

# The Beauii



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Sarasota Shell Club

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(September to April)  
at Fire Station #2,  
2070 Waldemere St.,  
Sarasota, FL

March, 2021 Edition



Hello to all you Shell Lovers!

I hope this message finds everyone safe and healthy. Our season is almost over and if all goes well, we may be able to meet next fall back at the Waldemere Firehall. Wouldn't that be wonderful?

This month on our Zoom meeting, Gary Martinez, our Miami member, will talk to us about "All Those White Clams." Please join us for a great talk! Also, please fill out the field trip survey included in this newsletter and send it in. We need to know what you would like in the way of field trips. We haven't been able to do much this year but as things improve for next season, we would like to plan some really good trips, so let us know what locations and/or types of field trips you are interested in!

Two major things we have to consider before our April meeting. First, in this edition of the Beauii is the slate of officers to be elected at the April meeting. This slate has been board approved and is printed in this newsletter for your consideration before the April election. If you read the list, you will see that we have all volunteered to continue our positions with Donna Krusenoski and Rich Cirrantano volunteering to start new 3-year board terms again. Finding people to take positions is difficult and I hope that you will consider running for an office

## Election of Officers & Directors

The following slate of candidates for the 2021-2022 Officers and Directors.

### Nominated Officers:

President - Sally Peppitoni  
Vice-President - Duane Kauffman  
Treasurer - Karen Huether  
Recording Secretary - Lynn Gaulin

### Nominated Directors:

Donna Krusenoski (3 yr)  
Rich Cirrantano (3 yr)

### Continuing Directors:

Ron Bopp (2 yr)  
Nancy Cadieux (2 yr)  
Carol Mae (1 yr)  
Donna Cassin (1 yr)

for the year after this next one. You really learn a lot being on the board and you make lots of friends and get to talk a lot about shells too! Second, you will find another attachment in your email along with this newsletter. This is the board-approved final draft of the updated By-Laws. This has been sent for your consideration for vote at the April meeting also. We hope you will join the April Zoom meeting as these votes are very important club business and we need the voices of as many members as possible. Please don't think that someone else will be there to take care of it. We have had few members at each meeting (about 15) and we need greater representation for this important club business. Please make your voice heard at the meeting.

Finally, you won't want to miss the program for the April meeting! We are going to have "Show your favorite Shell!" Any member interested is invited to get their favorite shell and show it on the Zoom meeting and tell us why it is your favorite. I'm going to have mine there, although it truth be told, it's going to be a difficult choice!

Stay safe, stay well!

Sally Peppitoni

**A Membership Application is attached to the last page!**

## *Melongenina corona* (Gmelin, 1791) aka “The Crown Conch”

Lynn Gaulin



Figure 1. The *Melongenina corona* or “Crown Conch.”

*Melongenina corona* is a marine gastropod that has several common names. Sometimes it has been called the crown conch, American crown conch, and the King’s Crown. Whichever name it is referred by, this mollusk is part of the Melongenidae Family. This species of mollusks can be found on both coasts of Florida, the Gulf States waters, and along the coast of eastern Mexico. They live in large colonies in shallow water mud flats among



Figure 2. Crown conch photo with periostracum.

Photo: Flickr - Andrea Westmoreland

oyster beds and mangroves. At low tide, they bury themselves in the muddy sand coming out at the next high tide.

### Figure 1

Years ago, several subspecies of crown conchs were identified and named, often where they were found, the shell’s color, size, and arrangement of spines were different ways of naming a mollusk many years ago. Using this naming system *Melongenina corona* and its subspecies were referred to as the “Corona complex.” This “Corona complex” included the subspecies of *Melongenina corona johnstonstonei*, *Melongenina corona altispira*, *Melongenina corona sprucecreekensis*, and *Melongenina corona bicolor*. However, today more recent research using DNA now indicates that all *Melongenina corona* mollusks found in Florida are all one species, not the many species previously identified. Today, as a result those subspecies named above, are now referred to as the *Melongenina corona* species.

