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Hello to all and Happy New Year!

As always, our Christmas tree at Cedar Point is decorated with our handmade seashell ornament and as beautiful as ever. The Holiday Luncheon at Gulf View Grill was festive with laughter and much chatter. The absence of chatter was noticeable when the meals arrived but quickly returned as the tables were cleared. All received a beautiful gold trimmed cockle shell candle decorated with a whelk. Thank you to all who worked on the favors, the Christmas tree and the luncheon. The sharing and caring of all is what makes Englewood Shell Club the biggest and the best.

I hope you are all looking forward to our 20th Anniversary Celebration as much as I. January 31, 2016 will be a special day in our club's history. You won't want to miss it!

Because of a change in my schedule, January 10, 2016 is now the date for members to invite guests. **Be sure to get your reservation forms and checks to me by January 10th!** I will send out an email on the date to confirm seating. The Marina Jack's crew has given us an additional 1/2 hour to check-in and board the yacht. Therefore boarding will begin at 12:30PM.

To reserve seating send a check made out to ESC for \$35.95 per person to:

Brenda Steele
1470 San Jose Drive
Englewood, FL 34223

Shellcrafters Sessions Martha Dehne and Leslie Furmage

Shell Crafters has had a great start to this calendar year! We had a great time being creative in our first craft class. The ladies made beautiful necklaces and bracelets. (Thank you again Nancy & Pam!)

The tree at Cedar Point Park is now decorated and looks just lovely! It's always fun to see the tree come together with the ornaments made by our group. Thank you all for joining us. The tree will be taken down Monday, January 11, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed again if anyone would like to help.

Our next craft class will be Friday, January 22 at 9:00 a.m. We are having a "dip & sip" painting class. The instructor will teach us as a group to paint a 5x7 painting of a beautiful junonia shell; perfect for those of us who have yet to find one! The fee is \$15.00 (plus the \$5.00 room fee). All supplies will be provided. Looking ahead to Friday, February 19th our own Anita Wilson will be teaching us how to make a driftwood and shell wind chime. There will be some driftwood available but, you may want to look for a special piece for your chime. Already we have a few new and exciting ideas for next year's calendar! As always, if you are interested in teaching a class or just have a fun idea for Shell Crafters we'd love to hear it. We wish you and your family a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you at Shell Crafters! Leslie & Martha

Study Group Linda Powers

After the holiday hiatus, Study Group will resume on Wednesday, January 27th, 2:00 p.m. at Cedar Point Park, 2300 Placida Road, Englewood.

We will be discussing arks. I know some of you have been gathering arks to show and tell. Please bring any examples you may have, both local and from different areas. As always, attendees are welcome to bring shells for discussion and identification, and your input is encouraged. Hope to see you there!

Membership Sandy Ouderkirk

Happy New Year! This is a reminder to renew your membership by January 31 in order to be listed in the 2015-2016 Directory that will be distributed in February.

January 2016 General Meeting Program

Our speaker for the January meeting will be one of our own, Mr. John Colagrande. He is very knowledgeable and always very interesting so you won't want to miss his presentation.

Carefree Learner Carol Ayres

There is one seat available on each of the trips Jan 25th and Feb 9th. Call Carol at 941-830-8252.

We leave at 7:45 a.m. sharp from Marina Jacks in Sarasota. The cost is \$20.00 payable when you sign up. We also need a phone number or cell number if possible in case there is a weather cancellation. The trip is 2-3 hours on the sand flats of Sarasota Bay. It could be cold, and it will be muddy, so dress accordingly. Water shoes are a must. This is a non-refundable trip unless it is cancelled due to weather.



If you have any questions call Carol Ayres 941-8308252 or 508-274-6584. Find more info on the carefree learner website at <http://carefreelearner-shs.com/Home Page.html>

Christmas luncheon - Gulf View Grille

ESC members enjoyed a special afternoon of food, drink and camaraderie on December 16th. You can see the smiles on our members' faces.



Beach Walks

Hello Fellow ESC-Shellers. The beach walks for 2015-2016 are scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month. The beach walks are a way to meet other members while doing what we all want to do -- collect shells.

