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# ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB

## THE SHELL SCOOP – SHELL SEEKERS

### NOVEMBER 2020

**CLUB WEBSITE:** [www.Englewoodshell.club](http://www.Englewoodshell.club)

Co-Presidents: Meredith Blain & Martha Dehne

Hello Shell Seekers!

Well, we've done it! We've completed our first month as a "Covid-safe" ESC! We've had a beach walk, shell study, and crafters, all while social distancing and wearing masks. Each activity was attended by a great group of shell seekers. Nothing better than getting together with friends. If you were unable to attend any of these events, we hope to see you this month.

Oh, and who could forget our first general meeting held via Zoom? Thirty-six members participated. If you were one of them, then you probably felt like I did—thrilled to see and hear everyone! A true reminder that ESC is my happy place. Thanks to all of you who joined us and a very special thank you to Karen Blackford and Linda Masterson for making themselves available before, during, and after the meeting to see that things ran smoothly. Way to go girls! Speaking of giving thanks, we'd like to thank our friend and member Sue Murray for her commitment and talent that she generously shared with us for the last several years. Sue won't be joining ESC this year due to health issues and will be missed by all.

We have a lot of fun activities planned for the upcoming months. Please check the calendar on our website for details. And don't forget the Englewood Shell Club YouTube channel. Most meetings and activities were videoed by our own Meredith Blain and put on YouTube for you to enjoy if you have been unable to attend.

This year may be different from years past, but so far we can all agree the Englewood Shell Club is still a fun & exciting place to be!

Hope to see you soon.

Co-President  
Martha Dehne

# November General Meeting will take place on Zoom Tuesday, November 17 at 1 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86432049302?pwd=OVhxdWJvS1k0RGNDQ0hZditJV0tSUT09>

## November guest Dr. Aileen Maldonado will speak about *Chemical Cues in the Ocean*

Aileen joined the Mote team in fall 2019. Her research interests are in the area of marine ecotoxicology and chemical ecology. She strives to understand the fate and effect of natural toxins and anthropogenic toxicants on marine organisms' molecular pathways and behavior so that this information may be used to manage and preserve marine ecosystems and marine biodiversity. She is interested in using analytical techniques (ie. LCMS/MS) to improve our understanding of detoxification of pollutants and natural toxins.



Aileen's dissertation research focused on the chemical coevolutionary relationship between butterflyfish and corals. She analyzed the natural toxins produced by corals to prevent predation and assessed the ability of butterflyfish to adapt and detoxify coral toxins. Here at Mote, she studies the impacts of red tide toxins on marine organisms. She also studies the impacts of a red tide, pesticides and personal care products on fish and corals.

Aileen's experience with pesticides and risk assessment for 2+ years is ideal for the research focused on mitigating red tide on the West coast of Florida. Assessing the impact of red tide and any potential technique or compound proposed to mitigate red tide is important. The results from this work can reduce the detrimental effects of red tide on Florida's coast while minimizing risk to the environment.

Aileen has a passion for education and outreach. She taught marine ecology in Panama for a year, taught underrepresented youth in an Oakland middle school, and taught high school students at a non-profit institute Blue Endeavors. She continues to volunteer and teach marine biology and diving for Blue Endeavors.

At Mote, Aileen is interested in applying ecotoxicology molecular techniques to coral ecology. Her goal is to support reef restoration efforts by selecting for corals that are tolerant not only to climate change but also to anthropogenic pollutants. Another goal is to increase knowledge of the molecular underpinnings of corals to better understand what anthropogenic impacts are causing stress.

**Do you need to contact a fellow club member?**  
Email and home addresses and phone numbers can be accessed by entering a user name and password in the Members Only section of the ESC's website.

Welcome to the following new ESC members:  
Carmelle Awad, Amanda Collett, Lisa Gunnels,  
Jackie Hall, Eve Marino, and Barbara Rosol.

### **Beach Walks Team Leader Deb Hubbard**

*"Our first Beach Walk of the season was well attended by 11 members and 3 new members at Manasota Beach. Not many shells were found but it was a beautiful day! It was so nice to finally get together and talk with everyone (social distancing was observed)."*



Judy Kauk, Martha Dehne, Sue Ross, Diane Herger, Linda Hamilton, Pam Orozco, Linda Powers, Candy Niziol, Linda Masterson, and Anita Wilson



**Three New Members**—left to right: Lisa Gunnels, Jackie Hall, Carmelle Awad

## **November Beach Walk**

**Please Wear a Mask**

Our next Beach walk will be November 11, 9:00 a.m. at Boca Grande Beach (by the lighthouse at 880 Belcher Road). Deb will have our shell flag and most likely be located within walking distance to the restrooms. Remember to bring something to sit on, suntan lotion, and bag lunch if you wish. Need more info? Call, text, or e-mail Team Leader Deb Hubbard.

