



ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB

THE SHELL SCOOP-FOR SHELL SEEKERS

MARCH 2021

CLUB WEBSITE: www.Englewoodshell.club

Co-Presidents: Meredith Blain & Martha Dehne

Hello Shell Seekers!

Happy March! My sweet mother used to refer to March as "the month of luck." She made a huge deal of it. Pulled out everything green. Her small collection of Belleek (Irish) pottery and her green depression glass. She would make corned beef more than once and serve it with Irish soda bread. It was always such a refreshing time...after winter, before spring. During that time my mom would also remind us how lucky we were. Lucky to have a home, food, each other but, also lucky for our wishes to come true. She would say it didn't matter how silly they seemed; March was the month of luck and maybe we'd be lucky enough for them to be granted. We as ESC members are lucky. We have continued to meet with our shell loving friends, taken a few shell excursions and found some great treasures! Colleen Fosnough and Jackie Hall both found junonias! and Karen Huether found a gold lined cone-the rarest of the rare!! How lucky are they? There's a saying ,If you're lucky enough to live near the beach, you're lucky enough!" I'd say that's true for all of us. Wouldn't you? So, happy month of luck my friends! Enjoy this issue of the ESC newsletter and mark the upcoming events on your calendar.

Hope to see you soon!

Martha Dehne, co-president



*"May flowers always line your path and sunshine light your day.
May songbirds serenade you every step along the way.
May a rainbow run beside you in a sky that's always blue.
And may happiness fill your heart each day your whole life through."
~ Irish Blessing*

GENERAL MEETING 1 PM VIA ZOOM TUESDAY, MARCH 16

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pwd=RTMxM0ZNcDdPVm1KOW5ZMEpuL25XQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4867663210?pwd=RTMxM0ZNcDdPVm1KOW5ZMEpuL25XQT09)

March Guest Speaker: Mary Lundeberg

Mary Lundeberg is a full-time resident of Englewood, Florida. She is a conservation photographer & writer who celebrates the natural world.

Her goal as a photographer is to create appreciation for the beauty and fragility of this planet, especially water ecosystems, such as the coastal regions and estuaries in Florida, the rivers in Wisconsin and Colorado, and the glaciers in Antarctica. Mary's specialty is wildlife, which requires stillness, patience, and a passion for understanding animals.

Mary's photographs have been exhibited in juried art galleries in several states and published in books, calendars, and newspapers, and she has won awards from state, national and international associations. A retired professor and department chair from Michigan State University, she has taught photography through Ringling College of Art and Design and at the Venice Rookery.

She writes nature books for children and adults. Mary has contributed pro bono work to the National Park Service, Stump Pass Beach State Park, the Science and Environment Council, Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program, Lemon Bay Conservancy, Audubon, Conservation Foundation of the Gulf Coast, Friends of Stump Pass State Park, the Charlotte County Environmental Caucus and Coastal Wildlife Club.



Our February Beach Walk was enjoyed by 12 ESC Members: Karen Blackford, Anita Wilson, Jane Guy, Linda Masterson, Kathy and Walt Cycak, Jackie Hall, Wayne Cormier, Lisa Ketner, Deborah Hubbard, Colleen Fosnough, and Cindy Boyd. The weather was beautiful and it was so good to see everyone!
Deborah Hubbard

MARCH BEACHWALK!

Team Leader is Deborah Hubbard

The March Beach Walk will be Wednesday, March 10, 9:00 at Blind Pass Beach (6725 Manasota Key Rd, Englewood). Look for our beach flag and our chairs (usually located within walking distance to the rest rooms). See you there!

Barrier Island Parks Society, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit Citizen Support Organization, CSO. Our mission is to inspire the exploration and the preservation of our natural and historic treasures. Our affiliated Florida State Parks include: Cayo Costa • Don Pedro • Gasparilla • Stump Pass.

You can download the BIPS 2021 Program Guide by visiting the organization's easy to navigate website.

Greetings Everyone,

Historian Karen Blackford has been working hard on a variety of projects to make our club's 25th anniversary memorable.

A request for members to send her our favorite Englewood Shell Club moment, got me thinking. It did not take long to discover, I could not choose one.

The thing I like best is the diversity of activities offered by ESC. I enjoy the physical activity provided through beach walks and excursions. I enjoy the intellectual enrichment of study group and the programs that introduce us to new things. Both of these increase members' commitment to the environment and making, not raping, our natural world. We have helping/teaching aspects in the club, through the outreach activities of youth groups, talks to adult audiences, and displays at various venues in the area. We build our creative natures through ShellCrafters. The Club provides so many social opportunities to make new friends and expand relationships. And we develop leadership abilities in members via planning and implementing various administrative and action-oriented responsibilities.

