



The Shell Scoop **March 2024**

Lisa Ketner, Editor

General Meeting: Tuesday, March 19, 1-3PM

Call to Order and Welcome

ESC Member, Homer Rhode, will share memories of the shells he has collected over the last 80 years that mean something special to him.

Treasurer's Report

Team Leader Reports and Home Shell Tours

Library Sale

Vote and Installation of the 2024-2025 Board of Directors

Adjourn & Raffle

Library Sale

March 19 Library Sale

So many books to choose from! Don't miss your chance to buy amazing treasures surely to be a nice way to start or add to your collection.

Organized by Pat Weaver, librarian



COMING SOON: Excursion to Lovers Key State Park

Wednesday, March 27

Located at 8700 Estero Blvd., Bonita Springs. Park opens at 8AM. \$8 fee per car. Meet up 8AM in parking lot #1. We will then ride the tram to the beach. Low tide is 9AM. Sign up at the March 19 General meeting or by contacting Lisa Ketner.

Our March 14 Beachwalk takes place from 10 till noon at Gasparilla State Park, 800 Belcher Rd., Boca Grande. After going through the gate, go to the parking lot on the right by the large building. Restrooms are there, too. As always, the club's shell flag will be staked nearby.

March 2024 Tides

Submitted by Karen Blackford

FULL Moon March 25

As the Northern Hemisphere heads toward Spring and the Earth moves closer to the Sun, the minus low winter tides that shell seekers love start to be less frequent. March is pretty much the end of the minus lows until next November although there will be a few here minus tides here and there. The minus lows are strongest and the timing better at the beginning of March although there will be some minus lows at the end of March as well. March is the time to look for those 20+ knot winds coming from the NW, W, or SW.

KB's picks for March:

Gasparilla Island at Boca Grande Pass

March 8 (-0.5) @ 5:35am

March 9 (-0.4) @ 6:10am

South Lido Beach (Flashlight needed)

March 7 (-0.6) @ 3:59am

March 8 (-0.6) @ 4:37am

Pass-a-Grille

March 7 (0.6) @ 5:01am

March 8 (-0.6) @ 5:42am

Sanibel Lighthouse

March 7-10 great early morning minus lows

March 7 (-0.9) @ 5:19am

March 8 (-0.9) @ 6:00am

Best flashlight shelling on any Sanibel Beach March 18-24

March ShellCrafters

Resin Charcuterie Board

Friday the 15th, 10AM till Noon
St. David's Fellowship Hall
401 S. Broadway, Englewood

- *The class is full. Contact Leslie if you
- *would like to be put on the waiting list.

March 21: Home Shell Tours

The homes of Kathy Cycak, Diane Herger, and Colleen Fosnough will be the homes featured. Day is March 21st from 11:00-2:00.

These homes display great collections of shells from all over as well as artistic talent of our members. Really a must see!

Each attendee must wear a club name tag.

Last sign up chance to attend is at the March 19 General Meeting.

Organized by Pam Orozco

The Sarasota Shell Club (SSC) wants to extend its utmost appreciation to all the members of the Englewood Shell Club who attended our Shell Show on February 9th and 10th, and especially those of your members who helped us by volunteering their time. The success of the SSC Shell Show is the result of the coordinated efforts of many people who have in common their love and appreciation for shells and the marine environment. Again, I want to thank you for your contribution to the show.

Ron Bopp, Chairman, 2024 Sarasota Shell Club's Shell Show

DON'T BE A FLOP!

Great Venue, Delicious Food, Door Prize, Raffle, Auction, Photo Booth, Trivia Contest and More! So put on your favorite Flip Flops and sign up for our April 16 Flip Flop Gala Picnic @ the March 20 meeting or by mail to: Pam Desruisseaux 843 Blue Crane Drive Venice, FL, 34285 by April 1st.



Sarasota Shell Show:
ESC's Cindy Boyd, Blue ribbon winner



photos left, February 1 Study Group: Laurie Leonardo presented sand dollars
photos right, February 8: Members dug into deep shell piles at the North Jetty in Nokomis

February 9, Englewood Lemon Fest: Team Outreach presented Shells 101 at the Elsie Quirk Library. "It was standing room only," said Karen Blackford.



Donna Anderson, Judy Kauk, Meredith Blain, Linda Powers, Anna Hagstrom, Karen Blackford

February 9 & 10: ESC club members exhibited, volunteered, & shopped at Sarasota's Shell Show



Nancy Cadieux, Donna Anderson and spouse, Linda Powers, Karen Blackford, and Brenda Webb



Meredith Blain, Doris Wall and pal, Linda Peterson, Pam Orozco, Lisa Ketner, and Jane Guy

February 14: Caladesi Island State Park



Our Seashell and Shell Crafter Market was a huge hit at our February 20 General Meeting. Thank you Linda Hamilton, left below, for organizing this event and to all of you who assisted.



Bottom row, third from left, Merchandise Team Leader, Patti Redmond and helper Judy Landry distributed a large order of T-shirts at the meeting and Patti showed members an insulated cup with the club logo etched on the front available to order. Contact her if you would like one, two, or more.