



The Shell Scoop November, 2022

Co-Presidents: Meredith Blain & Martha Dehne

Hello Shell Seekers!

Welcome back. I hope this finds you all safe and getting back to normal after hurricane Ian. He really did a number on Englewood and that includes the Elks Club and Cedar Point. They are estimating that the repairs to the Elk's building will be complete by the end of December. Our team is working hard to find other venues to hold meetings, ShellCrafters, and Shell Study. We've held two Board meetings and a Shell Study at two of our members' homes. (Thank you Anita Wilson and Kathy Cycak!). Jackie Hall has arranged for our November General meeting to be held at her neighborhood clubhouse. (Thank you, Jackie!) It is amazing how our club members pull together during a time of need.

The Board members, Directors at large, and Team leaders have been busy planning activities for the upcoming season. We already have two shelling excursions planned. And our annual Holiday Luncheon is on the books! Make sure to read about the details in this newsletter and stop by the sign-up tables at the meeting. Thank you to everyone that signed up to volunteer. Our Team leaders work very hard so any time that you can lend a helping hand it is much appreciated.

We have a new addition to the Board of Directors. Kathy Cycak will be our new Member at large. Kathy will be replacing Linda Powers who had to step down for another commitment. We are all looking forward to working with Kathy and would like to thank Linda for her help and continued dedication to ESC. I would also like to mention that ESC has been gifted a significant anonymous donation. A huge thank you to our donor for your generosity.

We do have some very sad news to share. Long time ESC member and friend Eunice Herr has passed away. Those of us that knew Eunice would all agree that she was a kind and gentle person and we were blessed to know her. Please keep her family in your thoughts.

Martha Dehne, co-president

It's Official: The 2022-2023 Season Kicks Off Tuesday, October 15, 1 PM @ the Lazy River Village Clubhouse: 10500 Tamiami Trail, North Port. Parking is limited. Plan on carpooling, bringing your checkbook, and perhaps an interesting shell treasure or creative shell craft to share during Shell and Tell.

In addition to 100 \$5 Shell Grab Bags (proceeds to benefit the hurricane damaged Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum), there will be merchandise to purchase and or order on display, and sign up sheets for two winter excursions: Carefree Learners is schedule for January 20. Twenty seats are available. Cost is \$20 p.p. Boat departs Marina Jack's at 7 AM. Keeywadin Island is scheduled for January 4. Twenty seats are available. Cost \$60 p.p., includes tax and tip. Boat departs at 7:45 AM.

Our Guest Speaker this month is Dr. Geiger, who is a Research Scientist in the Marine Fisheries Research section of the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation commission and has worked for the state of Florida since 1988. His current work focuses mainly on shellfish monitoring and restoration, primarily scallops, oysters, and hard clams. Dr. Geiger has published 16 peer-reviewed articles.

The library will be open. Borrowing books, magazines, etc, is FREE! And so is returning any library item/s you have had for longer than the allotted month.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to all our new and returning members. We look forward to seeing you in November. A membership directory will be posted on the website January 1, 2023. To assure your information is included, please submit your membership application and dues no later than December 15, 2022. As always, members must be in good standing to participate in any ESC activities.

Sincerely,

Jackie Hall and Linda Schmoyer, membership co-team leaders

EXCURSION POLICY

Checks only. Must be made out to Englewood Shell Club or ESC. No refund for canceling your verbal or prepaid reservation. However, you may sell or give your space to a club member. Membership dues must be paid to participate. Contact, via text, is Team leader Marty Atkins.

SAVE THE DATE!

Annual ESC Picnic—"Under The Sea"
April 18th, 11:30 AM @ Maxine Barritt Park
Details to follow!

True or False?

Lightning whelks primarily eat small clams and oysters with a unique and ritualized sequence of prey detection and feeding.

Mobilizing Millions of Mollusks of the Eastern Seaboard

Watch Recording

By Ruddier Bieler, PhD, Curator of Invertebrates Field Museum of Natural History and Jose H. Leal, PhD, Science Director and Curator Bailey Matthew National Shell Museum Source: BaileyMatthewsMusuem.com

ESC
Holiday Luncheon
Celebration

13 DECEMBER, 11:30 AM

• GIFT EXCHANGE •
• FOOD • FRIENDS • FESTIVITIES •

Manasota Beach Club
7660 Manasota Key Rd

BUFFET WITH NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES WILL BE SERVED

SHARE THE JOY SHELL EXCHANGE - Bring a wrapped treasure to give & receive one. There will also be a raffle for a special gift.

Sign up & pay at the monthly meeting 11/15
(Check made out to ESC) or MAIL BY DEC 1st to:
Pam Desruisseaux 843 Blue Crane Dr, Venice FL 34285

Cost is
\$38
per
person

ESC has selected FAMILY PROMISE OF SOUTH SARASOTA as our charity to bless this year. Your kind donation of \$25 gas cards, Publix, or Walmart gift cards of any amount will be a blessing to the many families in need.

ShellCrafters, Friday, November 18, 1 PM
Location and Project TBA



A lovely collection of shells was donated to ESC by Ruth Middlebrooks and her family on Tuesday 10/25. Members Chris Hoffer, Linda Schmoyer, Jackie Hall, Marilyn Boyd, Judy Landry, and Martha Dehne sorted through the collection, to be used for ShellCrafters, Outreach programs, and club sales and auctions. Thank you Ruth and her family, glad we could help.



It is with much sadness in our hearts to inform you that Eunice Herr, a long time member, passed away on October 28. Her family is of course heartbroken. Eunice spread kindness and love wherever she went. Eunice taught several shell crafter sessions, and her husband built the magnificent library shelves that we still use today. She will be missed.

Sincerely,
Meredith and Martha

I have to say this only way I know: Eunice Herr was part of the backbone of the ESC. She was dedicated to teach and share what she did so well. Her beading was exquisite and her nightlight & shell charm bracelet class was so well organized you had to succeed at making them. Never a ruffle of feathers, Eunice was the kind of person you would want to adopt as a Mom or Sister. Rest in shells, my friend!

P. S. Maybe she's beading bracelets for the angels already or Poinsettia pins made out of gar fish scales.

Sincerely,
Carol Ayres