We always had a few male members, often die-hard shellers with vast knowledge and experience, but it was the first excursion to **Useppa Island**, that brought spouses into the club. Useppa is a private island and one that many area folks wanted to visit, but could not. When we arranged the first trip, a gate opened! After that many spouses came to meetings, parties, as well as on excursions, and of course to the Marina Jack dinner cruise in honor of our club's 15th birthday! Thanks, Ruth!

What an experience arriving at **Cedar Key** one morning to find they had a **tornado** earlier that morning while we blissfully rode along in our bus! That weekend provided several unique experiences. In addition, it gave us lots of stair climbing exercise since the power was out for a while. For example conch shell tools used by early Native Americans washed to the shallows and bricks from what had once been the world's largest pencil factory washed from shore into those same shallows!

We learned so much at **Study group**, especially under the leadership of Dick Forbush and Debbie Freeman. And how much my husband and I learned at the COA meeting in Portland, Oregon, as well as at ones closer to home.

ShellCrafters is always fun. Some of my favorites were learning to make **jewelry** and making a simple **Sailor's Valentine** which I gave to my husband on Valentine Day!

What better Florida memory could there be than **dolphins** cavorting behind the boats that took us shelling or taking a side trip into a lagoon to watch **manatees** up close. I was fascinated watching a huge **Pear Whelk laying her egg strand** in Sarasota Bay on one Carefree Learner Trip and watching **colonies of jingles squirt** water like little geysers as the tide changed another time. Linda Powers says there probably were sea pork or squirts below the jingles doing the squirting, but who knows!

One never knows how wide our influence goes. A lady stopped me one summer day in a Hayward, Wisconsin grocery store and said, "You are in the Englewood Shell Club, aren't you?" I said yes, and she said she and her husband had brought their granddaughter to a **shell talk** Barb Myers and I gave at Cedar Point Park. It ended up to be the favorite thing of her granddaughter's trip and a couple years later, she was still spouting facts learned that day! As we chatted, I remembered the bright-eyed little girl sitting in the front row between her grandparents.

And finally, I so appreciate all the **personal help** from other members over the years. Joe Bao and I both lost our significant others the same day, both totally unexpectedly. Joe had been treasurer while I was president; it was so nice to help each other with recovery. And then when I fell and broke my shoulder that fall while I was getting ready for a Sanibel trip, everyone stepped up, took over my duties, took me to the doctor, and advised me on medical treatment. I am forever grateful.

*Sincerely,
Anita Wilson*



IF YOU HAVE BEEN THINKING IT WOULD BE BOTH FUN AND REWARDING TO SERVE AS A TEAM OR CO-TEAM LEADER FOR THE 2021-2022 SEASON, HERE ARE THREE OPPORTUNITIES TO CONSIDER: LIBRARIAN, PROGRAMS, STUDY GROUP

Responsibilities of the Librarian(s) include keeping a PDF listing (PDF already created) of all books in library and update as new books/magazines are received.

Paste sign up cards in back of new books.

When six or more new entries are added to PDF, send file to Lisa Ketner for submission to Freeman Crosby for posting on our website.

At each general meeting, take library cart out & set up by displaying books.

At the end of each meeting put books back into cart and lock up.

Arrange "Shell of the Month" by recruiting members to take turns briefly speaking at a general meeting about his/her favorite shell(s).

If this position interests you, please contact Candy Niziol.

Purpose of Study Group

The purposes of this section of the Englewood Shell Club are many: help members identify their shells with both common and scientific names, to inform members about the living animals who live in the shells they find, and to raise awareness of the importance of conservation of the marine and terrestrial environments inhabited by mollusks to insure their survival and enrich our own lives.

Responsibilities of the Study Group Team Leader(s)

Arrange and/or lead monthly study group sessions.

The leaders should encourage participation of the members in **sharing information** they know about the shells, and to share information they know about where to find given shells in general and at that point in time. Members should be encouraged to bring more unusual shells they have found since the last meeting to share with the group.

Leaders do not have to present each lesson themselves. They should be alert for opportunities to **include others**. Ask for members to give sessions; ask members who give a shell of the month at a general meeting to expand on the topic for study group. Ask the members what they would like to study.

Encourage members who have gathered shells on either our excursions or their own to share their findings. Take advantage of members' special expertise. Photography 101 during the 2020-21 year is a perfect example! In the past we have had classes on how to enter and win at Shell Shows.

Publicize Study Group sessions via newsletter items and announcements at general meetings.

Solicit help from the group to assist the club with educational projects for the public that are outside the realm of the Outreach group. For example, one year, the club inherited a wonderful International shell collection, but the shells were not identified or labels were mixed up. The Study group spent several meetings identifying the shells and produced an educational display for Cedar Point Park. Another year, the group identified the most abundant shells on our local beaches, photographed nice specimens and wrote blurbs about them.

