

The Beauvii



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Sarasota Shell Club

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We meet on the 2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm
(September to April)
at Fire Station #2,
2070 Waldemere St.,
Sarasota, FL

November, 2019 Edition

From the Prez



Happy Thanksgiving
Shellers!

Well, our field trip to Honeymoon got blasted out by T.S. Nestor. Disappointing, but that's the risk when you live in Florida. We have our trip to Blackthorne Park coming up on the 16th of this month. See the field trip section for specifics

and send me a text or email if you want to go but haven't signed up. It's one of my favorite places!

The annual holiday party is Friday, December 6. Please make sure you bring your checkbook to the meeting if you wish to go. The final cost per meal will be announced at the November meeting right after the board meeting. We need to have a final count of attendees to give to the Bird Key Yacht Club caterer by Friday, November 29th, so this is not something you can dawdle on or you will be left out. We will have lots of fun as always!

On a final note, it was so good to see Maynard Kaplan back at our meeting last month! I hope everyone had a chance to greet him. He's planning on going with us to Keewaydin in January. I know he'll take lots of photos.

Sally Peppitoni
President

**Next Meeting:
Presentation by
Pete Steelman**

Field Trips, 2019-2020

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SOUTH MANATEE LIBRARY DISPLAY

The Shell Club will be setting up a large display on November 5th at the South Manatee Library. It will run till the end of the month. It will feature scientific as well as artistic items. Information about the club and shell show will be available. Come visit the exhibit, tell a friend, we'd love to gather in some new members.

A 2019-2020 Membership Form is on the back page—Give one to a Friend!

Fieldtrip information and updates:

***Always make sure I have your cell phone number when you sign up for a trip!

Saturday, November 16th

Blackthorne Park – low tide is 8:39 am at -0.3 ft. Blackthorne Park is located on the northwest end of the Skyway causeway. This trip is like a Carefree Learner trip without the boat. One can just walk from the small beach right out onto the grass flats. I plan on being there at 7:30 am. Don't forget that the toll booth is \$1.50 now!

Saturday, December 14th

Boca Grande Island – low tide is 8:28 am at -0.4 ft. Boca Grande is just 30 minutes from North Port. I will have directions at the meeting. We will be able to have lunch after we shell. At the moment, I cannot remember if there is a toll to get onto the island or not.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 26th-28th

St. George Island State Park- low tide on Friday is 8:31 am at -0.7 ft
This is a trip we have never done before and because it is a six hour drive, I have planned on driving up Thursday, shelling on Friday and driving back on Saturday. We will be staying at the Buccaneer Inn. The cost will be \$120 per night for a King/2 Queen standard room. It is \$108 if you have AARP. If enough people want to go, I can get an even better group rate but I need to know really soon! This hotel is RIGHT ON THE BEACH! And it is only one of two hotels on the island.

Sunday, January 12th, 2020

Keewaydin Island – low tide is 8:35 am at -0.8 ft. This island is just north of Marco and only accessible by boat. We have a woman who has a big pontoon boat who is willing to take us out early on Sunday but only if we fill the boat (20-22 people). The cost would be about \$50 per person. PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THIS TRIP! This is another place we haven't been, at least not in a long time. ****I should have a final cost and information for this by the November meeting. It looks like we might have 21 signed up to go!

Carefree Learner Trips onto Sarasota Bay

Please remember to pay \$5 CASH ONLY when you sign up!

Friday, January 10th, 2020 – low tide is 7:21 am. Be at the south end of Marina Jack's parking lot by 6 am. (YES, 6 am!) The boat will leave the dock by 6:30 am. There is a maximum of 24 people but if less than 12 people sign up the trip will be canceled.

Friday, January 24th, 2020 – low tide is 7:25 am. Be at the south end of Marina Jack's parking lot by 6 am. (YES, it's still 6 am!) The boat will leave the dock by 6:30 am. There is a maximum of 24 people but if less than 12 people sign up the trip will be canceled.

Historian’s Report

50 Years Ago

Forty-six members and guests attended the November 13, 1969 meeting of the Sarasota Shell Club which was held in the community room of the Palmer Bank. The treasurer reported a balance of \$1472.28.

It was announced that shell show entries are due.

