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President's Notes

Greetings fellow shellers! I hope that all of you are enjoying the summer, and resting up for another busy shelling season.

As you can see, our newsletter has found a name - Thanks to Rosemary Kurt! She won the name game hands down. There were plenty to choose from, and I would like to thank all of you who submitted suggestions. Good job!

Once again I would like to mention the need for material for our newsletter. The *Shell Scoop* needs the input of our members to keep it interesting. We have an active club. Members from all walks of life who have chosen to join us because of their love of shells. Many of you enjoy shell crafts, others like shell fossils, and all of us enjoy collecting Florida shells, and still others have interests in shells world wide. Each one of us has a favorite shell story, or two. Why not share them with us?

Submissions need to be to me by the 14th of August to make our next issue. Hope to hear from you.

Don't run away yet! I'm off my soap box, and on to the fun part. So please read on. Learn what plans are in the works, then plan on joining us.

Happy shelling!
Debbie Freeman

VISIT OUR WEB SITE

<http://fcrosby.com/shell/index.html>

SHELL FOSSILS

The response has been overwhelming from those who took part in the fossil hunting trip to Arcadia. I keep hearing about the wonderful fossils that our members found! We have our guide, Mark Rentz, to thank for taking such good care of us. Mark was a great help when it came to identification and information about Florida fossils. Everyone went home with buckets and bags full of goodies. Perhaps we could have one of our study group meetings to do a little shell fossil identification?

LET'S GO SHELLING!

Even though we do not have an official trip chairperson, hint-hint, we have managed to set up a few shell adventures for you with the help of Barb Myers and Debbie Freeman.

Barb has been kind enough to arrange a visit to the Bailey Matthews Museum. on Thursday, Dec. 4th. This will be a car pooling trip, to meet at the museum at 10 a.m. The details have yet to be worked out, we will have a flyer with the information for you at the meeting before the trip.

Debbie has set up two Carefree Learner trips this year. The first is on Nov. 24, the second on Jan. 22, 2004. Debbie has requested sunshine for both days.

For those of you who will be here in Oct., we are planning an individual boat trip on Oct. 30. There is a minus 0.13 tide at noon. A few of our club members have offered to take us out on their boats to enjoy the afternoon. If you would like to join us, please e-mail, phone, or write a note to let Debbie know. We would like to have an idea of how many are interested. A final head count, and details will be given at our first meeting, on Oct. 28.

Debbie's e-mail <limpet@comcast.net>

QUESTION AND ANSWER

By Linda Powers

Q: What is an operculum?

A: An operculum is the "trap door" of the mollusk. The mollusk has the ability to shut itself up tight within its shell, thus closing the trap door to protect the soft animal. The operculum is often referred to as a "horny" material, meaning that is the same material of which the horns of mammals are made. The operculum alone can be a highly prized find. Operculum of turbans, for instance, are very unique and colorful. Serious collectors display the operculum with the shell, gluing it to cotton within the aperture. For more on operc's see <http://www.nansaidh.us/operc/index1.html>

PROGRAMS

Marilyn Boyd has been busy scheduling our guest speakers. She has done a fantastic job of organizing, so please give her a big conch *thank you.*

October - Dick Forbush
 January - Alice Monroe *tentative
 February - Dr. Leal
 March - Charlotte Loyd

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**TIDE CART**  
**LEMON BAY, JULY 2003**

By Linda Powers

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## CRAFT CORNER

By Rosemary Kurt

If you have the shells, we have the teachers! Our new craft classes will start in the fall! We are still working on a meeting place, but classes will be held on the 4th Friday of the month, November-April. Time to be announced. In order to keep the class size manageable, only paid members of the Englewood Shell Club may participate.

At the first club meeting in October, there will be samples of what we will be making throughout the season. There will be a list of the supplies you will need to bring to the November class. A supply list for each craft class will be provided at the meeting before the class. There will be a charge for each class, and we ask that you please sign up at the meeting prior to the class.

Start collecting your coquinas, cat paws, jingles, buttercups, and quahog clamshells. Any questions, please contact Claire Johnson at (493-4454) or Rosemary Kurt (473-0844).

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|                  | Claire Johnson |
| Study Group:     | Barb Myers     |
|                  | Dick Forbush   |

Welcome and **THANK YOU!**

~We still need a person or two for Trips ~