If this position interests you, please contact Martha Dehne.

Responsibilities of Programs Team Leader(s)

Leader Arrange to have speaker presentations at November, January, February and March General Shell Club Meetings. Give short description of speaker/program to Lisa Ketner for newsletter. Set up projector before the meeting. Arrange payment with the Treasurer.

If this position interests you, please contact Meredith Blain.

ESC 25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

MAXINE BARRITT PAVILION 11-1:30, TUESDAY, APRIL 20

PLEASE WEAR A MASK and YOUR NAME TAG. BRING A COMFY SEAT.

FOOD-DARRELL'S BBQ RESTAURANT:

Darell will serve pulled pork, smoked chicken (white and dark) macaroni and cheese, baked beans, coleslaw, corn bread, and butter. BBQ sauces include: hot, Carolina, and sweet. Cutlery is included. Free soft drink available.

Here's how it works: Colleen will put total cost on her credit card. Members pay her \$15 in cash April 20—day of celebration. If you would like BBQ for lunch, contact Colleen no later than **April 15**.

CINDY'S FREE AMARETTO BROWNIES

FREE MYSTERY BAGS AND PARTY FAVORS

COLLEEN'S FREE MYSTERY TREAT

SCREENING OF A SPECIAL COMMEMORATIVE VIDEO— PRODUCED BY HISTORIAN, KAREN BLACKFORD

COSTUME CONTEST: No theme; however, an entrant's costume must include silver (tinfoil, ribbon, glitter, fabric, etc.). Peers will vote for their favorite costume and the winner will receive a prize!

CLUB DECALS: ONE FOR \$3 OR TWO FOR \$5

SILENT AUCTION: Wine Basket donated by Cindy Boyd, Shell Photographs on Canvas donated by Meredith Blain, Two large Abalone Shells, Hebrew Cone, King Helmet, Atlantic Thorny Oyster, Crown's Conch, Decorative Jar of Shells created by Leslie Furmage, & Much More!

Please bring singles and fives if you plan to purchase decals. Please bring cash or checks if you plan to participate in silent auction. Thank you!



Karen B. her sister, Kelly M., and Lisa K. visited Lido Beach on an early February morning and were wowed by this fogbow spotted by Kelly, who took the photo. According to earthsky.org Fogbows – sometimes called white rainbows, cloud bows or ghost rainbows – are made much as rainbows are, from the same configuration of sunlight and moisture. Rainbows happen when the air is filled with raindrops, and you always see a rainbow in the direction *opposite the sun*. Fogbows are much the same, always opposite the sun, but fogbows are caused by the small droplets inside a fog or cloud rather than larger raindrops.

Shell and Tell is Back—with a Twist!

**Share a photograph and tell us a story
about your shell OR unusual beach find.**

Submit often as you wish to Lisa Ketner via email.

LIBRARY NEWS

Team Leader Candy Niziol

Thanks to Sue Ross for the following book donations to our library.

Beach Treasures of the Gulf Coast by S. Peter Dance & Harlan E. Wittkopf
First Field Guide; Shells by National Audubon Society
Out of my Shell; A diversion for shell lovers by S. Peter Dance
Rare Shells by S. Peter Dance
Sea Glass by Anita Shreve
Seashells on my Mind by S. Peter Dance



SHELLCRAFTERS

Join the fun making
Party favors for 25th
anniversary celebration!

10 am Friday, March 26
Lemon Bay Park pavilion

TEAM LEADERS are Leslie F. & Colleen F.

Please wear a mask.

STUDY GROUP

Led by Meredith Blain

Bring your sea finds, knowledge,
& questions about shells, urchins,
seahorses, and sea stars.

10 am Wednesday, March 31
Lemon Bay Park pavilion

Please wear a mask.



It is with a heavy heart, that I tell all our shell club friends that Nancy Weborg passed away at her home on February 11. She was very active in club for years before health issues plagued her. Nancy held the position of treasurer before becoming President of ESC in October of 2012. She served as President for two years and continued to be an integral part of the Shell Club working at the check-in desk and as Parliamentarian.

She was born in Michigan in 1942 and moved to Florida after her retirement from Kroger and the court system. Her two children reside in Michigan and her grandson was the apple of her eye.

Nancy passed away quietly with her special friend Walter and her daughter, Kristin at her bedside.

She will be missed.

Nancy's family has returned to Michigan & there will be no services here in FL.

