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## President's Message – Debbie Freeman

Now that the hustle and bustle of the holiday season is over we can devote more time to what we do best - shelling! We have plenty of opportunity to do that here in Florida. Our club has several trips scheduled, not to mention our study group, crafters, educational programs, and beach walks. Remember to keep an eye on our website <http://www.inglewoodshellclub.org/> to find out when and where we will be.

Soon our nomination committee will be approaching some of you for positions of leadership in our club. Pitch in and lend a hand! You will get to know fellow members, and better learn the goings on in our club if you volunteer. There is so much to do to make this club run smoothly. Please see any of our Board Members or Chairpersons if you are interested in getting involved, and if you are asked - say "Yes"!



Happy Shelling!

Debbie Freeman

## Newsletter Editor – MaryLinda Coward

A new year is a good time for resolutions and changes; and that also applies to the ESC Newsletter – *The Shell Scoop*. You will still find the same pertinent club information for meetings, activities and programming schedules. However, to assist those who wish to print a hard copy of the newsletter; there will be less graphics and pictures. You can still view pictures of events and crafts on our website. Remember the club's email account for club members to communicate any changes to your phone numbers, email or snail mail addresses or to provide comments for the Board or Chairpersons. If you change your email; be sure to drop me a line so I can keep your contact information current. Email is: [escnewsletter@aol.com](mailto:escnewsletter@aol.com)

### New Members' Tea Debbie Freeman

The date of our new members' tea has been changed to February 13, 2014. The time and place remains the same -- Noon to 3:00 P.M., at the home of Debbie Freeman. A sign-up sheet will be at the membership table. If you are unable to make the January meeting to register for the tea, but would like to join us, please email Debbie at [shellady@me.com](mailto:shellady@me.com).

### ESC Christmas Tree at Cedar Point Park

ESC members participated in the annual event of decorating the tree located at 2300 Placida Road, Englewood.



Be sure to check out more pictures on the club's website. Thanks to both Maggiore Anthony and Ann Stegner for providing pictures of this event.

### ESC Merchandise Anita Larochelle & Michelle Roy

Be sure to check out the new merchandise available only at the Club's general meetings.

### ESC Library News LeeAnn Bowers

The ESC library is open at each general meeting for use by club members. Books may be checked out and returned in a timely fashion. There are many books to choose from including books to help you identify shells or create shell projects. Stop by and see what books are available.

### Excursions Ruth Middlebrooks, Marilyn Boyd, Carol Ayers, Debbie Freeman

Our trip to Egmont Key was fun for 41 members. Our bus driver Dave had a delightful day with all his women on this trip. Many of us are looking forward to the Broward shell show January 18th. The Calusa Queen trip is set for February 19th with a cost of \$26.00. Lunch is on your own at Barnacle Phils on Captiva. Captain Will will pick us up at Boca Grande. Sign up at the January meeting.

## Shell Crafters Sandy Ouderkirk, Jan Plummer, & Leslie Furmage

Happy New Year! We are looking forward to many exciting shell crafter projects for the year. This is just a reminder that we are holding these sessions at the Elks Club.

We had a successful November craft, the first one in our new location, the Elks Club, with the making of Christmas ornaments.

The December 13 shell crafters went very well, and Candy Niziol, one of our new members, led the class in making angels. Thanks to Candy for a fine job!



Our January 24 Shell Crafters will be coquina necklaces by Linda Maggiore. There will be a minimal cost for this craft, which will be announced at the January meeting. Be sure to bring a glue gun and glue sticks as well as scissors, needle (embroidery size so that dental floss fits through it), as well as 25-30 pair of coquinas. They don't necessarily need to be a pair but should be a left and right and the same size. You can still sign up at the January 21 meeting.

Our February 21 session will be a shell wall hanging led by Leslie Furmage. There will be a sample at the January meeting as well as a list of items to bring.

Our March craft, led by Eunice Herr on March 21, will be a glass blocks. You will need to have a 50-string of white lights with a white cord for this project as well as any special shells. A list of supplies will be available at the January meeting.

Please be sure to sign up for a shell crafters class. We have signed a contract with The Elks to hold our classes there, and unless we get at least 11 to sign up, we are not able to cover the cost of the room. A number of members have signed up for classes but don't show up so it is important to attend if you have signed up. We look forward to seeing you there!

### January 2014 General Meeting Program

Ron Bopp will be presenting on the topic of "Chasing Florida's Fossil Seashells". Bob is the past President of the Sarasota Shell Club. He and his wife, Mary Jo, have been Florida Shellers for 5-1/2 years. They are members of the Florida Paleontological Society; Tampa Bay Fossil Club; Sanibel and Captive Shell Club; and Conchologist of America. He is the Past President of the Musical Box Society, International Current Editor/Publisher (for 15 years) of the "Carousel Organ", the official publication of the Carousel Organ Association of America. Ron's primary interests include fossil shells of Florida and entering various shell shows in the scientific categories.

ESC Outreach Committee  
Amie Barnicle and Jane Guy

The ESC Outreach Committee, headed up by Amie and Jane, has a program planned for the Lemon Bay Fest at the Elsie Quirk Library on Feb. 7, 2014 at 2:00 pm. They are looking for some club members who would be willing to present at the Fest and share their interests in collecting shells and completing shell craft projects. An announcement about this opportunity will be made at the Jan. general meeting. Contact Co-chairs Amie Barnicle at 941-473-2247 or Jane Guy 941-492-4960 for more information or to request an Outreach program.

Beach Walk Schedule 2014  
Darlene Gallentine

January 8 –10:00 a.m.  
Englewood Beach

February 12 – 10:00 a.m.  
Stump Pass

March 12 – 10:00 a.m.  
Boca Grande

Be sure and check out the pictures from previous beach walks in the Club's photo album cloud accessible from the main page:  
<http://www.EnglewoodShellClub.org/photos/index.html>

ESC Study Group  
Debbie Freeman

The ESC Study Group meets monthly from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the home of Debbie Freeman. Dates may vary due to obligations, but as a rule we meet the first Monday of the month.

2014 Study Group meetings start on January 6. The February meeting has moved from February 3 to February. 10. Be sure to make your calendar on this date change. Additional meetings will be held March 3, and April. 7. If you have questions, or need directions email Debbie at: [shellady@me.com](mailto:shellady@me.com) or call 473-3359.

The goal of the Study Group is to help with shell identification, and to further our knowledge of shelling as a whole. This informal group is open to all members. If you have a shelling adventure, or have heard of something shell related that you found interesting, be sure to bring it, along with any shells you need help identifying.