



The Shell Scoop April 2023

Greetings Everyone,

I appreciate the membership's faith in me to lead and represent the ESC for the next two years. Gratitude and congratulations to our Past Presidents, Meredith Blain and Martha Dehne. I believe I speak for all members when saying these two ladies have done an admirable job over the past 3 years.

As President, I pledge to work alongside the Board of Directors, Team Leaders, and Volunteers to create new, and enhance existing ,educational and fun activities, events, and excursions.

Sincerely,
Lisa Ketner

The highlights of our March General meeting were welcoming guests from Sanibel Shell Club and Sarasota Shell Club, recognition, hosting Guest speaker, Cynthia Barnett, and the swearing-in of new club officers.

Member since 2008, Rita Stonehouse was honored with the 2023 Emeritus Award. In addition to writing the speech delivered by Co-President, Martha, Linda Powers gifted the library with Dr. Marcus Huber's *Volume 1 of Compendium of Bivalves* in recognition of Rita who "jumped in feet first into all activities relating to shells and the Englewood Shell Club."

Co-President, Meredith, then spoke fondly of her friendship with long-time participant, volunteer, and talented shell crafter, Eunice Herr, who passed away last year. *Volume 2 of Compendium of Bivalves* was purchased by the club in her memory.

Next, Karen Blackford introduced Guest speaker, award winning environmental author and journalist, Cynthia Barnett who presented an educational slideshow and an outstanding summary of each chapter featured in her latest book, *The Sound of the Sea, Seashells and the Fate of the Oceans*.



On behalf of ESC, Karen Blackford presented Cynthia with a self-crafted shell framed certificate of Honorary membership for "writing books that inspire us to be better shell collectors, better Floridians, and better caretakers of the gifts from the sea."

Special thanks to Karen for all of the behind the scenes work done to arrange Cynthia's visit; to Jackie Hall for handling the financial side of Cynthia's book signing; to Karen and Jackie for treating members and guests to refreshments, and to the Team Leaders and their assistants, especially, Team Greeters for efficiently multi-tasking with a smile.



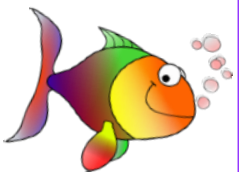
Following Intermission....



Co-President, Martha Dehne, swore in officers. Left to right: President, Lisa Ketner; Vice Presidents, Cindy Boyd and Pam Deruisseaux; returning Secretary, Diane Gallagher; Treasurer, Doris Wall; Director at large, Linda Hamilton; and returning Directors at large, Karen Blackford. Returning Director at large, Kathy Cycak was unable to attend but with us in spirit. Thank you, former Board members: Marilyn Boyd, Leslie Fumage, and Judy Kauk, for your service.



9 AM, Thursday, April 13: Beachwalk Boca Grande State Park. (Gulf Blvd & Belcher) Fees: \$6 bridge, \$3 parking. Limited spaces available so you might want to consider carpooling. **Note:** the park is at the very end of the Gulf. As you pass the pay station, first park/lot building to your right.



ARE YOU READY FOR THE BIG EVENT?

“We will be going Under the Sea, Tuesday, April 18 at Maxine Barritt Park. I look forward to seeing all you Sea Creatures who signed up! Call Pam D. if you have any questions.” Start time is 11:30AM.



March Shell Study: **Tides with Kathy Kenley** (click photo for video)



Thirty eager shellers joined water-woman and tide expert Kathy Kenley as she shared about perigee, perihelion, and perigean at the March Shell Study. Kathy explained how the moon's different positions to the earth cause those extreme low tides that expose a greater amount of shoreline for better beach combing. Most coastal areas have two low and two high tides daily but during certain times, the Gulf of Mexico may only have one high and one low tide each day. This is called a diurnal tide. As an avid kayaker, Kathy explained how she times her paddles to coincide with incoming and outgoing tides so that she can go with the flow. Thank you, Kathy!

Team Outreach on the Move in March



Team Outreach shared its love and knowledge of shells with the inquisitive lady members of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. First photo: Co-President, Meredith Blain, sharing shell information. Second photo: ESC volunteers Judy Kauk, Meredith Blain, Pam Desruisseaux, Candy Niziol, and Anna Hagstrom. Contact any of these ladies if you want to join the team.

Half a Secret....

Volunteers gathered at Marilyn Boyd's home in March and got to work on creating some secret shell bling party favors for the April picnic. The party favors are to be a surprise for attendees so no photos to be shown, but see below the team that created the no two-alike gifts for each and every one of you. Thank you, Cindy Boyd, for leading the session.



Front: Beverly Blakely, Cindy Boyd, and Marilyn Boyd. Back, left to right: Linda Peterson, Karen Blackford, Carole McConnell, Beverly Root, Gale Bakalik, Jackie Hall, and Pam Desruisseaux

No sign up required. Gate opens at 7:30AM.

Great American Cleanup Stump Pass Beach State Park Saturday, April 29, 8-11AM



Saturday, April 22, Cedar Point Environmental Park will be hosting a free family fun event with guided hikes, crafts, games, animal encounters, food, and environmental keynote speakers. This 1-4PM event will feature support for different local, environmental and conservation projects.

The seashell formed by sea urchins is called a:

- A. Test
- B. Coccolith
- C. Tube
- D. Sclerites

March ShellCrafters: Sea Life Coasters

Thank you instructors Leslie Furrage and Carolyn Robinette

