may not be able to attend all of the club's functions, there are many members who share the pictures they have taken for me to include in our archives. Please feel free to visit with me at our monthly General Meetings and find out more about the information I have available for members to see.

LIBRARY LeAnn Bowers

Remember to check out the library books as a resource for you to help identify and learn more about the wonderful world of conchology. There are also books on craft projects you can do with the numerous treasures you will collect from area beaches or the shelves of craft stores.

Be sure to drop by the library at a monthly general meeting and peruse the variety of books available.

Die Hard Beachwalkers Nov 19, 2014 - a blustery, cold day

These ladies are true troopers for a cold and blustery November 2014 beach walk day. Hopefully you found some treasures from the sea and a warm lunch! At least there was NO SNOW!



APPLICATION FOR ESC MEMBERSHIP 2014-2015

(PLEASE PRINT)

Please complete application and include your check made payable to the Englewood Shell club. Send to:

**Sandra Ouderkirk
8984 Bantry Bay Blvd.
Englewood, FL 34224**

<u>Individual Membership</u>	<u>Family Membership</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal\$35.00
<input type="checkbox"/> New*\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> New*\$60.00

Name _____ Spouse (optional) _____

Florida Address:

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

E-mail _____

Other Address:

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Would you be willing to serve on one of our many committees? Yes No Maybe

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Pictures taken during Englewood Shell Club activities may be displayed in ESC publications. I agree that I am individually responsible for my own safety and my personal property when I participate in any club field trip activity. I will not hold the Englewood Shell Club, field trip leaders, nor the property owner liable for any injuries should they occur.

Signed _____ Date _____

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**covers one-time cost of name tag*

DO NOT COMPLETE

Check # _____ Amount _____ Dated _____

