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President's Notes

It has been a busy season for our shell club, and the time has gone by so quickly because of it. Once again many of you are making preparations to head back north. I hope that you will be taking shells and fond memories back with you.

This will be the last newsletter for a while. I have decided to take the summer off. I will have the next issue of the The Shell Scoop to you at the end of September. That issue will include a calendar of the upcoming events for the 2006/2007 season. If you have anything you wish to place in that issue please have the article to me, via e-mail, by Sept. 14th.

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It is time to thank all of you who helped to make this year a good one. Great job!

Have a healthy, happy summer.

Debbie Freeman

Trip Notes



Our trip to Caladesi turned out to be an enjoyable one. Many of you found some nice shells, and to add to it all was the wonderful weather. It was a long drive to get there, but well worth the buss ride.

Ruth Middlebrooks will be scheduling our trips next year, and I have already set up our Carefree Learner adventures in December and January. Please let Ruth know if you have any suggestions for places you would like to goshelling.

SHELL STUDY GROUP

by Barb Myers

The Shell Study Group is ending another great year! We meet at 1pm at Cedar Point on the second Monday of the month, November through April, and bring any shells that we want to identify or brag about. (Linda Powers found a junonia this year on Manasota Key!) We are often small in number but big in learning and fun. Lots of shell and sea questions get answered as we work to identify the shells we find.

We would like to again express our appreciation to Dick Forbush, our mentor and humorist, who keeps us on our toes and is a fountain of knowledge. Thanks Dick! Our final Study Group this year will be Monday April 11. We welcome any Shell Club members to join us!



In Terms Of Shelling

Albinotc: Pure white, having no pigmentation.

Apophysis: A projecting structure that supports the muscle in some gastropods.

Gerontic: Displaying features of age not typical for regular shells.

Inductra: Outer glaze or shine of shells, like cowries, created by the secretions of the mantle.

Labrum: Outer lip of a univalve shell.

Spongivorous: Sponge-eating

Did You Know?

Tiger Cowries, *Cypraea tigris*, with its spotted shell got its name from the juvenile form, which is spotted. ~~~~~

There are approximately 200 species of Tusk shells in the U.S. ~~~~~

Shell collecting was already popular in the 1500 and 1600s. A hobby of the wealthy. ~~~~~

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### Great Speaker!

Those of you who were unable to attend the February meeting missed a fantastic program! Joyce Matthys from the Bailey Matthews Museum on Sanibel was kind enough to make the drive to Englewood. She brought with her a wonderful video called, *Mollusks in Motion*. Joyce told us it took her about 8 years to make this educational film, and the result could not have been better.

We have a copy of the film on both video and disc in our library for loan. If you have not seen it yet, check it out. I think you will find it well worth the time.

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