



The Shell Scoop **October 2025**

Whelkcome back, Shellers!!!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready for an exciting season with the Englewood Shell Club—our **30th year!!**

We'll be celebrating our 30th Anniversary this January at the Waverly Restaurant in Englewood. Be sure to look over the calendar carefully, as some of the dates and times for our usual activities have changed.

This season is filled with exciting excursions, beautiful shell crafter projects, and a knowledgeable, experienced leader for Shell Study—plus much more! I encourage you to take full advantage of everything the club has to offer.

"Don't hide your talents!" We currently have positions open, as well as positions that will be coming available at the end of the season. Jump in, get your feet wet, and help us keep the club running smoothly.

The Board of Director and Team Leaders would also love to hear your ideas—whether suggestions or changes you'd like to see. Feel free to chat with one of us at a general meeting, send an email, or give us a call.

Let's make this a **shelltastic year!**

Lori Smith, President

JOIN US AS WE BEGIN

THE ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB'S 30TH SEASON!

Come celebrate the start of a very special year with us!

St. David's Episcopal Church, Englewood

Tuesday, October 21

Doors open at 12:30 pm | Meeting 1:00–3:00 pm



Agenda Highlights

- Warm welcome & Treasurer's report
- Meet your team leaders and learn where to find them at each meeting
- Special update: *Linda Powers, ESC Representative*, will share highlights from the 2025 COA Convention in Corpus Christi, Texas
- *Shell & Tell* – share your treasures! (Contact Lori Smith to be added to the agenda)
- Talk about participating in the 2025 Christmas Parade in Rotonda West
- Sweet ending: *Ice Cream* with plenty of toppings

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Bernadette Adibi, Patty Hamilton, Heidi Jacobson, Karen Lamb, Janet Lucik, and Coke Wilson.

WELCOME NEW LOGO CREATED BY KAREN BLACKFORD



Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum & Aquarium Welcomes You to

Check out the Museum's NEW website! A celebration of shells, mollusks, and their ecosystems, waiting to be explored! ShellMuseum.org

What is a Member in Good Standing ?

To be a member in good standing, a member shall maintain current payment of annual dues. The annual dues shall cover membership for the fiscal year of October 1 through September 30. A member in good standing may vote and participate in club activities.

Duties of the The Board of Directors:

1. Allocates funds
2. Determines annual dues
3. Formulates general policies
4. Oversees Club activities
5. Presents matters to the membership for approval
6. Receives and considers reports from committee chairpersons
7. Reviews financial records
8. Submits suggested donations to the membership for approval

Duties of the Communication Director and Directors-at-Large :

The Communication Director is one of three Directors-at-Large who corresponds with public media and club members. He/she may use Email, YouTube, Facebook, and other forms of communication that are appropriate. He/she shall monitor all Englewood Shell Club social media pages to ensure that the information given is correct and aligns with the purpose of the club.

Directors-at Large communicate feedback from members to the Board of Directors and assist with other duties as may be requested by the Board.

2025-2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Lori Smith
Co-Vice President	Lisa Eloff
Secretary	Deb Smith
Treasurer	Judy Landry
Past President	Lisa Ketner
Directors-at-large	Donna Anderson & Pam Desruisseaux
Communications Director	Karen Blackford

2025-2026 TEAM LEADERS

Excursion/Beachwalk	Lori Smith & Lisa Eloff
Greeters	Marilyn Boyd
Guest Speakers	
Historian	Kathy Baillargeon
IT Technicians	Team Effort
Librarian	Terry Crouch
Membership	Mary Ketelsen
Merchandise	Diane Casey
Newsletter	Lisa Ketner
Outreach point person	Karen Blackford
Parliamentarian	
Shellcrafters	Carolyn Robinette
Study Group	Homer Rhode
Social Event: Holiday Luncheon	Team Effort
Social Event: April Picnic	Team Effort
Social Event: 30th Anniversary	Team Effort
Sunshine	Linda Schmoyer

“PEARL” OF THE MONTH

Submitted by Lori Smith & Lisa Eloff

HOW TO SANITIZE BEACH SAND

Baking in the Oven (Best for Small Batches)

Steps:

1. Preheat oven to 350F
2. Spread sand in a thin layer on a baking sheet (lined with foil if needed).
3. Bake for 30-45 minutes. Stirring halfway through to heat evenly.

4. Let it cool completely before use.

Pros: Kills most bacteria, fungi, and parasites.