*Sincerely,
Marilyn Boyd*



ESC PRESIDENTS

1996-1999

FOUNDING MOTHER
BARB MYERS

1999-2001

MARILYN BOYD

2001-2003

JUDY CURTAIN

2003-2006

DEBBIE FREEMAN

2006-2008

ANITA WILSON

2008-2009

DORIS LYONS

2009-2011

CHRISTINA ANGLIN

2011-2013

NANCY WEBORG

2013-2015

DEBBIE FREEMAN

2015-2016

BRENDA STEELE

2016-2018

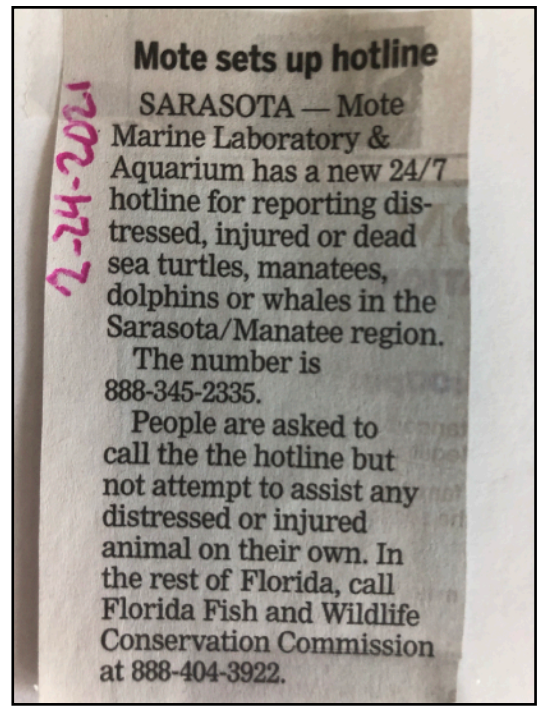
LINDA POWERS

2018-2020

COLLEEN FOSNOUGH

2020-PRESENT

MEREDITH BLAIN & MARTHA DEHNE



Colleen Fosnough had a sweet Valentine's Day on Shell Island!

March 2021 Member of the Month: Amie Barnicle

What is your favorite shell? A Thorny Oyster gifted by Dr. Tucker Abbott

What is your favorite found shell? Wentletrap. I enjoy giving them as gifts to friends.

What is your favorite beach? Captiva

What is your most unusual find? A 4 1/2 inch rust-colored True Tulip found in Lemon Bay.

Share a fun fact about you. I am very lucky to still be living!

Also, I had success exhibiting in Sanibel Shell Shows. Among some winnings, a blue ribbon for an Albino Lace Murex and a major Florida shell collection trophy. (Amie hopes sharing this information will inspire club members to compete.)

How long have you been an ESC member? Somewhere between 18 and 20 years.

Amie was the first child of four. Her younger siblings are male. Raised in Atlantic City, New Jersey, her passion for shelling and boating began when she was a young girl. Before the end of her ninth year, Amie's father was her copilot as she handled his 45-foot yacht. Plans to study engineering, as one of the first two women accepted to Massachusetts Institute of Technology, changed when family circumstances needed her attention.

In 1948, Amie entered the US Army. Upon completing about three and a half months of PhotoOp training, she was flown to Frankfurt, Germany, along with military occupational forces under command of General Eisenhower and assigned to the Photographic Division of the Signal Corps. Amie traveled through the country recording troops on maneuvers and rebuilding projects. Her duties also included processing and developing black and white 35 mm film.

Amie met her future husband, Joseph, in Germany. They were both honorably discharged in 1952 and returned to New Jersey. After exchanging vows in Atlantic City, they settled in his hometown-Sudbury, Massachusetts.

After their son was born, Amie became a stay at home mom and charity worker. As a volunteer, she utilized her talents and energy to support and or create projects that focused on meeting the varied needs of children and their families residing in Middlesex County.

Amie and her family started visiting Sanibel, Florida, in the 70s. Within a few years, they purchased a winter home there. In addition to being an active Sanibel Shell Club member, Amie assisted world-renowned malacologist Dr. Tucker Abbott in establishing the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum in the latter

part of the 80s. One of her initial responsibilities was to collect food for the live mollusk exhibit. As her knowledge expanded, Amie gave educational presentations to visitors.

From 1993 to 1998, Amie owned and operated Eco Touring Kayaks based in Fort Myers Beach. In 2003, Amie moved to Cape Cod, Massachusetts, sold her Sanibel home, and purchased another in Englewood. Amie soon joined the Englewood Shell Club. She participated in various roles and many good friends were made. Amie especially enjoyed the eight years she and Jane Guy co-chaired Outreach with the assistance of multiple members. In addition to public lectures, the team created and delivered shell exhibits to educational facilities such as schools, libraries, and Cedar Point Learning Center.

Amie is unable to attend the club's 25th anniversary celebration in April, but she looks forward to seeing everyone at the October meeting.



Outreach members at Cedar Point Learning Center, 2013. Left to right: Darlene Gallentine, Jane Guy, Amie Barnicle, and Linda Maggore
Photo provided by Jane Guy

February Excursion: Anclote Key-Tarpon Springs



February Shell Island Excursion

