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President's Message – Brenda Steele

Summer is behind us and we are entering our 2015-2016 year. I hope you are looking forward to a great season. This is a special time in the history of Englewood Shell Club as we will be celebrating our 20th Anniversary in January 2016. I hope you are all as excited as I am for our next journey.

To celebrate this memorable event; we are chartering the Marina Jack II out of Sarasota Harbor for a luncheon cruise on Sunday January 31, 2016. The cost is \$35.95 per person. The maximum head count is 149 people. Signup sheets will be available at the October General Meeting which will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at the Elks Lodge in Englewood, FL. Come early and enjoy a great luncheon at the Elks before the October general meeting.

I speak for myself and the other Board members and Team Leaders when I say we are all excited about this year's meetings, programs, shell crafters, shell study, outreach, and excursions. The best part about being an ESC member is that we continue to move forward with great shelling experiences and a growing knowledge of mollusks while we make wonderful memories and friendships. Please consider joining a committee or discussing with a Team Leader how you can become more involved in the Club.

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THE ART OF SHELLING

SMELL the salt in the air...

FEEL the sand between your toes...

LISTEN to beach sounds by Mother Nature...

LOOK at the seascapes and seashells...

RELAX...

Submitted by Pam Desruisseaux

ESC Facebook Page

Have you visited the ESC's Facebook page lately? Our FB page has club members' postings of events and shelling finds. Check it out today and send a request to be a 'friend'. It's a closed group so 'friended' members can post or view. If you haven't registered for a FB account, you can do so at <https://www.facebook.com/>. Once you establish an account you can search for Englewood Shell Club and send a request to join.

Beach Walks

Hi Fellow 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. In order to be included in the 2015-2016 membership directory membership applications and paid dues must be received no later than February 1, 2016.

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.

Shellcrafters

Welcome back Shell Crafters!

Our 1st craft class will be held Friday November 20th at 9:00 a.m. at the Elks Club in Englewood. We are excited to have our own Nancy Weborg and Pam Orozco as our instructors. They will be teaching us to make a bangle bracelet and necklace both adorn with shells.

Be sure to stop by the Shell Crafters table at the General meeting for further instructions and to sign up for the class. We are looking forward to a fun and creative year! Any questions, suggestions or comments can be directed to Martha Dehne at 941-473-1247 or Leslie Furmage at 941-828-1297.

Library Judy Kauk

This year the library will be correlating with the "shell of the month" talks. Anyone who would like to give a short "shell & tell" on their favorite shells please let Judy know.

The ESC library has a large selection of great books on every aspect of shelling for those new to shelling as well as for experienced shellers. Be sure to check out what the library has.



Carefree Learner

Our 2 trips for the year are Monday, January 25th and Tuesday, February 9th, 2016. 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, 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>.

Gala in the Glades COA Convention July 14-18, 2015

I was honored to represent the Englewood Shell Club at this year's Conchologist of America (COA) Convention in Weston, FL.

COA was sponsored by The Broward Shell Club and they deserve high praise, starting with our "goodie bags" and ending with the all-shell handmade alligator favors for everyone at the Banquet.

All lectures were informative and entertaining, but of special note was Paul Kanner's "California Shells & Collecting in California Waters" and Jerry Harasewych's "Yo Ho Ho and a Bottle of Shells" about finding shells within bottles in a submersible off the coast of Curacao. Dr. Leal of the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum also had a fascinating talk on "Biomimetics and Mollusks" discussing biomaterials being developed by observing and analyzing seashells. Kevan Sunderland provided the grande finale with "The Everglades Ecosystem and Its Residents", a fascinating and extraordinary slide show of his personal photographs of every Florida creature imaginable.

At the Club Representative's meeting, I learned that ESC is in a unique position with a growing membership. The Broward Club, too, has lots of members but most clubs are struggling to find new members.

The Chicago Shell Club gave a very enthusiastic presentation on the upcoming COA Convention in Chicago July 27-31, 2016. I would like to encourage more of our members to become involved in COA. When you join for \$25/year, you will receive a beautiful quarterly full-color magazine. Although some articles can be very scientific and a little over the heads of most of us, it is always interesting reading. Also, let's get a large contingent from our club to go to Chicago next summer. It is going to be a great convention!

Linda Powers
2015 ESC COA Rep

Christmas luncheon - Gulf View Grille Wednesday December 16th - 11:15 a.m. to 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 registration form and check to Pam at her mailing address listed below if you are unable to attend the October 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

Study Group

Welcome back to all of our northern friends. I hope your summer was filled with lots of shelling adventures and spectacular finds!

The first Study Group of the beginning of our 20th year will be on Wednesday, October 28th, 2:00 p.m. at Cedar Point Park (across from Lemon Bay High School on Placida Road). Bring your summer treasures to share your adventures and to get help in identifying them.

Following is the schedule for Study Group. All meetings are on the last Wednesday of the month, 2:00, at Cedar Point Park.

Oct. 28, 2015	Feb. 24, 2016
Nov. 25, 2015	Mar. 30, 2016
Jan. 27, 2016	

I hope to see you at these sessions.

HISTORIAN

This year's Historian is Trish Mulroy. Thanks outgoing Historian, Nancy Weborg, for filling this important role of capturing the get-togethers, trips, beach walks, meetings, etc. and taking pictures to share with all the club members to preserve the past, present and future of the club. Be sure to ask Trish about all the information a Historian has available for members to see.



**CHANGE
AND CONTINUITY**

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
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(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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