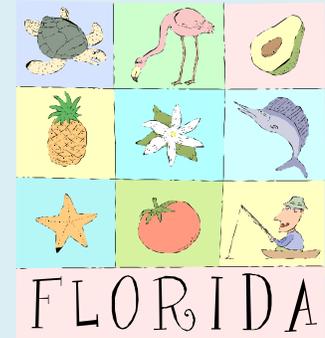


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A Gift From the Sea - Anne Morrow Lindbergh

"The sea does not reward those who are too anxious, too greedy, or too impatient. One should lie empty, open, choice-less as a beach--waiting for a gift from the sea."



President's Message – Nancy Weborg

Our new season is off to a great start with a good turnout at our November club meeting. I'd like to extend a warm welcome to the new members that were at the meeting and a welcome back to our returning members.

Our meeting's show and tell session offered club members the opportunity to share some of their lovely shell craft items. Shell trees, shell jewelry and ornaments were just a few of the items that were presented.

President's Message Con't.

Anita Wilson shared her and her husband, Rich's, experiences on an excursion they took about land snails and Judy Greene brought land snails from Michigan for all to see.



Some of the upcoming club events to look forward to include the November Shellcrafters meeting, our Christmas party, and excursions to Palm Island and Cedar Key. The club is also working on a shell/craft material sale that will be happening in March. Remember you must be a paid member to participate in any of the club activities. Be sure to sign up for these events soon as you don't want to miss the fun.

There are a couple of changes in dates to make note of. There will not be a November Study Group as Deb Freeman will not be available. The first study group will meet in December. See the time and location in this newsletter. Club members will be decorating the Christmas tree at Cedar Point Park on Tuesday, December 5 at 10:00 a.m. If you can't come to help decorate, please stop by and see the finished product.



On a final note, I would ask each of you to consider being a board member for your club. This is not only a national election year; but an election year for the club, too. We need volunteers to be on the nominating committee as well as candidates for the board and the at-large positions. If you have an interest or would like more details about what the board does, please let me or any of the present board members know. This is a wonderful organization to be a member of and a wonderful club to be part of the governing body. Please give some serious thought to becoming a board member. There will be several positions open for next season. We need you to make the club successful.

Newsletter Editor – MaryLinda Coward

Early one Fall morning as I was finishing my breakfast dishes and watching my favorite TV show, The Weather Channel, a meteorologist was reporting on a new cloud formation referred to as undulatus asperatus. Now I remember the basic cloud formations we all learned in science classes growing up – the cumulus, stratus, cirrus and nimbus, so why the need for another cloud name? Well, I grabbed my cup of tea sat down at my computer and Googled The Cloud Appreciation Society's (CAS) website. Low and behold there were some fascinating pictures of these beautiful clouds.

Now you may ask why I am writing about clouds in a shell club newsletter? Here's the interesting fact. The clouds look like the surface of the sea on a choppy day, which is why the CAS is proposing these clouds be called asperatus from the Latin verb 'aspero', meaning to make rough. The term was used by Roman poets to describe the sea as it was roughened by the cold north wind. As we know, rough seas bring in those coveted hard to find shells. Sighting of these clouds in Florida are not as common as other parts of the country. However, I have found on my beach walks, it's a good idea to occasionally cast your eyes to the sky to not only give your neck some well needed relief, but to also enjoy all that nature has to offer. You can learn more about these clouds on the CAS website: <http://cloudappreciationsociety.org/>. Look for the posting dated Sept 18, 2012.



Rough seas in the sky? Just what is an Undulatus Asperatus?



Remember the club's email account for club members to communicate any changes you may have for your phone numbers, email or snail mail addresses or to provide comments for the Board or Chairpersons. That email is: escnewsletter@aol.com.

Since there will not be a December newsletter, I would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday season. Be thankful and enjoy your family, friends and all the gifts God has bestowed upon you. I look forward to seeing you in January.

–Until then

Happy Shelling!