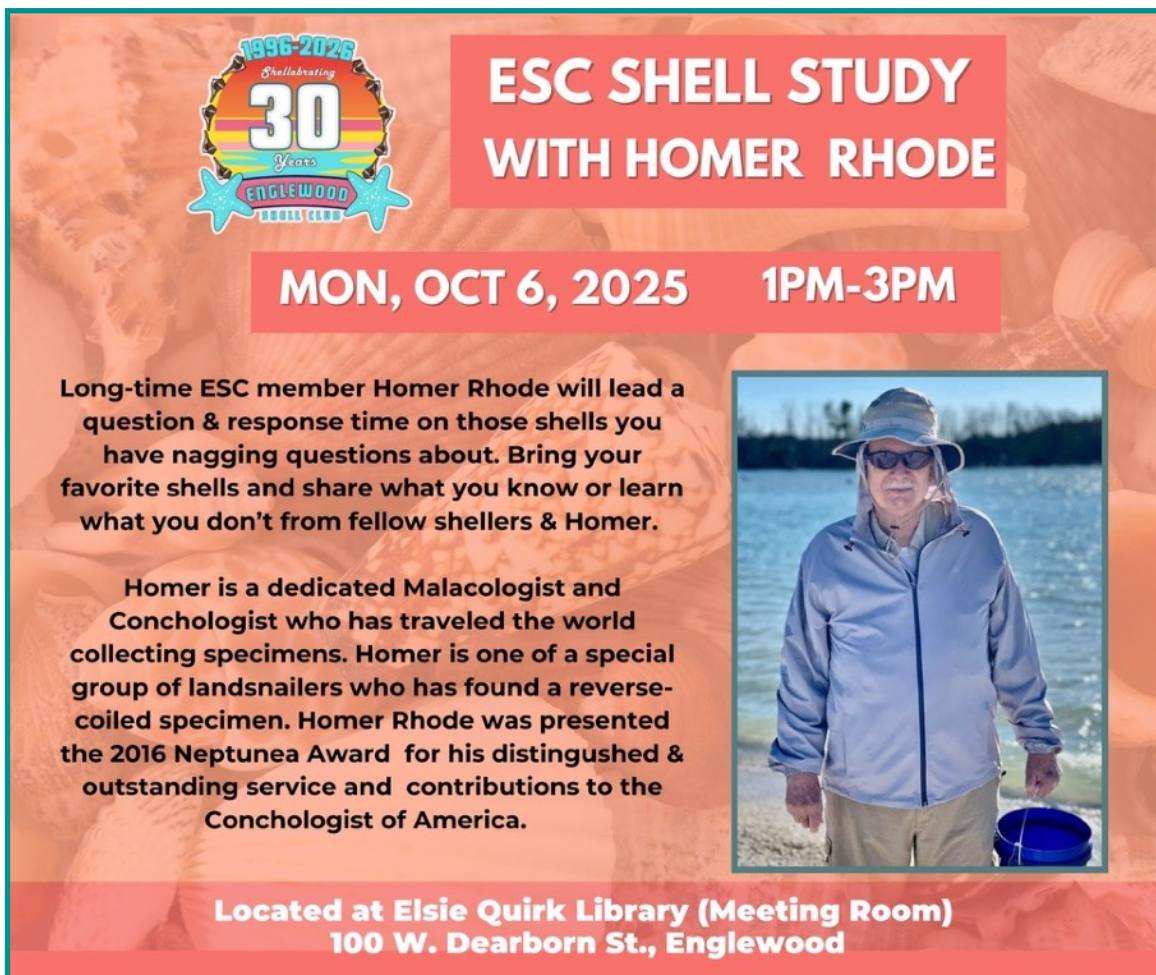
Boiling (Good for Medium Batches)

Steps:

1. Place sand in a large pot and cover with water.
2. Bring to a rolling boil for at least 10-15 minutes.
3. Pour off the water and dry the sand completely before using.

Pros: Effective and accessible.

Caution: Handle hot sand carefully; let cool and dry completely to avoid mold growth.