Crown conchs can grow from two to five inches in length. Females are larger than the male snails. When moving in the water they have a thin, dark grayish, brown skin-like covering (called a periostracum) over their shell. **Figure 2** Underneath this periostracum coating, spiral



Figure 3. Crown conch with siphon extended and body out with foot.  
Photo: Al Denelsback, jaxshells.org

bands encircle around their body whorl. They have a wide aperture (the large opening where the mollusk's body comes out of the shell). Adult crown conchs are usually dark brown with white to cream or yellowish bands encircling their shell. As adults, some crown conchs have spines curving out from their shell. An additional row or two of spines may grow near the bottom of the shell. The name crown conch comes from the row of spines that circle the top of the shell giving them a crown-like appearance. Immature or juvenile crowns have some purple coloration within their bands. Juvenile crown conchs do not have spines. Their spines will grow later in their life cycle. **Figure 3** Crown conch with siphon extended and body out with foot.

This mollusk can travel on its speckled white and black foot gliding across the sand with their siphon extended. The siphon is used to extract oxygen from the water and bring oxygen into its body cavity. Another important use of the siphon is to detect any scent of prey nearby. Once the scent of living prey is found the conchs move toward it, grasp and cover the living prey within their foot and smothers it. They eat the soft parts of the body leaving the shell and the operculum. **Figure 4**

*Melongena corona* are voracious scavengers. They will eat any dead or dying organism in their environment. Frequently, many mollusks will gather and eat from the same dead prey. They are carnivorous snails preying on other smaller mollusks (clams, mussels, and oysters) found in their environment. It is thought they may also be cannibalistic, eating smaller members of their own



Figure 5. Crown conch egg capsules



Figure 4. Crown conchs eating a horseshoe crab

Photo: Marlo F. Krisberg

## A Postcard from the Past . . .



“Bathing at Wildwood, NJ . . . this colorful card, mailed on August 15, 1910 features two women in bathing suits of the day at the beach. The illustration is highlighted by a border of cowries, clams, top shells and a few fish. The card was mailed and the obverse side notes that “everybody is happy.”

## March’s Cartoon . . .

Courtesy of Sally Peppitoni

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**SSC DONATION CHALLENGE UPDATE**

**The SSC Donation Challenge is continuing. Updated information will be part of the upcoming Treasurer’s report (at the membership’s zoom meeting)**

**Best Regards, Karen**

**Historian’s Report**

**50 Years Ago**

The March 11, 1971 meeting of the Club was held with 38 members and guests in attendance. The treasurer’s report showed a balance of \$1550.31.

Members thanked the Chair and Co-chair of the Shell Show as well as all the volunteers. The Show made a profit of \$338.55.

A letter of thanks was received from Memorial Hospital expressing appreciation to Club members who met with patients and talked about shells and shelling.

The program of colored slides was given by Beatrice Albert of St. Petersburg. She reported on shelling in the Philippines and on Okinawa. The minutes conclude “everyone enjoyed.”

**25 Years Ago**

The Club meeting at Mote Marine Center on March 14, 1996 was called to order with 19 in attendance.

Minutes noted that (a) February Sarasota Bay field trip called off due to “bad weather,” (b) COA to be in St. Petersburg in July, (c) picnic at home of Mary Weare in early May, and (d) Kaisher card pack now in library.

Peggy Williams gave the program on snails and their habitats. The minutes note the program was “most interesting and comprehensive.”

Duane Kauffmann

**Library Notes**

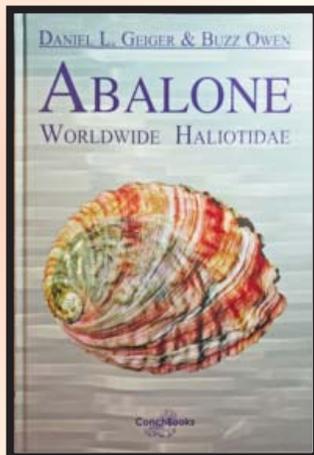
Our Sarasota Shell Club library is located at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church in Sarasota. A list of our books is on our website [www.sarasotashellclub.com](http://www.sarasotashellclub.com). For more info on some of our books, go to

[www.mdshellbooks.com](http://www.mdshellbooks.com)

Books in the Sarasota Shell Club Library can be accessed by contacting Duane Kauffmann at 574-238-4554 or [duanerk@goshen.edu](mailto:duanerk@goshen.edu). In addition persons needing information about shells and shelling can be assisted in contacting club members with relevant expertise.

There is a whole world of seashells and marine life out there!

Duane Kauffmann  
Linda Greiner (librarian Emeritus/summer contact)



**March’s ZOOM Meeting**

We will have our 5th Membership Meeting via ZOOM on Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 pm.

Gary Martinez will be presenting a program entitled “**All Those White Clams**”(the Editor has previewed this program and it is really interesting).