MaryLinda



Shell Crafters - Sandy Ouderkirk & Dottie Swann

DON'T FORGET SHELL CRAFTERS MEETINGS NEW LOCATION THIS YEAR THE SUNCOAST WORSHIP CENTER AT 881 S. RIVER ROAD WATCH FOR SIGNS TO DIRECT YOU

We had our first Shell Crafters at Suncoast Worship Center and it was a huge success. Jan Plumber led the class of fourteen in decorating vases, dishes, and glasses with shells. We were pleased that no one got lost and all found their way to our new location.

We are looking forward to our next shell craft, which will be held Thursday, November 15. Eunice Herr will lead a class on making a shell bracelet. In addition to the \$7 cost, there will be an additional small charge to cover the cost of the bracelet and other supplies needed. We look forward to another exciting class, so be sure to sign up!

Feeling creative? Come join one of our classes this season and create your own artists masterpiece – or at least have fun trying to do so.

Classes will be held at the Suncoast Worship Center at 881 S. River Road. For more information you can contact Sandy at 315-404-5313 or email at sandioud@yahoo.com

Classes are three hours and will be held on Thursdays after the Tuesday monthly meeting (in most cases) from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The cost for each class is the same as last year, \$7. In some cases there may be additional charges based on the particular craft.

We are looking forward to a very successful and fun-packed year! Sign up and join the fun! At each of the monthly club meetings, there will be a sample of the upcoming crafts and a sign-up sheet.

Here's what you can look forward to for the 2012 – 2013 Season and don't forget the new location & times!



November 15 – Shell Bracelet (Eunice Herr), Christmas Pins, Christmas Decorations The shell bracelet is made with small shells that will be attached to a silver chain bracelet with jump rings. Each crafter will receive a kit which will include small shells, bracelet, caps to be glued to the shells, and jump rings to attach shells to bracelet. Glue and tools will be provided and will be shared by crafters. There will be an additional charge for the kit which will be announced at a later date.

Shell Crafters Con't.

December 13 – Mobile (Rosalie Bunker), Wreaths and Trees

January 17 – Mirrors (Linda Maggiore) Driftwood Wooden frames with mirrors, hangars, etc. will be provided. In addition to the \$7 charge for the session, there will be an additional \$7 charge for materials for a total of \$14. Linda will bring samples to the November meeting since the normal December meeting will be replaced with our annual Christmas Luncheon on December 11.

February 21 – Flowers (Diane Herger and Cindy Gettle) Pots/Urns decorated with shells

1) Iris: It is made using northern mussels and centers. Shells will be supplied. You will need to bring hot glue, 18 gauge stem wire, needle nose pliers and white craft glue.

2) Hydrangea: made with three small cup shells glued together with a mustard seed as a center. A total of 100 flowers glued on a 2-1/2" Styrofoam ball. Supplies will be \$2.00/bag of cup shells, 18 gauge stem wire, and a 2 -1/2" Styrofoam ball, mustard seed and hot glue. This flower will need to be started before the craft teaching date.

March 21 – Baskets decorated with shells

ESC Merchandise -Shirley Kastner 🌹

There is still time to get some great items for stocking stuffers, hostess gifts or your snow bird friends who will be visiting this season. Of course, it's always nice to remember yourself at gift giving time, too.

Englewood Shell Club items available include luggage tags, caps, visors, pins checkbook covers and the new Caribbean blue t-shirts. Shirts are available in almost every size. Be sure to add S. Peter Dance's book "Out of My Shell" to your personal shell book collection. Copies are available at half price -- \$5.00 each. That's a real bargain!

All these items will be available at the November meeting. Get a start on or finish your holiday shopping and visit Shirley at the meeting.

When to go Shelling?

Not sure when is the best time to visit the beach for your shelling excursion????? Check out the free Tide Table chart for Florida and select the area you are interested in. <http://freetidetables.com/state/Florida/sid/2811a1d8>



Why go to the Mall when you can shop at the Shell Club?