The Christmas party will be held at the Plaza Restaurant. Those attending can choose either chicken and rice or beef stroganoff for \$3.50. Members are to bring a \$1 gift for the exchange. [Editorial note: anyone nostalgic for the 1960s?]

Club member Selma Lawson gave the program. She provided a slide show and comments about a trip to the Philippines. The minutes note that the program made for “a very enjoyable evening.”

25 Years Ago

Twenty members and guests attended the November 19, 1994 meeting of the Sarasota Shell Club which was held at Mote Marine. An “abbreviated” treasurer’s report indicated “over \$3000” in the checking account.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to retain membership in COA. The Board approved having a “Buy-Sell-Trade” column in the newsletter. Ads in this column will cost \$1.

The mini program was given by Jean Evans on the nautilus. June Bailey gave the main program demonstrating Christmas ornaments made from sea shells and sea life.



ARTISANS, It’s Holiday Ornament time!

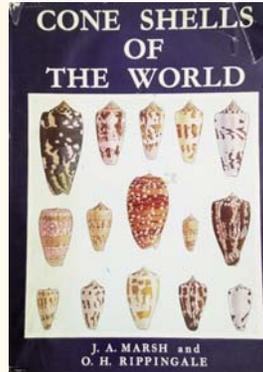
We will be having the annual ornament class on Thursday November 21st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Ornament supplies will be \$5.00 for each ornament made. If you have an idea for one and want to make it bring a picture and we will see if we can duplicate it. It’s always a fun night. Respond to Donna Bartels, text, email or phone call. Maximum number for class will be 10-12 participants. We will have the class at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church where the artisans meet every week.



Library Notes

Our Sarasota Shell Club library is located at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church in Sarasota. A list of our books is on the website www.sarasotashellclub.com. For more info on some of our books, go to www.mdshell-books.com.

You may want a book to help with your scientific or artistic exhibit at our SSC Shell Show or just educate yourself about shells and marine life, as well as helping you identify shells you find.



Call me at 941-993-5161 or email me (Linda) at luvseashells@gmail.com to arrange an appointment for browsing our library or just talk about our exciting library books. There is a whole world of seashells and marine life out there!

Linda Greiner & Duane Kauffmann

How much deeper would the ocean be without sponges?

A recent trip to a chinese restaurant with the end-of-the-meal fortune cookie had the above saying (or question) in it.

Donna Bartels responded saying that there would be no change at all.

Editor’s Thoughts . . .

A cross-eyed teacher lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils!

Mark Your Calendar for Our Holiday Party

Back by popular demand, our annual Holiday Party will be held at the Bird Key Yacht Club on Friday, Dec. 6, 2019. Details are being finalized and we hope to unveil an exciting choice of dinner menu options at our November 8th membership meeting. But, for now, mark your calendars and save that date! Be prepared to pay for the party at the November meeting. **See Page 14 for details!**

October Membership Meeting Highlights



Duane Kauffmann, Sally Peppitoni and Karen Huether ponder on a computer issue.



Sales were semi-brisk in the back of the room.



Marilyn Reed gives the shell talk on the flame helmet, the Shell of the Month



Frank Peppitoni takes a front seat to hear all the good news.



Mary Jo Bopp and Maynard Kaplan pose for the photographer.

A Postcard from the Past . . .



"Thanksgiving Greetings" headlines this holiday card with a shell serving as the basis for a wagon. Sent Nov. 20, 1909 (110 years ago) by a lady to Mrs. Phillips in Maryland. The sender was "duffrized" about hearing of friend's illness.

The November Cartoon . . .



2020 Shell Show Coming Up Fast!

Now that summer vacation is over, preparation efforts are intensifying for our upcoming 57th Annual Sarasota Shell Club Shell Show, which will be here in just five short months! The show will be held from Friday, Feb. 7 through Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020 at the Potter Building, 2896 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota. The show is held right next to Robarts Arena.

Show hours are: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Price remains unchanged: only \$5 for adults, students from ages 12 to 18 are half price, and kids 11 and under are free with a paid adult admission.

Information about the show is available on the club's website, www.sarasotashellclub.com under the heading 2020 Shell Show. If you are planning on entering either a scientific or artistic exhibit, the forms are on the website, along with the Rules of the Show. Scientific Exhibitors—better hurry and get your form in, we are limited on space and have had to turn exhibits away since we moved to our new location two years ago. To help allow more exhibitors, we have added another 8-foot table on each exhibit row, plus we have limited the scientific exhibit length to no more than 24 feet. We, also, are almost full with dealer table assignments.