Also, many new things are on our horizon so tune in with Sally’s instructions.

Note: the program for April will be presented by US! “**Share a Shell**” is the title and all who attend can present a short (1-2 minutes) presentation on their favorite shell. Should be fun!

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Figure 6. Crown shell with hermit crab.

Photo: commons.wikimedia.org

species if there is a limited availability of food. Their thick shell can protect them from predators such as the horse conch, murex, and whelk species.

Crown conch females breed laying their eggs early winter to early summer. Females attach their egg capsules to any hard surface, another shell, rock, piece of wood, even a blade of sea grass. They lay six to 20 fertilized egg capsules in a ribbon like row, each capsule containing hundreds of eggs. Baby crown conchs develop inside the egg capsule fed by a yolk sac. It will take 20–28 days for these eggs hatch and the larvae to crawl away and settle in their environment. **Figure 5**

When any mollusk dies, or is eaten by a predator, their shell often becomes a home for a hermit crab. Many different sizes of shells are used by growing hermit crabs. When the crab outgrows one shell, they exchange it for a larger shell until they outgrow that shell. Then they seek a larger home. **Figure 6**

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## Parking Lot Fossil Trip

On Saturday, March 20 (**note the correct date**) there will be a fossil field trip held in the parking lot of Safari RV Storage (located at 1613 Florida Blvd, Bradenton, FL). The trip will commence at 9:00 am and last 2 hours. Currently we have 11 members on the trip and could take a couple more. Let me know soon, please. The price of the trip is \$10.00 to cover the cost of bringing in the shells.

If interested in going on this trip please contact Ron Bopp at 918-527-0589 or rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com Below are a couple of photos detailing the Editor “Playing in the Driveway” in 2009. This activity is what led him to an increased interest in fossils.



## BEACH PICNIC

### Picnic Location:

The picnic will be held at Coquina Beach ( in Bradenton Beach ) on the Gulf Drive, south entrance. Our pavilion is right next to the playground and closest bathrooms. It is the same pavilion we have used in the past. Don't forget to wear a mask except when dining and try to practice safe distancing.

### Food:

Lou and Rich Cirritano have graciously volunteered to be the food chair people for our April 17th picnic. We still need 2 or 3 people to do the set-up at the park.

All equipment is stored for the picnic.

Please email Carol Mae if you have any questions and/or can volunteer.