The poster features a background of various seashells. In the top left corner is a circular logo celebrating 30 years (1996-2026) of the Englewood Shell Club, with the text 'Celebrating 30 Years' and 'ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB'. To the right of the logo, the title 'ESC SHELL STUDY WITH HOMER RHODE' is displayed in white text on a red rectangular background. Below the title, the date and time 'MON, OCT 6, 2025 1PM-3PM' are shown in white text on another red rectangular background. The main body of the poster contains two paragraphs of text on the left and a photograph of Homer Rhode on the right. The text describes the event as a question & response time with a long-time member and provides background on Homer's expertise. The photograph shows Homer Rhode, a man wearing a light blue jacket, a hat, and sunglasses, standing outdoors near a body of water with a blue bucket at his feet. At the bottom, the location 'Located at Elsie Quirk Library (Meeting Room) 100 W. Dearborn St., Englewood' is written in white text on a red background.

**ESC SHELL STUDY
WITH HOMER RHODE**

MON, OCT 6, 2025 1PM-3PM

Long-time ESC member Homer Rhode will lead a question & response time on those shells you have nagging questions about. Bring your favorite shells and share what you know or learn what you don't from fellow shellers & Homer.

Homer is a dedicated Malacologist and Conchologist who has traveled the world collecting specimens. Homer is one of a special group of landsnailers who has found a reverse-coiled specimen. Homer Rhode was presented the 2016 Neptunea Award for his distinguished & outstanding service and contributions to the Conchologist of America.

**Located at Elsie Quirk Library (Meeting Room)
100 W. Dearborn St., Englewood**

"Conchology is the study of shells and shellfish. It focuses on the classification, structure, and ecology of mollusks, particularly their hard outer shells. This field is a branch of malacology, which is the broader study of mollusks." Source: Wikipedia

OCTOBER TIDE PICKS



THE BEST THING ABOUT OCTOBER SHELLING IN SWFL IS THE IDEAL WEATHER, THE LOWER HUMIDITY AND WARM COMFORTABLE DAYS COMBINED WITH A GOOD CHANCE OF FINDING A VARIETY SHELLS, ESPECIALLY AFTER ANY STORMS. LOOK FOR NW & SW WINDS BLOWING HIGHER THAN 15 KTS. HAPPY SHELLING ~ KB

GASPARILLA ISLAND STATE PARK

THURS, OCT 9 9:09 am -0.1'
FRI, OCT 10 10:07am -0.1'

The park on the south end is expected to be closed until late fall for dredging. Range Light & Sea Oats accesses are still open.

SOUTH LIDO BEACH

WED, OCT 8 7:06 am -0.1'
SAT, OCT 11 10:05 am -0.2'

The water clarity has been crystal-clear making for some excellent snorkle shelling.

SANIBEL LIGHTHOUSE

THURS, OCT 23 8:44 am -0.0'
FRI, OCT 24 9:21 am -0.0'

The wrackline has been a treasure trove of wentletraps. Look for the coffee grounds.

FULL HARVEST
MOON
OCT 6



NEW MOON
OCT 21

WHAT ARE TIDES? *"Tides are very long-period waves that move through the ocean in response to the forces exerted by the moon and sun. Tides originate in the ocean and progress toward the coastlines where they appear as the regular rise and fall of the sea surface."*

When the highest part, or crest, of the wave reaches a particular location, high tide occurs; low tide corresponds to the lowest part of the wave, or its trough. The difference in height between the high tide and the low tide is called the tidal range."

Source: oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/tides.html

ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB

ANCLOTE KEY

TARPON SPRINGS, FL

FRI, NOV. 7, 2025

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COST
\$55
PER PERSON

R.S.V.P. TO
ESCTrips@yahoo.com



- You must be on the Odyssey Cruises Dock located at 776 Dodecanese Blvd, Tarpon Springs, FL at 6:00AM, Boat departs at 6:30AM SHARP to be first on the island for the negative low tide. We will get 3 ½ hours of island time! GIVE YOURSELF PLENTY OF EXTRA TIME TO FIND PARKING, UNLOAD YOUR GEAR, & USE THE RESTROOM.

