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President's Notes

The end of our shelling season together has arrived. By now many of you are traveling north with thoughts of seeing family rather than collecting shells on the beach. However, there are still many of us here who will keep you informed of news from Englewood, and any treasures that wash our way.

Our last meeting and picnic was a fun time. The weather cooperated and the pool temperature was just right. There was plenty of food, drink, and good company to share it with. I would like to thank those of you who went the extra mile to help put it all together. Especially, Judy Curtin, Arlene Poetz, Audrey & Andy Grant. I would be remiss if I did not mention my husband, Glenn, who worked that afternoon to assure that everything ran smoothly so that we could all enjoy the party.

One thing I need to mention is that there will be no club related craft classes going on during the summer. Many of you have asked, and although there may be a class organized over the summer, please remember you are on your own, and that Rosemary will not be there to help set it up. The fee will be subject to the discretion of the instructors, not the ESC.

There will be two more issues of the Shell Scoop mailed to you this summer, one in July, and again in September. A reminder that we can always use articles about shell related topics. Also any ideas or comments are welcome.

Have a great summer!

Debbie Freeman

SHELL STUDY GROUP

by Barb Myers

Our Shell Study Group ended a busy year of shell identification with a surprise birthday party for Dick Forbush, our faithful mentor! It's hard to believe, but Dick greeted his eighth decade on April 17, two days before our final get-together at Cedar Point. Our birthday cake did surprise him, and then we got to work. Thanks for helping us so much all year, Dick, and our warmest wishes for many more happy birthdays. We will meet again next year on the second Monday of the month at Cedar Point at 1 p.m. Come join us!

You can find us in color on our web site:

<http://englewoodshellclub.org>



CRAFT CORNER

by Rosemary Kurt

The Shell Crafters have had a wonderful first year! The organization of classes and the outcome of the classes were enjoyed by all who participated! Thanks to all who assisted. Your help was much appreciated.

With our fourth Craft Class on April 2nd, we brought back to class the flowers we made on March 12th and the flowers we made on our own after we learned the methods of flower construction. At this class, we learned the art of flower arranging using our shell flowers, greenery, and filler. Our teachers, Linda Thompson and Linda Rawson were a wonderful help in completing our arrangements!

The Shell Crafters will not meet again until January 2005. Samples of what we will be making and sign up sheets will be displayed at our first shell club meeting in October. I am requesting that all of us bring our shell crafts for Show & Tell at this first meeting! We will have a table set up for this display.

Questions? Please contact Rosemary Kurt at 473-0844, email: rokurt@comcast.net

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

by Barb Myers

An Education Committee has been formed to look into possibilities for community outreach for our club. Occasionally we are contacted by local groups interested in knowing about our Shell Club or asking us to participate in local functions such as the Tringali Center Day for various organizations, Lemon Bay Park, or Cedar Point functions. There may be other educational or outreach activities which we might initiate as a club project. The Education Committee will address these concerns.

Committee members are Marj Battista, Jane Guy, Diana Leonhardt, Ruth Middlebrooks, Linda Powers, and Barb Myers. If you are interested in serving on this committee or if you have ideas which you would like to present to the committee, please contact one of the members. We have already started "brainstorming", and will meet in November for discussion and future recommendations to the club.

Club member Shirley Rose would like to thank all those who sent cards and best wishes for her speedy recovery. Shirley is back home, and doing very well.