Check Out Shirley's merchandise mart



What's the best time to go shelling? Check out the free tide table charts online

Conchologists of America Convention July 16 to 21, 2013 Sarasota, FL

Mark your Calendar
for this Summer's
hottest ticket -
Conchologists of
America Convention
in Sarasota



If you have not been to a COA Convention, this is your chance to go to one in your own backyard, well, sort of. This year the convention will be held at the Hyatt in Sarasota, FL. The festivities include field trips including fossil, snorkeling and scuba, beginning on Sunday July 14th. Welcome Party on Monday evening on July 15th. Opening ceremonies will be at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16th. We hope to see many of you there.

Library Update

The Club has purchased 3 new books for our library: Two of these new additions are on shell crafting - *Shell Craft* by Virginia Fowler Elbert and *Shellcraft* by Cleo Stephens. The third book is "The Shell" by Hugh & Marguerite Stix and R, Tucker Abbott. This book has exquisite pictures of shells with their descriptions

Our library is open at each general meeting for use by club members. Books may be checked out and returned in a timely fashion. Stop by and see what the club has to offer.

Please check and if they have the books, please return them at the next meeting. These books have been outstanding for quite some time and need to be returned

ESC Study Group – Debbie Freeman–

The ESC Study Group was started many years ago by our club founder, and past president, Barbara Myers. Until his retirement we also had the expertise of Dick Forbush, past president of the COA to help us learn about the shells we collect. Back then we were a small group, but with our membership growing by leaps and bounds so has the attendance at our study group meetings.

Although there won't be a study group meeting in November, be sure to mark your calendars for the first Monday in December for the group's first meeting of the season.

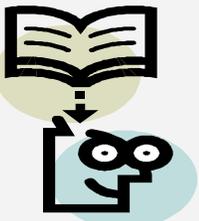
Whether you want help in identifying the shells you have, or just learning more about them, please join us. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month, at 1:00 p.m., at the home of Debbie Freeman. Questions? Call 941-473-3359 and join the fun.

Identify those treasures you
have found and see what
others have gathered.

Meetings are the first
Monday of the month

**NOTE THERE WILL NOT BE A
NOVEMBER MEETING**

Call Debbie Freeman for
more information



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2012- 2013 Program Lineup

Charlie Barr has been busy lining up a very interesting program schedule for this season. The speakers are very knowledgeable about their topics and look forward to the opportunity to share their knowledge with our club members.

Here's the lineup:

Nov 13, 2012: Linda Shockley, "Seashells and Shell Makers"	Feb 19, 2013 - James Cordy - "Eleuthra 2011"
Jan 15, 2013 - Karen VanderVen - "Florida & Honduras 2012"	Mar 19, 2013 - John Colagrande - "State Shells"

Seashells and Shell Makers by Linda Shockley

Join us on November 13 to view some fascinating creatures when Linda Shockley, award-winning* shell collector and full-time Marco Island, Florida resident, will present "Seashells and Shell Makers."

Linda has lived full time on Marco Island since January 2002. Before making her home there, she traveled the world while serving 30 years as a soldier, enlisting in the U.S. Army as a Private in 1971, and retiring at the rank of Colonel (O6).

Developing an interest in seashells after retirement, she has spent many low tides searching for great shells around Marco's beaches, mud-flats, and sandbars. Fascinated by the living mollusks that produce such beautiful shells, she began studying and photographing these interesting creatures in their diverse habitats.

Drawing on 10 years of observation and study, Linda will bring these sea creatures alive with her photographs and share some fascinating facts about Marco's marvelous mollusks!

Linda's Major awards* include:

Exhibit of self-collected "Gastropods around Marco Island"

- Conchologists of America award for the scientific exhibit which "best advances interest in shells and shell collecting." 2007 Marco Island Shell Show.
- Delaware Museum of Natural History DuPont trophy for the exhibit judged to be the "most instructive or inspiring to visitors because of its attractiveness, educational value, and scientific accuracy." 2008 Sarasota Shell Show.
- Best Florida – Caribbean exhibit. 2009 Sanibel Shell Show.
- Best Florida – Caribbean exhibit. 2009 Broward Shell Show.

Exhibit of self-collected "Bivalves from Marco Island"

- Delaware Museum of Natural History Du Pont trophy. 2011 Marco Island Shell Show.

