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NEW CLUB WEBSITE:

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President's Message – Brenda Steele

Our first meeting on October 20th was a great way to start the twentieth year of Englewood Shell Club. The room was filled with chatter, laughter, and socializing. There were 68 returning members and 11 guests. Some guests came specifically to join. It is always nice to welcome new shellers and meet new friends. The Show and Tell theme gave many an opportunity to share their finds and show their creativity.

Sign-up sheets were available for the many excursions planned, the Holiday Luncheon, and our 20th anniversary celebration. For this special occasion, I have chartered the luxury yacht, Marina Jack II, for a luncheon buffet cruise around Sarasota Bay on Sunday, January 31, 2016. Maximum capacity is 149 persons. Please see the reservation form at end of the newsletter. Membership dues must be paid before I can accept your reservation and payment.

I am so proud and thankful to be working with this year's Board of Directors and Team Leaders. I know this 2015-2016 season will be filled with great shelling experiences, informative speakers, creative ideas, more knowledge on the study of shells and building memories with our shelling friends.

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Newsletter Editor Message

Thanksgiving – A time to reflect on all the blessings bestowed upon us. Thanksgiving is more than a day. It's a lifestyle. Gratitude shifts your perspective. Gratitude focuses so closely on the good that the bad can become almost unnoticeable. Thankfulness is healthy. Thankfulness is a strong anti-depressant. Happy Thanksgiving to ESC members and families.

Programs

Our guest speaker for the November meeting will be Rebecca O'Sullivan. She will present a program on "Shell Technologies of the Gulf Coast". Rebecca is the Public Archaeology Coordinator of the West Central Region of the Florida Public Archaeology Network in Tampa. A couple of our members have heard her speak and think we will really enjoy her presentation. Please come and give her a warm ESC welcome.

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.

Membership

Welcome back to all our existing members and a warm welcome to our new ones.

Dues must be paid by January 30, 2016 in order to be included in the new directory that will come out in February.

Be sure to sign your applications before submitting them, and for family memberships, both members must sign. It is also important that your dues are paid promptly so that you can participate in all the club events

The 2015-2016 ESC Membership form is included in this newsletter for you to complete and return to Sandy Ouderkirk. The form is also available on our website.

Be sure to review your current contact information listed on the website under the "Members Only" cloud. Contact Sandy if there are any changes you need updated.

A Note from New Member Tori Weaver

I would like to thank all of your membership that was at the October 2016 general meeting for their warm welcome to me and others.

As a new member, I especially appreciate having an annual activity schedule available, a greeter at the door, a personal introduction, and the overall guidance from your members. That made a positive impression on my guest and I feel like I am already a part of your organization.

I really appreciate the effort everyone made. Thank you and I am looking forward to the next group activities. Tori Weaver

Thank you, Tori, for the feedback. We are happy you have joined ESC member and look forward to seeing you at many of our events!



Carefree Learner NEW DEPARTURE TIMES LISTED

We've been advised of new departure times for the Carefree Learner outings. **The new times are Monday, January 25th departure time at 7:15 a.m. and Tuesday, February 9th departure time at 6:45 a.m.** We will leave at these new times sharp from Marina Jacks in Sarasota. There are only 24 seats. To reserve your spot you must pay \$20.00 for each trip, separate checks postdated January 1, 2016. You will need to pay when you sign up. We also need a phone number or cell number if possible in case there is a weather cancellation. Trips are 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 Wednesday December 16th - 11:15 a.m. 2:15 p.m.



ESC Christmas luncheon will be held at the beautiful Gulf View Grille and what a view that is. You can sign up at the October general meeting or send the completed registration form and check to Pam at her mailing address listed below if you are unable to attend the November meeting. Looking forward to seeing you there for some Christmas cheer!

Cost is \$25 per person

**Pam Orozco
950 Elwood Ave.
Englewood, FL. 34323
pcorozco54@yahoo.com**

Historian - Trish Mulroy

I will be out of state from mid November 2015 through mid-January 2016. Please note my email address in the Members Directory, and feel free to email me any pictures taken at club functions. Please include the event and date, and most important who is in the picture. Also, if you post to the club's Facebook page, same request applies. I will be able to work on the club scrapbook while I am gone. Thank you for helping our club in preserving our activities.

Study Group



A small group of ESCers attended the first study group of this season at Cedar Point Park on a rainy afternoon.

The discussion revolved around scallops (*Argopecton irradians*). Linda discussed her involvement over the summer with Mote Marine Laboratory's scallop laboratory, a study to discover the optimal method to raise scallops for deployment into Sarasota Bay. Sadly, Linda reported, all scallops in the Mote lab died from red tide in mid-October. The local scallop count held annually in Lemon Bay was also discussed.

Comparisons were made of scallops from Florida and the Cape Cod area so that participants could discover the differences in the subspecies. Bet Hamilton, who assists in chairing the meeting, delighted the audience with her tale of capturing live, swimming Lion's Paws off the coast of Bradenton.

It was determined to resume Study Group in January after the hub bub of the holiday season has died down. We will be discussing Arks! So be on the lookout for the many varieties of arks found on our beaches.

Dates of next study groups: Jan. 27, 2016 Feb. 24, 2016 Mar. 30, 2016
I hope to see you at these sessions.

Linda Powers

Shellcrafters

Welcome back Shell Crafters!

Happy fall Shell Crafters! Our table had such a great response at the general meeting and we would like to thank you all for that! We are very excited for this season's projects.

Nancy W. & Pam O. will be teaching us how to design beachy bracelets and necklaces at our first class (November 20th 9:00 a.m.). Anyone that signed up for the class should have gotten a supply list. If you didn't pick one up, please contact either Nancy or Pam and they will help you with any questions.

Monday, December 7th (10:00 a.m.) is our annual event to meet at Cedar Point Park to put up the ESC Christmas tree. Please join us. It's great to see all of the ornaments hand crafted by our talented ESC members.

December's (18th 9:00 a.m.) craft project with Anita Wilson will be a driftwood & shell wind chime. Anita has some drift wood to share but please be on the lookout on your beach walks for the "perfect" piece of drift wood and shells for your wind chime. It always makes your project a bit more special to include something that you have collected! This year's calendar is full, but if you have any suggestions for future projects or hidden talents and would like to teach a class please let us know. We'd love to hear them!

Looking forward to seeing you at Shell Crafters! Leslie & Martha

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 _____

**ESC Christmas Lunch
Gulf View Grille
Wednesday December 16th - 11:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.**

(PLEASE PRINT)

Please complete registration form and send to Pam Orozco along with a check payable to the Englewood Shell club. Send to:

Cost is \$25 per person

**Pam Orozco
950 Elwood Ave.
Englewood, FL. 34323**

Name _____

Amount Enclosed _____

Address:

Street

City/State/Zip

Phone # _____ Cell# _____

E-mail

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**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 _____

If seating capacity is not reached by our January 19, 2016 General Meeting, members may invite a guest on a first come first serve basis.