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President's Message – Brenda Steele

The 2014-2015 season of the Englewood Shell Club is off with a good turnout at the October meeting. It was a nice to have time to reconnect with returning members and offer a warm welcome to new members. Members brought "show and tell" creations and Christmas ornaments for our Cedar Point Christmas tree. A slideshow ran for the duration of the meeting. It began with last April's picnic and then captured the volunteer work done by members over the summer. A thank you goes out to Linda Powers for presenting the slideshow and to those who represented our club.

This year I initiated a membership card. It is given out when one's dues are paid. The card entitles a member to discounts at many of the local businesses and free admission to Bailey Matthews Museum. I was pleased to hear that some members have already utilized the benefits of the membership card.

We have also had our first crafters class, beach walk, and shell study group for the season. The first excursion is to the Keys from November 12-14. There are still some places available on this trip. Because it is not sold out, a member may bring a guest. This is always a great trip. Don't miss out, book now.

The next board meeting is November 4th a 10:00 a.m. at Elsie Quirk Library. You are welcome to attend. In any event, stop by the library any time during the month of November to see our shell display. I look forward to seeing you at the November 18th general meeting

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The ESC website has a new address so if you have the website saved as a 'favorite' be sure to update to our new location:

www.inglewoodshell.club

Shellcrafters Sessions Martha Dehne and Leslie Furmage

On Friday, October 10, the Shellcrafters met to make Christmas ornaments to replace the worn ornaments used on the Cedar Park Christmas tree. You can see the results of our collective efforts on the photo cloud on our webpage.

Next session will be on Friday, November 7, where you can express your creative talents by making abalone nightlights. Ruth Middlebrooks will head up the session. Be sure to bring a flat surface to use as a base about 5 – 6 inches long. Flat coral or driftwood are good options.

December 8, we will be decorating the Cedar Point Park Christmas tree at 10:00AM, and we will need volunteers! December 12, we will make shelled napkin rings with Kathy Schley.

January 9, 2015 is a TBD at this time. January 12, we will take down the Cedar Point Park Christmas tree – volunteers needed again! February 13, Diane Herger will be demonstrating shell flowers. She asks that all of you begin collecting lots of coquinas that will be required for her project. March 13, 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 actually 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 meeting, we will place your lists on the table with the sign-up sheets. Shellcrafters charges \$7 to participate in each class, and there may be an additional cost if the instructor is providing any materials.

Any questions, suggestions or comments can be directed to Martha Dehne at 941-473-1247 or Leslie Furmage at 941-828-1297.

Excursion to Islamorada and Key West Does it get any more fun that???

Ruth Middlebrooks, Marilyn Boyd, Carol Ayers

Excitement by our ESC members is rising over our bus trip to the Keys. We will leave on Wednesday, November 12, 13 and return to Englewood on Friday the 14th. There is still room on the bus so if you want to join the fun, contact Ruth Middlebrooks in North Carolina (NC) if you are interested. She will not be back in Florida until November 1st. Her telephone number in NC is 252-261-8503 or you can contact her on or after November 1st at her Englewood number: 941-474-4538.

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.

There will be a shell flag 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.

I hope to see you on November 19 at Manasota Beach!

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 2 Carefree Learner trips scheduled for Tuesday, January 6th and 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 for each trip, separate checks postdated January 1, 2015. You will need to pay when you sign up. We also need a phone number or cell number if possible in case there is a weather cancellation. Trips are 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>

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.

We have many great books in our library and I hope everyone will use and enjoy them this year.

PROGRAMS 2014 - 2015

This year we will feature some of our own members.

November - Linda Powers

December – Members Christmas Luncheon

January - Anne Joffee

February - Shell Outreach program

March - John Colagrande

April - Members picnic

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

Christmas luncheon - Tuesday 12/09 Manasota Beach Club. 11:00 a.m. \$28.00



If you are interested in signing up for the ESC Christmas Luncheon, Pam Orozco will not be at the October meeting. You can sign up by contacting her through her email and you can send your check to her at her mailing address listed below:

Pam Orozco
950 Elwood Ave.
Englewood, FL. 34323
pcorozco54@yahoo.com

Study Group New Location! Linda Powers

The first study group of the new Shell Club season was held at Cedar Point Park on Wednesday, 10/29. Seventeen members, both new and old, attended. Linda Powers, along with the help of Homer Rhode and Bet Hamilton; who are both very experienced and knowledgeable shellers, started with the basics about seashells, focusing mostly on reproduction and growth. All who attended conveyed an appreciation for the content and enjoyed the format. Many attendees indicated they would be able to attend the next group which will be on Wednesday, Nov. 26th, which is the day before Thanksgiving. The Study Group meets the last Wednesday of each month at 2:00p at Cedar Point Park.

I hope to see more of you there!
Linda Powers

HISTORIAN Nancy Weborg

This could possibly be the best job in the Shell Club. I get to go to all our get-togethers, all our trips, the beachwalks, meetings, etc. and take pictures to share with all the club members to preserve the past, present and future of the club. And if, perhaps, I can't attend a club function there are many members who share the pictures they have taken. Ask me more about the information I have available for members to see.

Nancy Weborg

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**

Individual Membership	Family Membership
<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 _____