LINDA SHOCKLEY'S
WINKING
PERIWINKLE



Beach Walk Update from Darlene Gallentine ⁷



Our beach walk on October 10 at Stump Pass was a success with 8 members of the shell club enjoying a day in paradise; in spite of the Red Tide.

The monthly beach walks are a perfect way to personally get acquainted with other members of our shell club while enjoying the one thing we all have in common - shelling. Look for a small "flip-flop" flag by my chair on our November 7th beach walk at 10 a.m. on Blind Pass (Middle Beach) and join in the fun.

Here's more beach walk locations for this season:

December 12 - 10:00 a.m. -
Manasota Beach South Beach
Road

January 9 - 10:00 a.m. -
Englewood Beach across from Lock
& Key restaurant

February 13 - 10:00 a.m.
Boca Grande Beach

March 13 - 10:00 a.m.
Blind Pass Middle Beach

Community Christmas Tree Decorated by Englewood Shell Club

Remember how fun it is to decorate a tree but don't have one or want one in your own home? Every year the club has the privilege of decorating a Christmas tree at Cedar Point Park, 2300 Placida Road, Englewood. The tree is decorated with nothing but shell ornaments which have been donated or handmade by club members.

Be sure to stop by and add your decorating flare to this year's tree decorating outing on Wednesday, December 5 at 10:00 a.m. And don't forget to stop by the tree sometime during the month of December and bring your friends and family to enjoy. This tree is both unique and beautiful. And of course, there's also the dismantle gathering on Thursday, January 3, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. Your help is needed and appreciated at both events.

Christmas Luncheon

You still have time to make your reservation and join your ESC friends in kicking off the holiday season on Tuesday December 18. Our luncheon will be held at Howard's Restaurant, 776/MacCall Rd., Englewood. There is a choice of 4 entrees: Chicken Cordon Bleu, 8 oz. Prime Rib, 8 oz. Haddock Fillet, or "All you can eat" salad bar. The first 3 options will be served with mixed veggies and a choice of rice or potato medley, and one trip to the salad bar. All meals will include a non-alcoholic beverage.

Desert will be cake and a scoop of ice cream. The FINAL cost of the luncheon, will be \$16.00 per person, which includes the 18% gratuity. Sorry for any confusion about the price in the last newsletter as we were still trying to figure out the total cost based on the number of participants. For those who paid \$15.00, you can pay Sheila the \$1.00 for the cake and ice cream (YUM!) at the November meeting. Thanks for your understanding! Any questions, please contact Shelia Miller. Sheila's email is shedog6515@yahoo.com

Come and join the
Tree Decorating
Wednesday
December 5 at
10:00 a.m.

DON'T FORGET TO MAKE
YOUR RESERVATION NOW!

Tuesday, December 18
11:00 - 2:00
Howard's Restaurant



THERE'S STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR ONE OF TWO OUTINGS - A BOAT RIDE AND A LEARNING EXPERIENCE!



Carefree Learner

The Carefree Learner trips will take us into Sarasota Bay at the lowest tides of the season, allowing us to walk on the exposed sand flats. There you will find many shells common to our area of Florida. See this link for more information on the Carefree Learner. http://carefreelearner-shs.com/Home_Page.html

The dates are: Friday December 14, 2012 (low tide -.79), and January 11, 2013 (low tide -.83). We sail promptly at 7:00 a.m. There are only 24 seats so first come, first serve.

Note the price increase for this trip, it is now \$20. Tips are included. This is a nonrefundable trip. Please send your check made out to Englewood Shell Club. A phone number where you can be reached is a must, and please send a note letting Debbie know if you can take passengers for carpooling. Give or mail checks to: Debbie Freeman P.O. Box 339, Englewood, FL 34295

Any questions email Debbie at: Limpet@comcast.net or call 941-473-3359

Excursion Schedule

Ruth Middlebrooks, Marilyn Boyd, Debbie Freeman

Excursions for the 2012-2013 season are filling up fast. Payments for these trips must be paid at the November meeting. There is a waiting list already for the Cedar Key trip in February.

