

# Englewood Shell Club

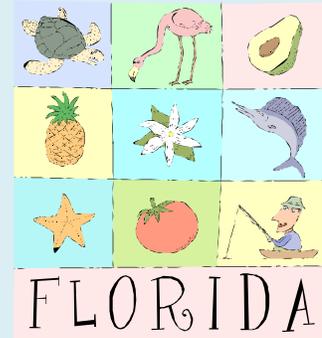
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## THE TIDE – Author Unknown

The tide recedes, but leaves behind bright seashells on the sand. The sun goes down, but gentle warmth still lingers on the land. The music stops, yet echoes on in sweet, soulful refrains. For every joy that passes, something beautiful remains.



## President's Message – Nancy Weborg

### WELCOME BACK SHELL CLUB MEMBERS

Welcome back to sunny and hot Florida. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. John and I went to Michigan in July to visit family and friends and lo and behold it was hotter there than when we left Florida. This is going to be an exciting year for the club. Many new members are involved in the activities of the club and the possibilities for new and continuing activities are limitless. You won't want to miss a single meeting. Our first meeting is October 16th at 1:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge in Englewood. This first meeting is a show and tell meeting. Make sure to bring something you made or a story about your summer to share with club members.



## Newsletter Editor – MaryLinda Coward

This is my first edition as Newsletter Editor for the Englewood Shell Club replacing Christina Anglin. Thanks to Christina for her commitment over the past years to ensure a great communication resource for our club.

The newsletter layout may look different due to Christina's and my computer platforms being different, but you will find the same information to be able to enjoy the many activities our club offers. I look forward to offering club members and future club members a quality newsletter that is informative, educational and maybe even a bit inspirational and fun.

I feel so blessed to be able to spend time in such a wonderful place in southwest Florida where we can enjoy access to uncrowded beaches, beautiful waterways and meet great people from all over the United States, Canada and other countries.

I've set up an 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](mailto:escnewsletter@aol.com) I look forward to meeting many of you at the club's upcoming events and meetings this year.

*Until then – Happy Shelling! MaryLinda*

NEW LOCATION FOR SHELL CRAFTERS THIS YEAR. MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE SUNCOAST WORSHIP CENTER AT 881 S. RIVER ROAD

### Shell Crafters - Sandy Ouderkirk & Dottie Swann *Note new location for meetings & meeting times!*

We have an exciting schedule planned for this year, thanks to many volunteers who have offered to lead a session. We were fortunate to secure a new location for our meetings where we can hold classes and store our shells.

The classes will be held at the Suncoast Worship Center at 881 S. River Road in the side building to the left of the sanctuary. Watch for signs to direct you.

Classes this year will be three hours instead of two 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.

The first Shell Crafters meeting will be Thursday, October 18 and will be nightlights and *Designing on Glass* by Jan Plummer. It will be necessary to contact me either by phone or email if you wish to attend the October 18th class. My phone number is 315-404-5313, and my email is sandioud@yahoo.com. You can also register at the meeting on Tuesday, October 16.

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!



#### Schedule for Shell Crafters 2012-2013

October 18 – Designing on Glass, (Jan Plummer). Bring a candy dish, plate, soap dish or goblet, glue gun and scissors. Tulle will be provided.

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.

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.



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

Two Dates this Season for  
Carefree Learner

December 14, 2012 and  
January 11, 2013  
Sail at 7:00 a.m.

Sarasota Bay  
Call Debbie Freeman for  
more information

## 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](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 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 me 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](mailto:Limpet@comcast.net) or call 941-473-3359.

Shell Club  
Merchandise  
Go shopping with Shirley



## ESC Merchandise -Shirley Kastner🌹

We have lots of great Englewood Shell Club items available for our members and they make great gifts, too. Last year the new Caribbean blue t-shirts were a big hit. They are available in almost every size. In addition there are checkbook covers, luggage tags, caps, visors and pins. A very nice book, "Out of My Shell" by S. Peter Dance, is being sold for half price at \$5.00 each. Peter's book would be a nice addition to anyone's personal library.

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

Identify & learn about  
shells you have found along  
your beach walks

Impress your fellow beach  
walkers on your next walk

Meetings are the first  
Monday of the month

Call Debbie Freeman for  
more information



## 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.

Our first meeting on November 7 will include showing off the shells you found over the summer, helping with identification, and setting up topics for the rest 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.