Education about shells is an important focus of the club, and the shell show committee is examining how we can expand our demonstration, children's area, and educational areas.

More information about the show will be provided in future newsletters, plus at our general membership meetings. If you have any questions or comments, you can contact any of the board members or send us a note at sarasotashellclub@gmail.com. So, please be thinking about which areas of the shell show you would like to help be involved in! This truly is a great time for us to showcase what our club is and help people learn more about shell life here in Southwest Florida!

By Bruce Paulsen, Shell Show Committee

The Sarasota Shell Club's Shell



This *Siratus beauii* shell was purchased at the 2019 COA auction in Captiva, FL in June, 2019 (with board approval) for use in a permanent display to be used for meetings and for our shell show. Work is in progress and it should be ready for display at the November meeting for members to view

Don't Be Like Lazy Larry; Get Your Scientific, Artistic Exhibit Entry Form In Early

Are you planning on entering either a Scientific Exhibit or an Artistic Exhibit in our 2020 Shell Show? If you are, please be sure and get your entry forms in as soon as you can. As you know, since we moved to our new location in Sarasota, our exhibit space is tight. In the past, we've even had to put several exhibits on a "wait list." Entry forms are due no later than Jan. 2, 2020, However, don't be a Lazy Larry and be put on a wait list, get your entry form in early!

It's easy. You can get the letter explaining the rules of entering an exhibit, plus the Scientific and Artistic categories form and entry form all on our website at www.sarasotashellclub.com under the 2020 shell show drop box at the top of the page. Any questions may be directed to the respective exhibit chair as indicated on the entry form.

There are 19 **Scientific** Categories. They are:

1. Florida/Caribbean (two options)
2. Sarasota Shell Club Field Trip
3. World Wide (two options)
4. Regional Collection (two options)
5. One Major Family
6. Minor Family, Order or Class
7. One Genus
8. One Species
9. Miniature Adult Specimens
10. First Time Exhibitor
11. Land and/or Freshwater Shells
12. Fossil Shells
13. Marine Life
14. Educational
15. One Case
16. Single Shell (four options)
17. Young Scientist
18. Dealers
19. Miscellaneous

The **Artistic** Categories are:

1. Shell Art (non-professional/commercial)
 - a. Pictures
 - b. Miniature Pictures
 - c. Flower Arrangement
 - d. Miniature Flower Arrangement
 - e. Jewelry, Single Piece
 - f. Jewelry, Multiple pieces
 - g. Shell Frame
 - h. Shell Mirror
 - i. Mosaics
 - j. Single Sailor's Valentine (two options)
 - k. Double Sailor's Valentine (two options)
 - l. Novelties
 - m. Holiday Motif
 - n. Wreath
 - o. Hanging Item
 - p. Tree or Topiary
 - q. Lamp
 - r. Driftwood Base
 - s. Vase or other flower container
 - t. Miscellaneous Table Item
 - u. Artist Beginner
 - v. Junior/Student (two groups)
 - w. Shell Club Field Trip
2. Commercial/Professional
 - a. Pictures
 - b. Miniature Pictures
 - c. Flower Arrangement
 - d. Jewelry, single piece
 - e. Shell Mirror
 - f. Single Sailor's Valentine (two options)
 - g. Double Sailor's Valentine (two options)
 - h. Novelties
 - i. Holiday Motif
 - j. Hanging Item
 - k. Lamp
 - l. Miscellaneous Table Item
3. Snail Parade
 - a. Most Beautiful
 - b. Most Unique
 - c. Most Useful

Book Review . . .

***Sea Shells of Tropical West America:
Marine Mollusks from Baja California to Peru* (2nd ed.).**

A review of Keen, A. Myra (1971), *Sea Shells of Tropical West America: Marine Mollusks from Baja California to Peru* (2nd ed.); Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.

As some members of the Sarasota Shell Club are aware, the Club recently received a large donation from the estate of John Gunter. A large portion of the shells in this collection come from Panama, the western side. Thus it seems fitting to give attention to the work of Myra Keen which is published in the large book (1064 pages) to be reviewed. Although it will be noted that this is an older work, it still appears to be the most comprehensive treatment of the shells found in “tropical west America.”