carolmmae@gmail.com

### Classified Ads

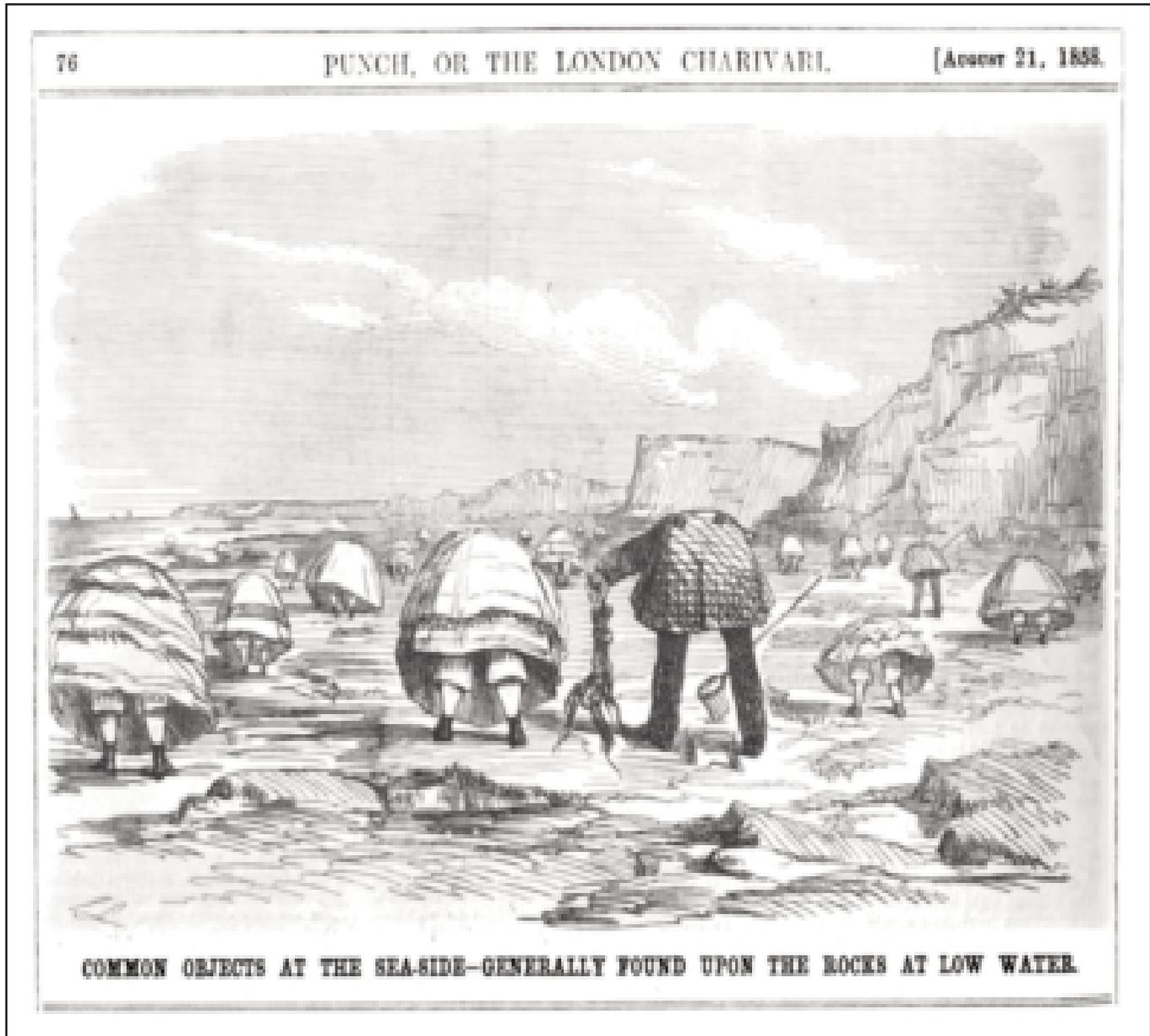
Classified advertising rates (per issue): \$10.00 per ad (non-Sarasota Shell Club member, \$20 per ad). Ads will be no more than 35 words per ad, the first few words in **bold print** (see example below). Ads shall be limited to shell or shell-related material.

All classified ad material plus payment (a check made out to Sarasota Shell Club) should be mailed two weeks before the upcoming issue (to be sure it is included in that issue) to the Editor at 2608 67th St. W, Bradenton, Fl 34209.

**Wanted:** Your ad!

**For Sale:** Your ad!

## A Vintage Caricature . . .



Found in an 1858 edition of *Punch* magazine this caricature shows human creatures looking for shells at the seashore, somewhat of today's "Sanibel Stoop" promoted by Sanibel residents and members of the Sanibel Shell Club. Of significance is that caricature shows us that even 163 years ago there were shell collectors.



Wednesday, January 13, 2021

## Field Trip Survey

Please indicate your ideal shell collecting field trip. Choose all that apply.

- Just walking on a beach, picking up whatever looks interesting.
- Having my equipment with me to dig in shell piles or the drop-off at the surf line.
- Making a day trip to other Florida Gulf Coast beaches.
- A day trip to a beach on Florida's Atlantic Coast.
- Traveling a distance to a Florida beach which is a better shelling destination than the one closest to me, maybe involving an overnight stay in a hotel.
- I wouldn't mind a trip which involves camping overnight.
- Taking a boat to access a beach that is not as frequented.
- I like to snorkel in addition to beach-combing.
- I have a special interest and would like to go to a location noted for fossils, shark teeth, sea glass, or other item.
- I would like to take a scuba-diving trip to look for shells in deeper water.
- I am interested in out of state or international travel to find shells.
- I would like a trip with other activities such as visiting a museum or aquarium in addition to shelling.
- I would like a trip which also involves socializing.
- I am interested in a trip with an educational aspect such as Shell Camp.
- With regard to COVID-19, how soon would you be willing to go on a shelling excursion? \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: Is there anything else we should know about your idea of a perfect shelling experience? If so, please indicate it below.

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**Field Trip Survey:** Members, either fill out digitally, make a PDF and email it to Gary Martinez at [you-sider@msn.com](mailto:you-sider@msn.com) or mail your marked survey to Gary at 1061 Euclid Ave. #102, Miami Beach, FL 33139. Questions: you may contact Gary also at 310-347-8942

**Sarasota Shell Club Meeting (Zoom)  
Minutes—February 11, 2021**

I. Call to order:

President Sally called this meeting to order on zoom at 7:06 PM.

