



ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB
THE SHELL SCOOP – SHELL SEEKERS
APRIL 2022

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Co-Presidents: Meredith Blain & Martha Dehne

Greetings Shell Seekers!

As the shell club season is winding down, Martha and I want to thank all of you for remaining or becoming Englewood Shell Club members. Thank you to our Board of Directors and Team Leaders. Thank you to everyone who has and is willing to volunteer. We could not exist as an organization without YOU! I am excited and thankful for everyone who has stepped forward to assist the club and all of the activities that it provides.

Enjoy the last excursion and Luau! Shellebrate! Rest up, gear up, and have a great summer. Sea you in October when we kick off year 27 of the Englewood Shell Club.

Sincerely,

Meredith Blain, co-president

SEA Party

The kids' summer program, "Oceans of Possibilities," gets underway at the Charlotte Library on Friday, June 3.

Karen Blackford cordially invites four members to join her at the shell and craft table from noon to three. Please RSVP via phone, text, or email no later than April 20.



Hi-ho! Hi-ho!

It's off to summer camp
ESC members shall go!

Come join the fun watching
kids react to Seashells 101.



Tringali Park, Sarasota
Friday, July 19, 11:00AM-1PM
Sign up contact is Meredith Blain

Tuesday, April 12: Year-end Gathering

LUAU VENUE

Maxine Barritt Park

800 Harbor Dr S, Venice, FL



Maxine Barritt was a community activist who lobbied to have this be a passive park when it was being built around 2010. The park is in Venice city limits but is maintained by Sarasota County.

Its large picnic pavilion affords one of the most beautiful Gulf views in the area. The park has walking trails around a manmade lake, restrooms and plenty of parking. It is adjacent to the Brohard Paw Park on one side and Sharky's restaurant and the Venice Fishing Pier on the other.



FUN on the HORIZON!

Social Team Leaders, Pam Desruisseaux and Pam Orozco, want you to know the member wearing the best luau themed outfit, wins a prize.

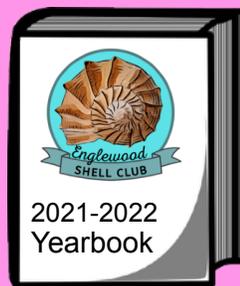
In addition to food and fun, there will also be a photo booth if you wish to have your picture taken alone or with the best of shell friends! Thank you in advance ladies for what we know will be a smash-up year-end celebration.

Last but not least, thank you ladies for the well-organized, memorable Holiday luncheon.



NO April Beachwalk

Thank you Kathy Cycak and Chris Hofer for being GREAT co-Team Leaders.



Yearbook News!

There will be a sign-up sheet at the April 12 Luau for all interested in ordering the 2021-2022 ESC Yearbook.

The estimated price is \$50-60 for a 20+ page, hard cover photo book full of memories and milestones from this past year.

You will be contacted in September with the exact amount & directed to send your check to ESC Treasurer. Yearbooks will be delivered at the first ESC meeting of the 2022-2023 season.

2022-2023 Board of Directors' Election Results:

Co-Presidents: Martha Dehne and Meredith Blain; Vice President: Leslie Furmage; Treasurer: Judy Kauk; Secretary: Diane Gallagher; Directors at large: Karen Blackford Marilyn Boyd, and Linda Powers. Thank you, Nominating Committee: Pam Desruisseaux, Jackie Hall, and Suzanne Skalski.

March 9: Blind Pass Beachwalk



Why Restore Eroded Beaches?

Beach erosion threatens the very resource that residents and visitors enjoy. Over 419.6 of the state's 825 miles of sandy shorelines are designated by the Department as "critically eroded." This designation is a level of erosion that threatens development, recreational, cultural, and environmental interests. While some of this erosion is due to natural forces and imprudent coastal development, a significant amount of coastal erosion in Florida is directly attributable to the construction and maintenance of navigation inlets. Florida has over 60 inlets around the state. Many have been artificially deepened to accommodate commercial and recreational vessels and employ jetties to prevent sand from filling in the channels. A byproduct of this

practice is that the jetties and the inlet channels have interrupted the natural flow of sand along the beach, causing an accumulation of sand in the inlet channel and at the jetty on one side of the inlet, and a loss of sand to the beaches on the other side of the inlet.

One way to restore eroded beaches is through beach nourishment (notice it is **not** called "renourishment"). In a typical beach nourishment project, sand is collected from an offshore location by a dredge and is piped onto the beach. A slurry of sand and water exits the pipe on the beach and once the water drains away, only sand is left behind. Bulldozers move this new sand on the beach until the beach matches the design profile. Beach nourishment is a preferred way to add sand to a system that has been starved by the altered inlets because it provides a significant level of storm protection benefits for upland properties and has the least impact on the coastal system. An additional benefit of beach restoration projects is that they quickly restore shorebird and marine turtle habitat. Local, state and federal entities are now managing over 200 miles of restored beaches in Florida. Source: www.floridadep.gov

Meredith Blain's photos & Cindy Boyd's art WIN with Sanibel Shell Show entries



Meredith won a blue ribbon in the professional photography category and a red ribbon in the multi-media professional category.