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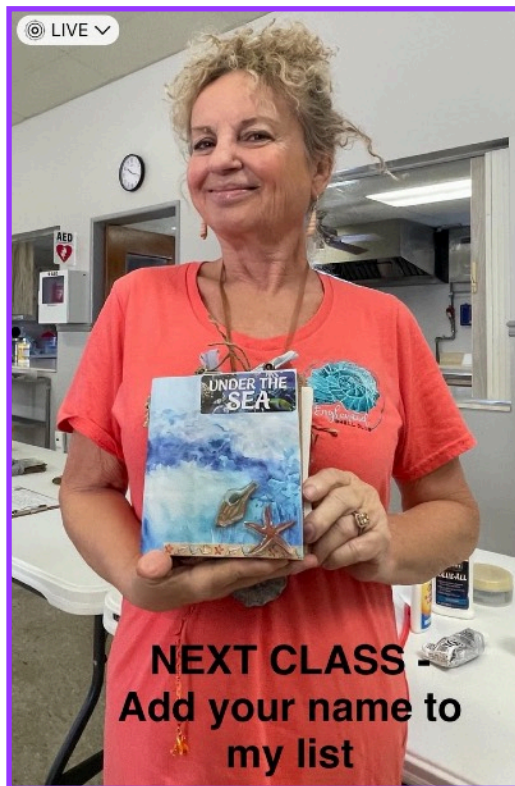
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- Bring water, snacks, sun protection, shell tools, and whatever you need to be comfortable.
- You must be able to board the shuttle boat. No restrooms on the island, head on the boat. Easy walking once on Anclote.
- After returning from Anclote Key, explore the historic Dodecanese Blvd. full of Greek culture, food, & shops.
- Mail your check made out to "Englewood Shell Club" P.O. Box 911, Englewood FL 34295 or sign up at the Oct. General Meeting.

When you
R.S.V.P. let
Lori know if
you can be a
driver or
need to
carpool.

You must be an ESC member in good standing to attend



**NEXT CLASS -
Add your name to
my list**

SPOTS AVAILABLE: 15

SIGN UP DEADLINE:

WED, OCT. 22



ESC Shell Crafters



Friday, October 24

9 am - Noon

St. David's Parish Hall

401 S. Broadway, Englewood

\$20
Per person

Beach Treasure Jar



**PLEASE BRING YOUR
OWN BASIC CRAFT
SUPPLIES SUCH AS:**

- Scissors
- Glue
- Embellishments
- Tweezers
- Pencil, markers
- Decorate paints
- Paper towels, wipes, etc...

We are excited to create a beautiful Beach Treasure! Each participant will receive a decorative ½ gallon wide-mouth Ball Jar complete with a stainless steel lid. You can enhance your jar by adding a tea light candle (which we will provide) or feel free to bring your own fairy lights or battery-operated candle. Additionally, we will supply sand, seashells, and some lovely ribbon to tie around the neck of your charming beach treasure jar.

You may prefer to bring your own shells embellishments, or beach sand. The directions on how to sanitize your beach sand can be found on google.



**To reserve your spot
TEXT Carolyn Robinette 407-484-1529**

Five ESC Historic Moments and Milestones

Sharing ESC history highlights milestones and celebrates the collective efforts that have shaped our club identity over the past 30 years.

OCTOBER *Sands of Time*

**Presented by Kathy Baillargeon
ESC Historian**

ON THIS DAY IN TIME

2010 - Fifteen years ago, our membership meetings moved to the Elks Club.

2011 - The October general membership meeting was our first Show & Tell.

2022 - Hurricane Ian (9/28) slams cat 5 winds and flooding into SWFL. Englewood was in the eye wall for 5 hours with sustained 125 mph winds. Our meeting space at the Elks Club was heavily damaged; our library was in the rubble; and Cedar Point Environmental Park also was severely damaged. ESC Shell Study pivoted to member homes and Elsie Quirk Library.

2023 - Keeping up with advances in social media our new, comprehensive website was presented to the club on Oct 23!

2024 - Tropical Storm Debby (8/5), Hurricane Helene (9/26), & Hurricane Milton (10/9) all affected us. Milton destroys the coastline from Pinellas County south to Boca Grande. Manasota Key was wiped out and the road washed out between Manasota Key and Blind Pass beaches. And Milton Pass, a new cut split Stump Pass State Park.



Englewood Shell Club

BEACH WALKS

2025/26 SEASON

ALL WALKS ARE FROM 9-11

OCT 27 MANASOTA KEY BYOL

NOV 13 ENGLEWOOD BEACH BYOL

JAN 22 NOKOMIS BEACH - LUNCH AT POPS

FEB 10 MIDDLE BEACH

LUNCH AT KEN AND BARB'S POTATO BAR

MAR 10 BOCA SCAVANGER HUNT???

LUNCH KEN AND BARB'S TACO BAR

BYOL I- BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH

Post Season Fun & Learning & Sharing: May - September 2025

