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## President's Message – Brenda Steele

I hope you are looking forward to a great season. Our team leaders have been diligently working on plans to make this year one of the best. The first General Meeting is October 21, 2014 at the Elks Lodge in Englewood and will be a social meeting with a "show and tell" theme. Please bring a shell, craft, or a display piece you would like to discuss and share with others. Just a reminder, please bring a shell ornament to adorn the ESC Christmas tree at Cedar Point Park.

ESC club members were busy supporting community projects this summer. Carol Ayers, Martha Dehne, Linda Powers, Sandy Ouderkirk, and Rita Stonehouse volunteered in the Great Bay and Sound Scallop Search in Lemon Bay. This was the 6th year ESC members participated in this event. Linda Powers, Rita Stonehouse and I participated in the Charlotte Harbor Oyster Reef Restoration Project. Most recently, Carol and Dick Ayers, Linda Powers, and Sandy Ouderkirk sponsored the Watermelon Eating Contest for Englewood's 58th Pioneer Days Festival which was ESC's 4th year of sponsorship. And, the ESC members who were able to be in the area continued the tradition of beach walks and luncheons.

Congratulations to Debbie Freeman for the awards she received at the Jacksonville Shell Show. Along with winning 5 ribbons, she received the "Gertrude Moller Award" and the "Most Creative" award. Belated congratulations to Diane Herger for winning a first place ribbon at the Sarasota Shell Show. This year all paid members will be receiving a membership card. The card is valid for one year only. It will entitle you to free admission to the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum and discounts with some local merchants.

I am excited about this year's meetings and programs, shell crafters, shell study, outreach, and excursions. I hope you are too! I look forward to seeing you on **October 21st**.

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The ESC website has a new address so if you have the website saved as a 'favorite' be sure to update to our new location:

[www.inglewoodshell.club](http://www.inglewoodshell.club)

Also be sure to check out the updated Calendar of Activities for 2014 – 2015 as there have been some changes.

The Sarasota Shell Show  
Debbie Freeman

The Sarasota Shell Show was a winner - and so were a few members of the Englewood Shell Club! Ribbon's won in the Artistic division went to member Karen Paulson who won a blue, first place ribbon for her shell mosaic face mask. Jeannine Emond took three second place ribbons. They were for her nightlight, a shell tree, and a beautiful candle older. In the Scientific division Harry Barryman won the Mote trophy for the best scientific, as well as a ribbon for the most beautiful exhibit, both for his Philippine Cones. Harry also won a trophy for the smallest exhibit for his cape Verdi Cones. Congratulations everyone!

## Welcome back Shellcrafters!

We will be kicking off the season on Friday, October 10, at Englewood Elks at 9:00AM. For our first meeting, we will make Christmas ornaments to replace the worn ornaments used on the Cedar Park Christmas tree. Bring your shells, ribbons, beads, trims, etc. If you have some designs already made for ornaments, bring along a sample to share with everyone. Don't have any ideas? Look up Christmas ornaments in Etsy or Pinterest on the net. You may also use this meeting to finish up a shell project you haven't had time to complete at home.

On November 7, we will make abalone nightlights with Ruth Middlebrooks. December 8, we will be decorating the Cedar Point Park Christmas tree at 10:00AM, and we will need volunteers! December 12, we will make shelled napkin rings with Kathy Schley.

January 9, 2015 is a TBD at this time. January 12, we will take down the Cedar Point Park Christmas tree – volunteers needed again! February 13, Diane Herger will be demonstrating shell flowers. She asks that all of you begin collecting lots of coquinas that will be required for her project. March 13, Karen Paulsen will lead us making shelled cigar boxes.

A note to our instructors: As Shellcrafters will be meeting the Fridays PRIOR to our ESC meetings; we will actually have a whole month to forget what the next project will look like! Instructors should provide detailed supply lists (and maybe a photo if possible) of their shell craft project, specifying what items the instructor will provide, and what items the crafters should bring. At the ESC meeting, we will place your lists on the table with the sign-up sheets. Shellcrafters charges \$7 to participate in each class, and there may be an additional cost if the instructor is providing any materials.

Any questions, suggestions or comments can be directed to Martha Dehne at 941-473-1247 or Leslie Furmage at 941-828-1297.

## Excursions

### Ruth Middlebrooks, Marilyn Boyd, Carol Ayers

Excitement by our ESC members is rising over our bus trip to the Keys. We will leave on Wednesday, November 12, 13 and return to Englewood on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>. There is still room on the bus so if you want to join the fun, contact Ruth Middlebrooks in North Carolina (NC) if you are interested. She will not be back in Florida until November 1st. Her telephone number in NC is 252-261-8503.

## Conchologists Of America

### Debbie Freeman

The 2014 Conchologists Of America convention was held at the Hilton Wilmington Riverside in Wilmington, NC. August 9 - 15. The North Carolina Shell Club really went all out to make the convention one of the best. It was a pleasure to represent the ESC at this convention.