Friday, November 16, 2012. Over 40 people have signed up for a fun day on November 16, 2012 at Palm Island with lunch at Rum Bay. We will take the 8:00 a.m. Ferry over to Palm Island where we will pick up our golf carts and enjoy the morning exploring and shelling. At 12:00 noon we will have a delicious lunch in the tropical setting of the Rum Bay Restaurant. You will have a choice of 3 different menu items. The total cost of the trip is \$36.00. Payment for this trip must be paid at the November meeting.



January 2013 - January 22, 2013 is our trip to Useppa Island. The Tropic Star boat will pick us up at Boca Grande. We will visit the museum and have lunch in their Country Club. The total cost is \$62.00. Payment for this trip must be paid at the November meeting.



February 26 – 27, 2013. This trip is filled but there is a wait list. The trip will include a 2 night bus trip to Cedar Key with lodging at the Cedar Cove Resort and an excursion on Captain Doug's boat. We will visit the Cedar Key museum along with other quaint things to see and do on Cedar Key. Payment for this trip must be paid at the November meeting.

March 2013 A trip on the Calusa Queen with Captain Will is in the planning stages. Stay tuned for more information.

Welcome New Members

A warm welcome to our six new club members -- Sara Cornwell, Leslie Furmage, Pam McNeely, Candy Rudzinski, Margie Saeger, and Karel Ellis. We look forward to getting to know each of you better at our fun outings and meetings.

In case you haven't had a chance yet, be sure to fill out your application and submit your membership dues for this season. Your club is very active with many opportunities to learn, have fun and meet people. And, while you are enjoying your membership, please consider volunteering on your favorite committee. Your enthusiasm and willingness are always welcome!

About Our Organization

Englewood Shell Club
President: Nancy Weborg
4564 Pompano Rd.
Venice, FL 34293

The Englewood Shell Club was formed January 23, 1996 to bring together people interested in seashells. Club members share their enthusiasm and experiences of mollusks of all kinds, but we are most interested in Florida shells.

The Englewood Shell Club General meeting meets one Tuesday a month. The General Meetings are held at 1:00 p.m. October through April At the Elks Lodge #2378, 401 N. Indiana Ave., Englewood FL 34223. Please check the calendar for the Tuesday date for the monthly meeting.

Individual Membership:

Family Membership:

Renewal\$20.00
New*\$28.00

Renewal....\$35.00
New*\$56.00

*New members fee include onetime cost for name badge.

APPLICATION FOR ESC 2012-2013 MEMBERSHIP

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

Katherine Gudgel
1132 Yosemite Dr.
Englewood, FL 34223

Individual Membership

- Renewal \$20.00
 New* \$28.00
**Covers one-time cost of name tag*

Family Membership

- Renewal \$35.00
 New* \$56.00
**Covers one-time cost of name tag*

PLEASE PRINT:

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?

Areas of interest to help out

RELEASE OF LIABILITY

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, the field trip leaders, or the property owners liable for any injuries I sustain should they occur.

Signed _____ Date _____

Signed _____ Date _____

DO NOT COMPLETE THIS AREA

Check # _____ Amt. _____ Dated _____

Englewood Shell Club RSVP Coupons

Checks are non-refundable Make payable to the Englewood Shell Club
See newsletter articles for excursions details

Excursion: ESC Holiday Luncheon
Tuesday, December 18 - 11:00 AM

\$15.00 Plus desert cost TBD

Name(s) _____ Phone # _____

Mail check to Shelia Miller
6515 Hamlet Dr., Unit B
Englewood, FL 34223

Carefree Learner I Excursion

ESC Carefree Learner
December 14: Sailing from Marina Jack at 7 AM

\$20.00

Name _____ Phone _____

Mail check to Debbie Freeman,
P O Box 339,
Englewood, FL 34295

Carefree Learner II Excursion

ESC Carefree Learner
Jan. 11, 2013: Sailing from Marina Jack 7 AM

\$20.00

Name _____ Phone _____

Mail check to Debbie Freeman
P O Box 339
Englewood FL 34295
Deadline: January 5, 2013