There will be a shell flag where we gather on the beach of the month. Please bring your shell collecting containers, a plastic or mesh bag, sunscreen, water and a beach chair. We often go out for lunch but that is optional.

LIBRARY

LeAnn Bowers

We are very fortunate to have had some wonderful book donations to our club library. Now that we have entered a new year and will be celebrating our 20th anniversary, it would be great to see more donations of books that members would like to see in the library. The donor's name and date will be placed in the front of each donated book to honor the celebration. I am also asking for book suggestions that would meet the needs of our club members, and would help our library to grow.

MY DAYS WITH A LIVING LEGEND BY LINDA POWERS

In mid-November I was fortunate enough to spend five days with world-renowned conchologist, author, and special friend, Peter Dance. At the personal invitation of mutual friend, Harlan Wittkopf, Rita Stonehouse and I spent most of the week of November 16th with these two honorary members of the Englewood Shell Club.

It was hoped that Peter could spend the day with club members on our trip to Palm Island. But as most know, low tides are critical to shellers and Peter and Harlan shelled the low tides off Marco Island on that day. In lieu of that, however, I had Peter all to myself on Veteran's Day. We spent the day at the Edison & Ford Winter Estate where Peter charmed the staff into admitting both of us for free. We then visited Larry Strange at his shop on Sanibel, where both compared shelling lore and stories. Peter and I then had a very late lunch at The Mucky Duck, where he again managed to get us a free bowl of chowder. That evening was spent in the company of the Wittkopfs and illustrator/artist Ken Vinton and his wife Mary Ann.

Peter and Harlan's purpose for this visit was to attend the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum's 20th Anniversary celebration. Peter gave a 6-minute talk about his co-author and friend, R. Tucker Abbott and Tucker's contribution to the fledging museum. Peter and Harlan signed copies of Harlan's book, *Gems To Treasure: Of Seashells and Friendship*, of which proceeds went to purchase a commemorative brick for Tucker.

Once the hub-bub of the party was over, Peter was able to spend his remaining time on Sanibel relaxing and enjoying the island. Peter was very ill a little over a year ago and most thought his trip to the U.S. in 2011 was his last. But he recovered fully and was healthy, robust, and as astute as ever. We swam, we shelled the beach, we dined, and we talked and talked and talked. Rita and I were able to stay in the condo right next to the Wittkopf's and Peter, and what a joy to wake up, have coffee, and listen to Peter tell tales about the writing of *The Compendium* and his friendship with Tucker Abbott. Not only has Peter earned the title of *The Living Legend*, but he is also a true English gentleman, and a very loyal friend. It was a once-in-a-lifetime event for both Rita and I.



APPLICATION FOR ESC MEMBERSHIP 2015-2016

(PLEASE PRINT)

Please complete application and include your check made payable to the Englewood Shell club. Send to:

Sandra Ouderkirk
8984 Bantry Bay Blvd.
Englewood, FL 34224

<u>Individual Membership</u>	<u>Family Membership</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal\$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal\$35.00
<input type="checkbox"/> New*\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> New*\$60.00

Name _____ Spouse (optional) _____

Florida Address:

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

E-mail _____

Other Address:

Street _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone # _____ Cell # _____

Would you be willing to serve or help on one of our many committees? YES Maybe no

What committee(s) interests you?-

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

Pictures taken during Englewood Shell Club activities may be displayed in ESC publications. I agree that I am individually responsible for my own safety and my personal property when I participate in any club field trip activity. I will not hold the Englewood Shell Club, field trip leaders, nor the property owner liable for any injuries should they occur.

Signed _____ Date _____

Signed _____ Date _____

**covers one-time cost of name tag*

DO NOT COMPLETE

Check # _____ Amount _____ Dated _____

DUE BY JANUARY 10, 2016

**ENGLEWOOD SHELL CLUB 20TH ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION ABOARD MARINA JACK II
SUNDAY JANUARY 31, 2016 1:00pm - 2:30pm COST \$35.95pp**

**Please complete form, attach a check payable to ESC and give/mail to
Brenda Steele
1470 San Jose Drive
Englewood, FL 34223**

Member's Name(s) _____

Amount enclosed _____

Email _____

Phone _____

**Members may invite a guest on a first come first serve basis
and must notify Brenda Steele with payment by January 10, 2016.**