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President's Message

Linda Powers

I would like to offer the club's deepest condolences to Glenn Freeman on the passing of past president Debbie Freeman. Debbie succumbed to ALS on November 16, 2016. Please remember Glenn in your thoughts and prayers.

When this newsletter is published, we will have had our first excursion, our holiday luncheon, the November general meeting and other events. I am completely awed by the level of commitment by our team leaders and members. Working with this group of ladies and gentlemen makes the position of president one of the easiest jobs I've had as a member of the Englewood Shell Club. They are a well-oiled machine, keeping me on the right track and always helpful and informative.

I would like to encourage all members to attend the board meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of the month at the Elsie Quirk Library at 10:00a. You are always welcome to attend.

I'm extending a huge thank you to Connie Cummins and Rita Stonehouse for agreeing, reluctantly, to present the program at the November general meeting in my absence.

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President's Message Cont.

Sherry McKinney, program chairperson, struggled to replace Bet Hamilton who was originally scheduled to speak at that meeting. I understand that Connie and Rita did an excellent job and the program was well received.

When socializing with club members, invariably the Conchologists of America convention becomes a topic of conversation. In October, Brenda Steele's insightful presentation of her experience at her first COA convention was very informative and enlightening. I hope more members of our club also become members of COA and get involved in this international organization. Let's show COA what an awesome club we are by a large showing at the Key West convention August 13-19, 2017. Registration forms are available now at www.conchologistsofamerica.org

Thanks to Pam Orozco and her team for another successful and enjoyable holiday luncheon at Gulfview Grill. For the first time, we asked members to provide gifts for Toys for Tots. The response was amazing, and the club agreed with enthusiasm to forego the gift exchange and concentrate on community giving in the future.

Watching the club grow over the past twenty years, I am most proud of how we are able to give back to this wonderful Englewood community. We are exploring more ways to further assist some of the area's children. We are gaining a reputation in the shelling world as a vibrant, growing club. And it is all due to members like you!

A Message your Newsletter Editor

MaryLinda

It's really hard to believe that another whole year has flown by. A year for some that brought suffering and sadness. A year for some to reconnect with others as well as the person they used to be. A year for some to help others who went through a situation they also had experienced not long ago and provide empathy and understanding which were greatly appreciated. A year for some of us to join the ranks of retirement (ME!). A year for families to grow as grandchildren were born or married. A year to grow closer in faith to God.

For some it was a good year and for others; not so good. But, whatever the year had in store for us, we survived and grew. In other words we continued to learn new things including how to adapt to change which will happen every year.

Speaking of changeyou'll notice the newsletter has a new look this edition. The Board presented a new logo to the membership in October which was well received by the membership. The logo will be transitioned over several months.

My wish for you and your family in 2017 will be one of peace, happiness and love in your life. I love how Ellen DeGeneres closes her show with one saying - be kind to others. What a wonderful world this could be if everyone followed Ellen's advice.

A small piece of worthless knowledge to share - this is the Chinese year of the Rooster. You'll probably see the rooster more and now you'll know why.

Happy New Year!

Study Group

Anita Wilson & Linda Powers

Study Group will meet Wednesday, January 25 at 2:00 p.m. at Cedar Point Park. Please bring shells you found on the January Carefree Learner Trip, so we can discuss the Sarasota Bay finds and talk about shells found in bays versus the ocean.

If you were away for the holiday or just arriving from up North, bring shells from those locales to share with the group as well. Depending on time, Homer will discuss a group of gastropods and Anita will discuss one or two families of bivalves that held surprises as she read the new book from our library: *Bivalve Seashells of Florida* by Trish Hartmann. Homer and Anita welcome topics for the February 22 and March 29 meetings.

See you at Cedar Point soon with all your loot!



Beach Walks

Deborah Hubbard

Our November Beach Walk was held November 9th, at Nokomis Beach with lunch afterwards at Pop's Sunset Grill. The walk and lunch afterwards was enjoyed by those attending.

December's Beach walk was December 14th at the Englewood Beach.

Our January Beach walk will be held at 10:00 a.m. on January 11th at the Boca Grande Beach located at 880 Belcher Road, Gasparilla Island.

I look forward to seeing our usual beach walkers and hope to see some new ones as well. It's a great way to start your New Year's resolution of exercise. Come join us!



Membership Sandy Ouderkirk

Welcome new members and welcome back to our current/past members. Our club continues to grow and be an active shelling club in Southwest Florida. Whether you are seasoned shellers or completely new to this hobby, ESC is the place to belong.

You must be a paid member in order to participate in trips and events.

ESC's annual membership runs from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017. Individual membership is \$20 for returning members, \$30 for new members (which includes a name tag). Family renewal is \$35 and new family is \$60 (includes name tags).

A membership application can be found at the end of this newsletter or on the club's website.

We welcome you to a whole new exciting world of discovery & friendship!