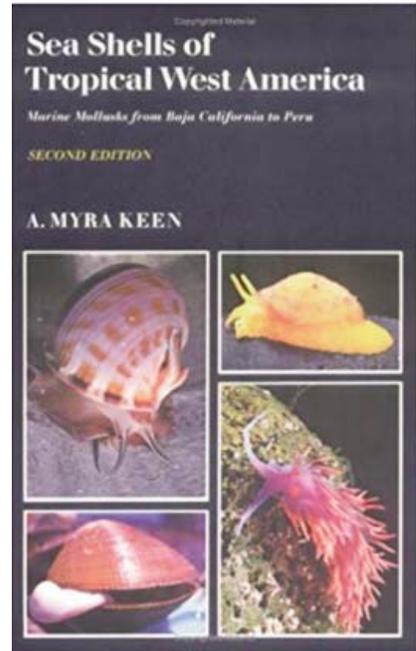
The contemporary user of this work will almost reflexively recoil as the shell pictures are in black and white (although there are 12 color plates located near the end of the volume). And when one then discovers that the written descriptions are seldom on the facing page, the user needs considerable digital dexterity to hold open the picture page while rummaging around to find the relevant written account. But such frustration is usually worth the effort since it is highly likely that Keen will have exactly the identification material you need (at least for all the larger and more common shells).

There are however several inevitable frustrations (some of which can now be easily overcome given the ready availability of the internet). First, given the age of the book, and the steady inflow of new information, the user will need to consult WoRMS or

Malacolog to verify the correct taxonomic genus. Second, the black and white pictures limitation can be overcome by a quick Google search since color photos are often available on-line. Third, the written descriptions are often frustratingly brief and only marginally helpful. Fourth, those with small or uncommon species will find the inevitable roadblock of species list with no pictures and no written descriptions. To note only two examples. Thirty-nine species of *Caecum* are listed, but only 10 are pictured. And for *Turbonilla*, 203 species are listed; 15 are pictured! Clearly more specialized literature will be needed.

We will have many West Panama shells for sale at the Show (at very reasonable prices). For those of you who purchase a few (or many), a trip to the Club library for Keen’s book will be essential.

Duane Kauffmann



Anyone who has donations for our Shell Show Raffle please contact me (Donna Krusenowski) or bring them to the November meeting.

Historical article . . .

*A Family Divided** (*Purpura patula* and *Purpurea pansa*)

Lynn Gaulin

Millions of years ago continents of the earth were connected to form a mega-continent, called Pangea. This huge land mass eventually separated forming seven continents. Eons passed and the then separate continents of North America and South America joined as we know them today. This connecting of the two continents created a land barrier separating the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. Sea life that once moved within their common waters were now separated by this new land mass. Over millions of years molluscan species evolved and survived on both sides of this land mass. Today, many mollusk species are similar but not identical as they once were due to this separation. Species that have a common origin are called cognates. *Purpura patula* and *Purpurea pansa* are members of this divided family and are cognates.



The Atlantic and Caribbean, *Purpura patula* (Linnaeus, 1748), commonly called the “wide-mouth” rock shell, can be found attached to rock faces around the tide line along the Atlantic shores of Palm Beach, Florida to Trinidad and the Caribbean Sea. Since its common name is

wide-mouth you can infer that it has a large aperture or mouth-like opening where the animal lives and withdraws into. The outer shell of these mollusks is worn and dull in color. However, their large aperture is a bright, shiny salmon color.

The western or Pacific Ocean cousin is *Purpura pansa* (Gould, 1853) is also found on the exposed intertidal splash zones or tidal pools from Mexico’s west coast to Columbia, South America. One difference between these two species is that *Purpura pansa* has white through most of the shell’s length within the parietal or inside of the shell. Young specimens of *Purpura pansa* seem to have more nodules or bumps covering the shell.



Both *Purpura patella* and *Purpura pansa* are carnivorous gastropods and can prey on other members of their

own family. Prey is immobilized with a secretion paralyzing victims by stinging them with their radula. Another similar feature of these two *Purpurea*’s is the nodular whorls outside their shells. These nodular whorls, or small bumps, decrease in size from the front top of the shell and moving down the back of the shell. The bands of spacing between the rows increase in size moving down the shell. Both species are grayish in color with a much smaller operculum than their aperture. This mollusks recedes quite far into the shell’s opening when closing its operculum.