Cindy won a blue ribbon for "Queen of the Sea" in the single piece of jewelry category and a white ribbon for "Santa and his Peeps" in the holiday theme category.

Off the Shelf by Jackie Hall, librarian

Thank you Kitty Sadler for recently donating two books to the library that will be highlighting this month. *Reef Coral Identification: Florida, Caribbean, Bahamas*, and *Reef Creature Identification: Florida, Caribbean, Bahamas*. Both are by Paul Humann and include large color photos with clear descriptions. So if you happened to have been on any club excursions or have found things on the beach that you were unable to identify, these books may help.

Anita Wilson, right, won the Freak Shell contest prize, a teal tote decorated with a multi-colored turtle, at the March General meeting.



Anita has been the Secretary for the past 2 years, taking minutes at both Board and General meetings. Thank you, Anita, for your willingness to use your listening and writing skills to provide club members an accurate account of what's happened and what's to be coming down the pike. Thank you new member, Diane Gallagher, for raising your hand to pick up the pen when the 2022-2023 season gets underway.

Shells and Bad Water: Ocean Acidification and its Effects on Mollusks

Dr. Jose Leal is currently the Science Director and Curator at the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum (Sanibel, FL). Visit <https://www.shellmuseum.org> to watch a video as you listen to him discuss some of the most recent finds and facts about the influence of ocean acidification on mollusks. Mollusks are small, slow-moving, slimy creatures that are barely noticed by most people. But there is much more to them than just a trail of slime or pretty empty shells. Mollusks are the second most diverse group of animals on Earth. There are at least 75,000 known species of mollusks, of which around 60% are marine. They are present in virtually all of Earth's natural environments and ecosystems, including deserts, cold mountain springs, rainforests, and the deepest ocean trenches. They are important links in the oceans' food webs. And, given the close association between accelerated increases in dissolved carbon dioxide (ocean acidification) and the chemical processes involved in shell growth, mollusks are probably earliest to be affected by that human-induced phenomenon.

Source: Jose Leal Director and Curator, Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum



OLDIES, BUT GOODIES

Pictured right: March Guest speaker, Dr. Rick Batt, gave an illustrated talk on the various subclasses of Cephalopods, focusing on nautilus and ammonoids. He also covered the genetic precursors of today's mollusks, starting with a wormlike animal. He recommended the books by Wolfgang Grueke, one of which we have in our library.



Did you know Meredith Blain & Martha Dehne will kick off their third term as co-presidents in early fall? Thank you ladies for your dedication to ESC!

NO APRIL SHELLCRAFTERS

See ya'll in the fall

Did you know Leslie Furmage has been the ShellCrafters' Team leader for nine years? Yes, that's nearly a decade! Thank you, Leslie for your long-term commitment to help members sparkle!

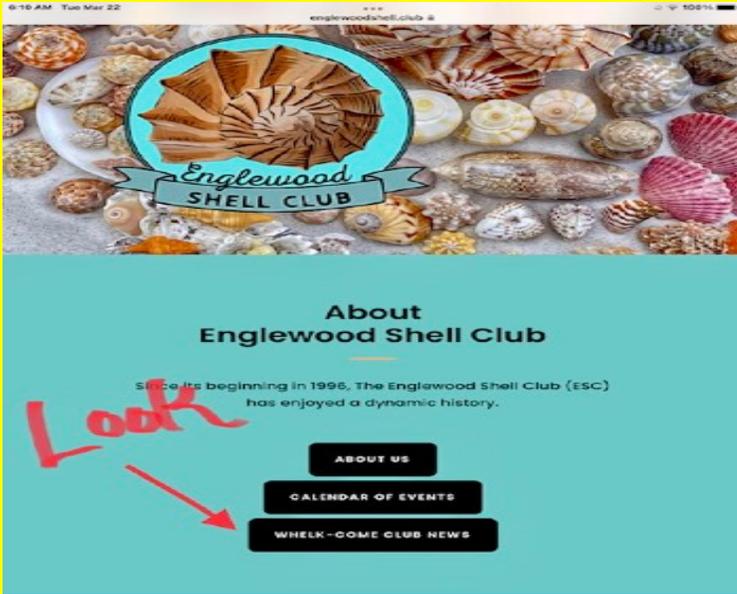


For Sale @ the April 12 Luau:

Each clay lightning whelk pendant costs \$10. The total sales amount will be donated to the ESC kitty. Thank you Linda! Schmoyer for your generosity!

WHELK-COME NEWS Has Arrived!

A brand new button to click, located on the website's About Us page, is now available for members who want lightning fast access to the most recent updates and alerts.



Stock up now for summer!

These gorgeous, business sized cards are super way to share information about Englewood Shell Club. See Martha Dehne if you would like a few. Thank you to our own talented designers, Candy Niziol and Karen Blackford.