## **SHELLCRAFTERS**

**Please Wear a Mask**

Shell crafters, of all skill levels, meet 10 a.m. on the last Friday of the month, October thru April at Lemon Bay Park in Englewood. **Team Leader Leslie Furmage's** dedicated helper of many years, Sue Murray, has retired. If you have an interest in filling this vacant position, contact Leslie.

## STUDY GROUP

Please Wear a Mask

Study Group meets on the last Wednesday of October, January, February, and March. Until further notice, members will be meeting 10:00 a.m. at 28 Lemon Bay Park—570 Bay Park Blvd., Englewood.

## MERCHANDISE NEWS Team Leader Patti Redmond

*“Orders for any new merchandise are currently on hold until in-person meetings are resumed. Please contact me to make arrangements for pick up of any remaining merchandise that was previously ordered and paid for. Until then, wear your Shell Club fashions in good health.”*

## LIBRARY NEWS Team Leader Candy Niziol

*“Four of the latest issues of Beachcombing magazine have recently been added to our library. Can’t wait for you to check them out when we can all meet again at our general meeting.”*

## HISTORIAN’S Request Team Leader Karen Blackford

*“Do you have fond memories of ESC people, trips, special events, amazing shell finds, etc.? Do you have copies of articles featuring the club and/or its members? Do you have copies of new or old club related photographs? If you do, please email them to me. Pick up is available.”*

## THE ESC MARKETPLACE!

Have a shell or shell related material to sell? Place an ad in our monthly newsletter. Ads can be no longer than 40 words and must contain your name. Cost: \$5.00 per ad/per newsletter. All ad material, plus payment (check made out to Englewood Shell Club) should be mailed to Candy Niziol two weeks prior to the upcoming issue.

## Check Out What is FOR SALE!

A perfect wood and glass cabinet to display your shells \$20  
17 inches wide, 20.5 inches tall, 10 inches deep  
Mirror bottom, two glass shelves, with a glass inlay top  
Contact Candy Niziol for more information and pictures.





This cheerful 4" by 3" sticker, designed by ESC Historian Karen Blackford, is **NOW** available for purchase!

Price: one for \$3 or two for \$5.

All monies raised after printer's fee is paid, support club expenses such as events & rental fees. Stickers can be purchased at Beach Walks, Shell Crafters, and Study Groups.



**A WARM Thanks to Meredith Blain and our Webmaster, Freeman Crosby, for creating an amazing ESC channel on YouTube!**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3C41vREL0nB05SuqSPkmtA/>

You may also access videos by clicking Photo Video located on the Website's Main page. Contact Meredith if you need assistance.

Thank you to the following ESC members for their generous gifts:

Susan Ross—shell/craft supplies

Family of Audrey Grant—shell collection

Anonymous—monetary donation

Candy Niziol—monetary donation

Meredith Blain—monetary donation

Anonymous—Bailey Matthews Shell Museum membership

**CAREFREE LEARNER TRIP** is **ON** 8 a.m. on Friday, January 15. Cost: \$20 per person. Space is limited to 20 participants. To reserve your seat or for more information, contact Excursion Co-Team Leader Carol Ayers.

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2020-2021

Complete application (please print) & include your check payable to the Englewood Shell Club

Send to: Gay Barlow, 13089 Feldman Avenue, Port Charlotte, FL 33981

Please Circle or Check Your Membership Choice

	<p><b>Membership Renewal \$30</b> <b>New Membership \$40</b> <b>Family Membership Renewal \$45</b> <b>New Family Membership \$70</b></p>
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**\*Note:** Fee for new members covers one-time cost of name tag & membership folder.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

**Florida Address:**

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**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 personal property when I participate in any club field trip activity. I will not hold the Englewood Shell Club, field trip leaders, or the property owner liable for any injuries should they occur.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT COMPLETE BELOW** (For Membership records only)

.Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_



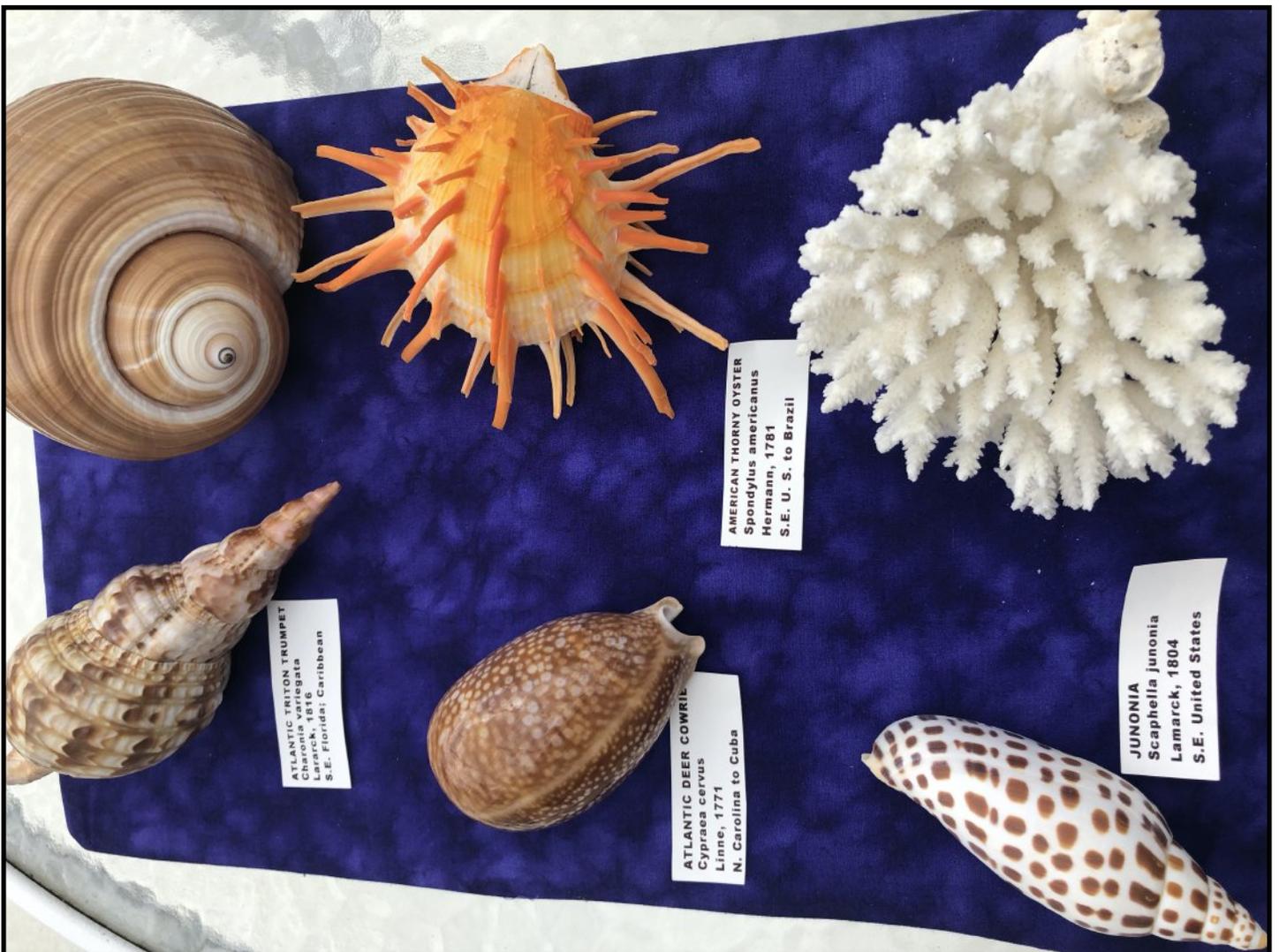
**HI HO! HI HO! IT'S OFF TO KEEWAYDIN WE SHALL GO!**

**Co-Team Leader Marty Atkins**

Date: Wednesday, December 9, 2020. Time: TBD, but between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. Price is \$55, includes tip. Boat has capacity of 22. If we get enough interest and book the whole boat, time could be flexible on the early side. If interested, please contact Marty Atkins via text.

## **SILENT AUCTION!**

*“Our Holiday Picnic is fast approaching and we have some amazing, wonderful shells that will go to the highest bidder. To name a few: Spondylus, Triton, Coral, Tun-the rest you can check out and bid on at the picnic. Be sure to bring cash or your check book”* says Silent Auction Coordinator Candy Niziol.



ATLANTIC TRITON TRUMPET  
Charonia triton  
Lamarck, 1816  
S.E. Florida; Caribbean

ATLANTIC DEER COWRIE  
Cypraea cervus  
Linne, 1771  
N. Carolina to Cuba

AMERICAN THORNY OYSTER  
Spondylus americanus  
Hermann, 1781  
S.E. U. S. to Brazil

JUNONIA  
Scaphella junonia  
Lamarck, 1804  
S.E. United States



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**HOLIDAY PICNIC**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8**

**MAXINE BARRETT PAVILION FROM 10-2**

**Bring Your Own Food and Beverage**  
**Please wear a mask**



**Party Favors!**



**Join  
the  
FUN!**



**Door  
Prizes!**



**Silent  
Auction!**



**\$5 Grab Bags!**

If it is in your heart, please bring a \$10 Walmart or Target gift card. Cash donations also welcome. Your generosity will support the Saint David's Jubilee Center of Englewood, a non-profit religious organization dedicated to helping those in need.