#### 2014 Conchologists of America Board of Directors



Top Row: Bill Lyons, Trustee; Jim Bruner, Director-at -Large; Phyllis Gray, Secretary; Steven Coker, Treasurer; Doug Wolfe, Director-at -Large; Harry Lee, Vice President; Debbie Freeman, Director-at -Large.

Bottom Row: Jose Leal, President; Donald Dan, Awards; Anne Joffe, Convention Coordinator; Doris Underwood, Membership; Daniel Geiger, Academic Grants Director.

The Scotch Bonnet is the NC shell, and the welcome party had plenty of tartans, kilts, and bonnets. The entertainment of the Port City Pipes & Drums fit the occasion perfectly. Programs included land snails, freshwater mollusks, fossil shells, and live marine mollusks in NC to the FL Keys, and using Common Names for shells. One of the more entertaining programs was given by Alan Gettleman who spoke on "Shells That Never Were".

Several pre-convention tours were offered. In between programs the silent auctions ran for those of us in need of more shells. There was also a mini shell show, and a poster session to see. There were door prizes at each program session, and the oral auction with many wonderful shells to pick from.

The banquet is always a time for visiting and sharing stories of shelling adventures.

Charles Rawlings was the keynote speaker, and showed us some fantastic photographs of living shells from around the world. The bourse means the end of another COA convention. There were about 30 shell dealers from around the world. If you are looking for a special shell, a book, jewelry, art, or other shell related items the bourse is the place to find it.

Next year in Florida! The Conchologists of America will hold their 2015 annual meeting in Weston, FL at the Bonaventure Resort & Spa. July 14 -19. It is being hosted by the Broward Shell Club. This is your opportunity to join us on a shell adventure you don't want to miss. If you have any questions about the Conchologists of America see <http://www.conchologistsofamerica.org/home/> For more on the 2015 meeting go to [www.2015COAConvention.com](http://www.2015COAConvention.com) or just ask me!

## Beach Walks

Hi Fellow Shellers. The beach walks for 2014-2015 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.

I hope to see you on October 15th at Blind Pass Beach!

## Membership

The 2014-2015 ESC Membership form is included in this newsletter for you to complete and return to Sandy Ouderkirk.

Be sure to review your current contact information Sandy has in her membership roster and update anything that may have changed.

If you know of anyone interested in shells, invite them to one of our meetings – the more the merrier!



## Carefree Learner

Our 2 trips for the year are Tuesday, January 6th and Wednesday, January 21st. We leave at 7:45 a.m. 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, 2015. 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>.

## LIBRARY

ESC was recently notified the Princeton University Press will publish Alan Kohn's new book on Conus of the Southeastern U.S. and Caribbean on September 24, 2014 and asked our Librarian, LeAnn Bowers, to make sure ESC members were aware of this book's availability.

It is a beautifully illustrated book that covers identification, evolution and every angle of natural history including methodology of collection and observation. The book will become a guide and classic text for conchologists and shell collectors. More information on this book can be found at [jessicapellien@press.princeton.edu](mailto:jessicapellien@press.princeton.edu).

We have many good books in our library and I hope everyone will use and enjoy them this year.

## PROGRAMS 2014 - 2015

This year we will feature some of our own members.

October - Show and Tell

November - Linda Powers

December - Members Christmas Luncheon

January - Anne Joffe

February - Shell Outreach program

March - John Colagrande

April - Members picnic

We are looking forward to showcasing some of our members and what they do!

Christmas luncheon - Tuesday 12/09  
Manasota Beach Club. 11:00 am \$28.00



If you are interested in signing up for the ESC Christmas Luncheon, Pam Orozco will not be at the October meeting. You can sign up by contacting her through her email and you can send your check to her at her mailing address listed below:

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

Study Group  
New Location!

"What's old is new again." I am happy to be heading up this year's ESC Study Group which will be held this year at Cedar Point Park, 2300 Placida Road, Englewood (across from Lemon Bay High School). Some of you may not know, but the Study Group was originally held here and Bobbi Rodgers, the park's resource manager, is thrilled to have us back!

Study Group will be on the last Wednesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. Our theme this year will be "Back to Shelling Basics". We will concentrate on facts and identification of local shells. Please bring shells to I.D. and any shell I.D. books that you have. Be sure to call me at 474-3187 or email me at linda.powers1@gmail.com if you have any questions.

I'm looking forward to a fun, learning experience with all who want to participate.

Linda Powers

HISTORIAN

This could possibly be the best job in the Shell Club. I get to go to all our get-togethers, all our trips, the beachwalks, meetings, etc. and take pictures to share with all the club members to preserve the past, present and future of the club. And if, perhaps, I can't attend a club function there are many members who share the pictures they have taken. Ask me more about the information I have available for members to see.

Nancy Weborg

# APPLICATION FOR ESC MEMBERSHIP 2014-2015

(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

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_