## Beach Walks – Darlene Gallentine

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And Speaking of  
Beach Walks...  
Use your New  
Knowledge from  
The Study Group

See what Darlene has lined  
up for you on  
Wednesday mornings.



Are we there yet?  
Come along and enjoy the  
adventures the Excursion  
crew has organized for this  
year.....and remember...  
getting there is half the fun!



Christmas Luncheon  
Location and Menu  
Tuesday, December 18  
11:00 - 2:00  
Howard's Restaurant



Darlene has organized the following beach walks for this season. So put on your barefoot shoes and join the fun in discovering all the treasures from the sea on our beautiful Florida beaches.

October 10 - 10:00 a.m. - Stump Pass Beach  
November 7 - 10:00 a.m. - Blind Pass (Middle Beach)  
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)

We'll be looking forward to seeing you on the beach.

## Excursion Schedule

Ruth Middlebrooks, Marilyn Boyd, Debbie Freeman

Excursions for the 2012-2013 season are still being firmed up, but mark your calendars to hold these dates – More information will be coming.

Friday, November 16, 2012. 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. Sign up at the October meeting for this fun filled day.

Plans for a trip to Useppa Island are underway for some time in January.

February 26 – 27, 2013. We are planning a 2 night bus trip to Cedar Key. Reservations have been made for the Cedar Cove Resort and Captain Doug's boat. We will visit the Cedar Key museum along with other quaint things to see and do on Cedar Key.

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

## Christmas Luncheon

Join us in kicking off the holiday season on Tuesday December 18 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with a luncheon at Howard's Restaurant in Englewood on 776/MacCall Rd. You will have 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.

ESC will purchase desert from Publix. Cost of cake & a scoop of ice cream will be determined by how many members will attend, but we are approximating an extra \$1.25 per person.

The cost of the dinner, minus desert, will be \$15.00 per person, which includes the 18% gratuity. We hope everyone will be pleased with the selections. Any questions, please contact Shelia Miller. Sheila's email is [shedog6515@yahoo.com](mailto:shedog6515@yahoo.com)

## COA Meeting 2012 - Debbie Freeman

The Conchologists of America met in Philadelphia June 19 - 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012. We overlapped the first week, June 16 - 21, with the American Malacological Society. The varied topics discussed included a Skype program with S. Peter Dance from his home in England, who spoke about rare shells. We were invited to spend an evening at the Academy of Natural Sciences where we were treated to a buffet dinner and the incredible music of African drummers; all while wondering amongst Dinosaur skeletons.

There were 14 of us at the club representative breakfast. I was proud to be representing ESC, one of few clubs that continues to grow. We discussed ways to improve membership, and also what the various clubs have to offer their members.

At the dinner banquet we were treated to the expertise of guest speaker Dr. Baldomero Olivera who spoke at length about conus toxins and their use in medicine today. Although I have heard Dr. Baldomero speak before, I very much enjoyed learning new applications on the topic of cone shell poisons and related research.

The bourse was held the last two days of the meeting. There were 23 dealers represented from around the world. It was an impressive room of shells and related items for sale.

The COA will be meeting closer to home next year. It will be hosted by the Sarasota Shell Club, and held at the Hyatt Hotel, Sarasota. The hotel has special convention rates. Dates are July 16 - 21, 2013. Hope to see you there!

### Membership Dues 2012 – 2013

Be sure to fill out and submit your membership dues for the upcoming season. As you can see there are 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!

# APPLICATION FOR ESC MEMBERSHIP

(please print)

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

Katherine Gudgel  
1132 Yosemite Dr.  
Englewood, FL 34223

<u>Individual Membership</u>	<u>Family Membership</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal ..... \$20.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Renewal ..... \$35.00
<input type="checkbox"/> New* ..... \$28.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 # \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be willing to serve on one of our many committees?  Yes  No  Maybe -  
What committee(s) are you interested in?

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

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

DO NOT COMPLETE

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. \_\_\_\_\_ Dated \_\_\_\_\_

# Englewood Shell Club RSVP Coupons

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Checks are non-refundable and payable to the Englewood Shell Club\*

See newsletter articles for excursions details

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**Excursion: Palm Island Ferry & Rum Bay Restaurant Lunch**

Friday, November 16, 2012

**\$36.00**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_

Mail check to: Ruth Middlebrooks,,  
1936 Greenlawn Dr  
Englewood FL 34223

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**Excursion: ESC Holiday Luncheon**

Tuesday, December 18 - 11:00 AM

**\$15.00 Plus desert cost TBD**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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

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## 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

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