Excursions

Ruth Middlebrooks, Marilyn Boyd, Carol Ayers

Get on the bus to Melbourne Saturday January 21st for a fun day at the Astronaut Shell Show. More information will be available at our January meeting.

We continue to work out details for additional excursions that may include a visit to Useppa Island, a fossil trip and a possible boat trip out of Ft. Myers. Excursions are a wonderful way to enhance your membership experience as you experience new sites and meet new members.

Remember that you must be a member in good standing (paid dues) in order to participate in the club's excursions.



Library

Judy Kauk

Be sure to stop by the library at the January meeting to check out our great new books as we have new additions each month. Look for the library book sale coming in February for some great deals on a variety of shelling books. Our January "Shell of the Month" talk will be given by John Colagrande and you won't want to miss it!



Shell and Book Sale

Linda Hamilton

A shell and book sale is being planned and will be held at the February General Meeting. The club will offer some of Bet Hamilton's wonderful collection of shells and shell books. The proceeds from those items will go towards our scholarship fund.

In addition, members will have an opportunity to sell some of their own shells and shell organizing/storage related items. ***Please note: this is not a craft sale.*** There will be a \$5.00 fee per table to participate in the sale. More details will be announced at the January General Meeting. Please direct any questions to Linda Hamilton.

General Meeting Program and Special Guest

Sherry McKinney

The Love Bug is coming!!

During our trip to Sanibel we had scheduled Pam Rambo and the Love Bug to come visit us. Unfortunately, there was a miscommunication on their end and she did not show up. Well, she and the Beaches of Fort Meyers would like to make it up to the members of ESC. Pam will be bringing the Love Bug to our January (17th) General Meeting. She will arrive at 12:15 and we can visit and take pictures from 12:30-1:00. If you are not sure what the Love Bug is, you can Google it or go to the "I Love Shelling" website or Facebook page and there is a link to it. This is pretty exciting! Hope to see you there!

Our guest speaker for the January meeting will be Scott Robichaud. Scott will be speaking and showing pictures from one of his many shelling trips outside the country. Scott is an experienced sheller and has been a member of the Boston Shell Club for 25 years and President of the club three times. I had the pleasure of meeting Scott on our recent trip to the Dominican Republic. He will be traveling from Boston to speak to our club and I'm sure it will be a presentation you won't want to miss.

Shell Home Tour

The Shell Home Tour outing is scheduled for Saturday, February 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This year's tour will feature the homes of Colleen Fosnough, Diane Herger and Linda Masterson will be on the tour. You won't want to miss it.

Shell Crafters

Martha Dehne & Leslie Furmage

Our November Shell Crafter's class was taught by local artist Denise Daly. Denise designed a lighting whelk specifically for ESC and led us in a step by step "dip & sip" class. Once again our members let their talent shine through! Fun was had by all!

On December 5th many ESC members gathered at Cedar Point Park for our annual tree decorating. As usual, the tree looks spectacular! It is always such a nice way to start the Christmas season. Bobbi from Cedar Point wanted me to thank all who participated and let ESC know how much the community loves our tree. So, thank you!! The tree will be taken down on January 9th at 10:00 a.m. if you have time to join us your help will be greatly appreciated.

January 20th shell crafters will be making bezel elongated heart shaped pendants. Please bring ten very tiny shells - half the size of your small fingernail, small crystals, tweezers and optional one miniature charm. There will be some crystals donated but you may want a specific color. The bezel elongated heart shaped pendant and the clay will be provided for a \$5.00 charge. Anyone with questions should contact Pam Orozco.

On February 24th, Diane H. will once again teach us how to make shell flowers. If any of you were lucky enough to take the class with Diane last year you won't want to miss this one! She will be teaching us new flowers!

Additional details will be available at the January and February General meetings.

We would like to thank all of you who support and participate in Shell Crafters. May you have a very Happy New Year!

Leslie & Martha

Outreach Programs

Tori Weaver and Darlene Gallentine

Our Lemon Bay Festival club presentation and display, on February 6th at Englewood's Elsie Quirk Library, is getting closer. We have several glass displays located on the first floor of the library that are currently decorated with "shell teasers" for the upcoming presentations. Take a look if you are in the library.

We will also redesign these secure displays for the month of February. Therefore, this is an invitation to everyone who has participated in our club's shell craft workshops and would like to display their finished work in the library's display cases.

We also have room for people to briefly share their projects in our afternoon presentation in an effort to inspire those who are interested in shell crafts. If you are interested, please contact Tori Weaver at 941-800-7805 or email vVw@juno.com to reserve your display space and/or share your craft with other shell lovers.

APPLICATION FOR ESC MEMBERSHIP 2016-2017

(October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017)

(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 on one of our many committees? Yes No Maybe

Interested in _____

Please contact me to discuss opportunities within the Club Yes Phone _____

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I understand and agree that pictures taken during Englewood Shell Club activities in which I may appear 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 _____

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**covers one-time cost of name tag*

DO NOT COMPLETE

Check # _____ Amount _____ Dated _____