Early authors gave the family *Purpura* [*Muricidae*—*Ed*] its name due to their excreting a milky liquid when annoyed or handled. This liquid turns a bluish, deep red color in the presence of sunlight.

Muricidae or *Murex* shells found in the Mediterranean Sea also secrete a purple dye. History tells us that early civilizations used the Mediterranean species of *Murex brandaris* (Linnaeus, 1758) to dye ceremonial robes of their Emperors and it had other uses in their religious ceremonies. Mediterranean people crushed the *murex* shells to obtain this purple dye, thus killing the mollusk.

The people of the Americas were able to get their dye without killing the mollusks: live specimens would be collected and then they would milk the snails causing a mucous bubble or froth to be excreted as the snail would withdraw back into it’s shell. This milky frothy mass would be collected and smeared on cotton threads of cloth. As this milky froth is exposed to light and air, it turns a purple color and thus would dye cotton material purple. The live specimens would be returned to the tidal pools or rocks giving a continued source of dye without injuring or killing the gastropods.

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Note: *Purpura pansa* is now *Plicopurpura columellaris* and *Purpura patula* is now *Plicopurpura petula*

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Shell Club Artisan's Update - from Suzanne Dietsch

Early last spring a generous donation was made to the club in Mary Weare's name. Her son, Jon Weare, brought to us Mary's collection of fossil shells. He wished for us to use her collection for promoting / raising funds for our club's special projects.

The larger fossils were auctioned off earlier this year during a monthly club meeting. The smaller fossils, of which there are many, will be arranged in a sailor's valentine to be raffled at our upcoming shell show. I was lucky enough to meet with Jon & Family during our last shell show. Nancy Marini, however had BIG plans for this valentine and sent the smallest of fossils home with me to Illinois. I am beginning to create the 11 in. sailor's valentine with a beautiful case donated by Carol Johnston and Ed Brown.

Each month I will post an update to the newsletter on my progress. And a special thanks goes to Donna Cassin. While looking through Nancy's notes we can now correctly credit the valentine in Mary Weare's name.



Officers & Board Members

President	Sally Peppitoni
Vice-President	Donna Cassin
Treasurer	Karen Huether
Recording Secretary	Jeanne Dimmick
Corresponding Secretary	Duane Kauffmann

Calendar

November 14, 2019	Membership Meeting
December 6, 2019	Holiday Party
February 7-9, 2020	SSC Shell Show
June 15-21, 2020	COA International, Melbourne, FL

Board Members: Carol Mae (3), Pete Steelman (3), Donna Krusenoski (2), Rich Cirrantano (2), Donna Timmermann (1), and Jenny Folden (1).

Committee Chairmen

Artisans	Open
<i>The Beauii</i>	Ron Bopp
Historian	Duane Kauffmann
Field Trips	Sally Peppitoni
Librarian	Linda Greiner
Membership	Donna Krusenoski
Shell Show	Board
Sunshine	Karen Ciffin
Webmaster	Bruce Paulsen

Contact the Editor - email Ron Bopp at rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com or call at 918-527-0589 if you have something to include in *The Beauii*.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of September through April at 7:00 pm at Waldemere Fire Station, 2070 Waldemere St. in Sarasota. Park in the small lot on the right or in the nursing home lot across the street.

Dues are \$21.00 for new single members and \$33.00 for family members (at the same address). **Renewals** are \$15.00 for single and \$20.00 for family.

If you want *The Beauii* printed and mailed it is an extra \$15.00 to your dues.

**The 2019-2020
Membership Application
is Attached
Do it!**

Past Presidents of the Sarasota Shell Club

Jack Oberle: 1963-1965, 1968-1968, 1972-1974	June Bailey: 1985-1987, 1995-1997, 2002-2003	Sally Peppitoni: 2014-2020
Louise Danforth: 1965-1967	Bob Hansen: 1987-1988	
Franck Rinck: 1967-1968	Beverly Chouinard: 1989-1991	
Thomas Robertson: 1969-1970	Bonnie Christophel: 1990-1992	
Evelyn Bradley: 1970-1972	Pat Amsel: 1994-1995	
Charles Hertweck: 1974-1979	Debra Ingrao: 1997-1998	
Peggy Williams: 1980-1982, 1988-1989, 1992-1994, 2001-2002, 2005-2007	Cathy Aschliman: 1998-1999	
Vi Hertweck: 1982-1984	Cathy Hollar: 1999-2001	
Richard Forbush: 1984-1985	Joanne Chmielewski: 2007-2010	
	Ron Bopp: 2010-2012	
	Dennis Sargent: 2012-2014	