SWFL SEA TURTLE
NESTING SEASON
STARTS MAY 1st
LIGHTS OUT

Extreme Low Tides



LAST CHANCE
FOR NIGHT
SHELLING



← Add 1 hour Don Pedro Island Deduct 30 mins →

Tuesday	4/12	5:27 am	-0.0
Monday	4/18	9:55 pm	-0.4
Tuesday	4/19	10:56 pm	-0.4
Saturday	4/30	8:18 pm	-0.2



New Moon 4/2
Full moon 4/17

SUPER MOONS
JUNE 14 STRAWBERRY MOON
JULY 13 BUCK MOON

Membership Growth Spurt

Have you heard the Englewood Shell Club's membership has been expanding by leaps and bounds over the 2021-2022 season? Most likely you have. But do you know to date the roster has 131 members, which includes 41 new members, and 20 families? Yes, clearly, word has gotten out ESC is educational, friendly, and fun. Thank you Membership co-team leaders, Sandy Ouderkerk & Linda Schmoyer, for your efficiency in managing the influx of paperwork without complaint.



**Time to return
the Library
Books.**

**TICK
TOCK!**

**HAPPY
EASTER!**



There will be a collection bin at the April 12 Luau

Karen Blackford was presented with the Founder's Award at March General meeting



L to R Meredith Blain, co-president, Martha Dehne, co-president, Karen Blackford, historian

The co-presidents presented the Founder's Award to Karen Blackford. The award is given to a relatively new member who has made outstanding contributions to the club. Karen began to serve as the club's Historian in 2021 and last year did an outstanding job creating a marvelous 25th anniversary year for the club, complete with video, year-book and t-shirt logo. In addition, she is a Facebook Page Monitor, has worked extensively in developing the club's new website and helps with activities from suggesting good excursion sites and sharing details to offering merchandising help and many other things. Source: Slightly modified March General meeting minutes

History of the Founder's Shell Award



Joe Bao, Marilyn Boyd, and Barb Myers
April 2021, ESC 25th Anniversary Party

In 2016, Barb Myers, ESC's founding mother, initiated the Founder's Shell Award to honor a member who has given thoughtful support, service and/or contributions to the club in the past year. In Barbs' words, "The Founder's Shell is our club shell, the lightning whelk. I found it on one of the club's early Carefree Learner trip in Sarasota Bay in December of 1998. I hoped that it will passed on each year in appreciation of a club member selected by the ESC President."

March sign-up sheets results:

First the Good News: Thank you to all who signed up to volunteer. DRUM ROLL, PLEASE! Reaching 100% of their goal are Beachwalk, Greeters, Membership, Merchandise, Secretary, Social, Sunshine, and ShellCrafters 2/3.

On the other hand, some areas did not reach their goal. In an effort to kick off the 2022-2023 season in tip-top shape, there will be another round of sign up sheets at the Luau (April 12). See list below. Don't worry if you aren't able to sign up in person. Martha and Meredith will add your name upon request via phone call, text, or email.

Studies show **buddying up** proves how two people achieve more than one person who works alone. Meredith and Martha are the perfect example, right?

Another study shows a successful organization has **teams** of individuals who bring unique talents and skills to the table for a common purpose.

Last but not least, the Board of Directors is there for anyone and everyone needing guidance and/or support.

Zero% Historian's request for mentees

Zero% Nominating Committee. Three non Board of Directors are needed during the latter part of each current season to prepare a slate of officers. Election takes place in March.

Zero% Outreach team leader/s position/s. 50% create/assemble shell displays. 8% hands-on educational activities. 25% non-solo Shell 101 Guest speakers (organizations, kids' camp, etc.) Meredith is available to coach.

Zero% to fill empty Programs team leader/s position/s. The main function of Programs team leader/s is to recruit Guest speakers for the following General meetings: November, January, February, and March. Meredith is available to coach. Also, she has a contact list to share.

Zero% to the fill empty Shell Study's Team Leader/s position/s. Shell Study takes place on the first Thursday, October through March. The Team leader/s main function is to recruit club members to take at least one turn giving an educational shell talk followed by a group discussion. Team leader/s also help members identify shells they have found and brought to Shell Study. Martha is available to coach.

Zero% Technically talented member/s to meet the tech needs of Guest Speakers at General meetings, November, January, February, and March.

20% Shell of the Month (coordinated by the librarians)

20% Shell auction team. Candy Niziol is available to give pointers.

25% Shell show and Sale team to assist Linda Hamilton.

50% of the following Excursions' goals were reached: sign up table, help with check in on day of excursion, organize carpools. 50% of goal was reached for on need basis to identify and make restaurant reservations. 50% of goal was reached for on need basis to identify and make lodging reservations. **Zero** members signed up for "I want to organize an excursion."

50% Carefree Learner assistants

In closing, ESC's foundation was strengthened by members who signed up to volunteer. Their commitment has made it possible to believe the sign sheets at the Luau will be well received and many of the gaps will be filled. If so, ESC and all of its members will experience a robust 2022-2023.

March 25: ShellCrafters: The Art of Friendship