**Sarasota Shell Club Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2019**

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the President, Sally Peppitoni.
2. Introduction and Welcome: Sally welcomed one visitor, Jeanine Kelley from San Diego.
3. Program: Jim Wedge presented a slide presentation on “Living Seashells and other Marine Life.”
4. Secretary’s Report: Everyone received a copy of minutes from September, 2019 and members reviewed and made corrections. Maynard Kaplan presented motion to accept minutes and Ron Bopp seconded the motion. This was unanimously passed.
5. Treasurer’s Report: Karen Huether presented financial report for October 2019. (See attachment) Duane Kauffmann moved to accept the report and Donna Cassin seconded the motion. This was unanimously passed.
6. Corresponding Secretary’s Report: Duane Kauffmann has no information to report.
7. Committee Reports:
 - A. Shell Show: Donna Cassin is still collecting paperwork and catching up. Science and Artistic Judges are needed. Ron and Mary Jo Bopp donated for raffle. There will be continuing information in the future.
 - B. Programs: In November Peter Steelman is presenting the program about Hermit Crabs. December the program will be Shoebox Shell Show. Duane Kaufmann will be presenting a program on nudibranchs in January. Ron Bopp will present a program in March to be announced.
 - C. Librarian’s Report: Linda Greiner added Duane Kauffmann to help. Will add to newsletter to describe books. They have books to look at, show or borrow for exhibits. They are always open.
 - D. Historian’s Report: All members are referred to the monthly newsletter (*The Beauii*) where the historical report is being published.
 - E. Membership: Donna Krusenoski asks that all membership cards be picked up. Please sign form for liability which covers everything and is a must for insurance purposes.
 - F. Field Trips: Sally Peppitoni reported that we have several field trips available.
 - *Carefree Learner with two dates, Jan 10 and 24. Blackthorne Park, Nov 16.
 - *St. George Island is an overnight Dec. 26-28. Call Buccaneer Inn at 1-800-847-2091 for reservations. Special rate for AARP members and mention Sarasota Shell club while making reservations.
 - *Keewaydin Island out of Marco Island will tentatively be on Sunday, Jan. 12 if we can get 20-22 people and will cost \$50 per person. The sign-up sheet is available at the front of the room for all field trips..
 - G. Web Page: Duane Kauffmann and Bruce Paulsen reported that the web page is revamped including a new category, **Science**, with four headings: Personal Report (write the beach you went to), Survey Data, Field Trips (what found), and Research. The Web Site password, (member’s only), user id is XXXX, and the password is XXXXX (*both have been or will be mailed to members - ED*)
 - H. Newsletter: Ron Bopp encourages people to send anything you have like cartoons, articles, pictures, etc. You will need permission from any publications you submit.
 - I. Education: Marilyn Reed presented Shell of the Month for October, The Flame Helmet from The Bahamas. For the month of November the Shell of the Month is a Murex which will be presented by Janice Grimaldi.

J. Sunshine: Maynard Kaplan was welcomed back. Donna Timmerman’s father passed away and she will be having surgery. Please keep her in your thoughts.

K. Artisans: Donna Cassin reported that Artisan’s continue to make beautiful items to sell.

Old Business: Bruce Paulsen, Karen Huether, and Roseanne Roble went to Bird Key Yacht Club. They found the price went up but it is still reasonable. Choices for dinner will be:

Roast Beef with bread, Caesar salad and potatoes.

Bahami Sea Bass with lemon butter over orzo and asparagus.

Available will be coffee, ice tea, soda and a cash bar. Dessert served is Lava Cake. Price will be \$43 dollars. The date for our Holiday party is December 6, 2019. Please bring money for tickets in November. There will be further discussion at Board Meeting in November to finalize plans..

New Business: No new business.

Door Prizes: Rich Cirrintano and Sally Peppitoni drew numbers to present door prizes this evening.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss Sally P. adjourned the meeting at 9:01 P.M.

Sarasota Shell Club Treasurer's Report October 10, 2019		
Reconciled Balance as of September 30, 2019 - \$21,814.63		
September Income:	\$1,862.76	
September Expenses:	\$865.75	
Major Income for September 2019:		
Membership Dues	\$724.50	
Dealers Fees, Marketplace	\$1,138.26	
Major Expenses for September 2019:		
Bee Ridge Rent	\$367.50	
(Monthly rent increased in October for additional storage room added as per SSC Board Decision for total of \$547.50/month)		
PO Box Renewal	\$234.00	
Supplies	\$96.28	
Web-site Renewal	\$167.97	
Additional Information:		
SHELL SHOW EXPENSE COMPARISON		
2019	2018	2017
\$18,412.24	\$13,704.00	\$16,142.00
(Big 4 Expenses for Show		
*Rent - Building/Tables/Tents		
*Judges		
*Awards		
*Ads/Marketing		

2019 Sarasota Shell Club's Holiday Party

The holidays are right around the corner and so is our annual Holiday Dinner. This year's event will be Friday, Dec. 6 at the Bird Key Yacht Club, 301 Bird Key Dr, Sarasota. The social period will begin at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will follow around 6:15 p.m.

This year's menu choices are:

*Roast Mesquite Rubbed Beef Tenderloin, served with horseradish cream and Bearnaise, vegetable medley and roasted potatoes

Or

*Barramundi Sautéed with lemon butter over vegetable orzo and asparagus tips.

Dinner comes with fresh baked bread basket, Caesar salad, Warm Lava Cake and non-alcoholic beverages. A cash bar will be available.

Tickets will be sold at the November meeting. The board will meet right before the general membership meeting to decide whether the club will subsidize the cost to club members. The cost for non-members is \$43, which includes gratuity. A special email will be sent to all club members after the November meeting to alert you to the final cost so those who were not at the November meeting can get your reservation in. The deadline for reservations will be Tuesday, Nov. 26. Questions about the holiday dinner may be directed to Bruce Paulsen, at 941-375-8158 or by email at sarasotashellclub@gmail.com. If you have any special dietary requests, please let Bruce know in advance.

This year, we will have a silent auction, an oral auction for the table centerpieces, and a trivia contest about shells. You will be able to use your smart phone to help find the answers to the trivia questions. If you have an item you would like to donate to the silent auction, please bring it to the November meeting or contact Bruce Paulsen for special arrangements to pick up.

And, who knows, there may be a "special something" under the tree for those of you who have been good over the past year! We hope to see a great many of you at this year's event!

Ho Ho Ho!

Sarasota Shell Club Renewal/New Application Membership

Note: Dues include newsletters (*The Beautii*) via email, September through April. If no email address is available, add \$15 to your yearly dues if you want to receive the newsletters by mail.

Initial Dues: include cost of membership name tag:

\$21.50 single and \$33 family (living at the same address)

If no email address, add \$15 to your yearly dues

Renewal Dues: \$15 single and \$20 family (living at the same address).

If no email address add \$15 to your yearly dues.

To join, send checks only (no cash) made out to SSC to

Donna Krusenoski, Membership Chairman

3250 Ringwood Mdw

Sarasota, FL 34235

Please print legibly to help us correctly spell your name:

Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Local Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Email address(s): _____

Other address & phone: _____

Emergency contact & phone: _____

Birth day & month: _____

We offer field trips to our membership and would like you to attend. Times and places will be announced at meetings or in our newsletter.

Are you interested in field trips? _____

Do you know of any good field trip location(s)? _____

If so, they are: _____

Our Insurance Requires This: Liability Release

I agree that I am individually responsible for my safety and my personal property. I will not hold the Sarasota Shell Club, its officers, field trip leader(s), or property owner liable for any damage or injury to me or my property that should occur.

Signature required for each member joining:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

The SSC publishes a roster with names, address and emails for our member use only. Please check one:

_____ it is **OK** to publish my information in the roster

_____ it is **Not OK** to publish my information in the roster

You will be sent monthly newsletters starting in September through April informing you of the date and time of the next meeting held the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Waldemere Fire Station off US 41 (behind Wendy's near Sarasota Memorial Hospital). Name badges can be picked up approximately 4 weeks after they are ordered.

To be filled in by the Membership Committee

Renewal _____ New Member _____

Amount paid & date _____ / _____