II. Program:

Vice-President, Duane gave the program tonight on “SSC History”. The full 50 Year History was printed in the February issue of the *Beauii*. Duane presented background information not contained in the print out. There seems to be a common thread running throughout our club’s history showing the need to get people to volunteer to serve on various committees. A lengthy discussion was held on how we could solve these continuing difficulties and how we could regain the “Joy” we all once had for our club. Sally asked everyone to think about this and send her 10 ways we found “Joy” in our club previously. She will compile of our thoughts and have it prior to the next meeting.

Sally thanked Duane for his tremendous effort of his compiling the history of our club and making it available to club members as it had never been done previously. Duane gave Ron, our newsletter editor, a copy on a thumb drive containing this history so the club now has 2 copies in different places for future reference. (Duane has the first copy.)

III. Secretary’s Report:

The January 2021 secretary’s report was printed in the February *Beauii*. Sally asked for any additions or corrections. Since there were none she asked for a motion to accept the minutes as printed. A motion was made by Angela Sampogna and seconded by Lou Cirrantano, “To accept the January 2021 minutes as printed in the February *Beauii* “. The motion passed unanimously. The minutes will be filed as printed.

IV. Treasurer’s Report:

Karen Huether gave an oral financial report for the month of January. A copy is attached to the Secretary’s minutes.

V. Corresponding Secretary’s Report:

Since Marilyn Parker was absent from this meeting, no report was given.

VI. Committee Reports:

A. Shell Show:

Since we did not have a show this year no report was required

B. Programs:

Next months March program will be given by Gary Martiniz, “All Those Little White Clams”. Our April program will be “Share A Shell” with zoom members sharing their favorite shell and telling us a bit about it. Each member should take 1-2 minutes each.

C. Librarian:

Call Donna Cassin or Duane Kauffman if you want a book from the library. They both have keys and get them for you.

D. Historian:

Duane’s 50 and 25 year report was printed in the *Beauii*.

E. Membership:

No report from Donna this month.

F. Field trips:

1. March 20th Fossil Dig at Safari RV Storage, 1614 Florida Blvd, Bradenton 34207. Cost is

\$10 for a 2-hour dig. Space is limited so call Ron if you are interested.

2. Karen shared 9 people went out on the Carefree Learner recently. They found lot of interesting things.
3. Gary Martiniz mentioned his address is incorrect when mailing the field trip surveys back to him. His correct address is 1061 Euclid not 1062. He also offered to see if there was any interest in a field trip to Virginia Beach near Miami. Let Karen Huether know if you are interested. We can car pool over to that area if enough people are interested.
4. Karen reported very few good low tides are at this time of the year. That along with the low interest in field trips she will not plan any more big trips for this year. Possibly, she will look into some local ones if there is enough interest in going in smaller groups.

G. Web Page:

Updated information about membership has been sent to Bruce. He will put it on web site.

H. Newsletters:

Sally asked on behalf of Ron if you have anything you want to put in the Beauii . Send it to him by month's end.

I.. Education Report:

Lynn's articles seem to be of some interest. The article for March is *Melongena Corona*. Look for it in the March *Beauii*.

J. Sunshine Report:

Information about Pat Amsel's death was sent out to membership by Sally with her sister's address if members want to send her sympathy cards.

K. Artisan's Report:

No report given tonight.

II. Old Business:

A. By-Laws:

The final report of the By-Laws will be emailed to Board of Directors by Sally so they can approve these corrections. It will then sent out to membership either by email or in the Beauii 30 days prior to the voting by the membership in April. Details of how this vote on the By-Laws will be taken are not firm at this time.

B. Nominating Committee:

The nominating committee's report have been emailed to Sally for the 2021-2011 Officers and Directors At Large have been completed. Sally thanked Judy Herman and Bev Snyder for their work on this committee. Sally will forward the tentative slate to Ron to put in March Beauii so a vote can be conducted at the April Club meeting per our By-Laws.

C. Artisan's booth at Sarasota County Fair:

March 19th through 28th is the Sarasota County Fair. The Club's Artisans will be having a booth. Some assistance in transporting their creations to the Robard's Auditorium, manning their booth, and lastly, bring items back to their studio may be needed. Contact Donna Cassin if you interested and might be able to help or to get more information about this activity.

III. Adjournment:

This meeting was adjourned at 8.22 P.M. by President Sally.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lynn Gaulin  
Recording Secretary

## A Day at Fort DeSoto

Duane Kauffmann

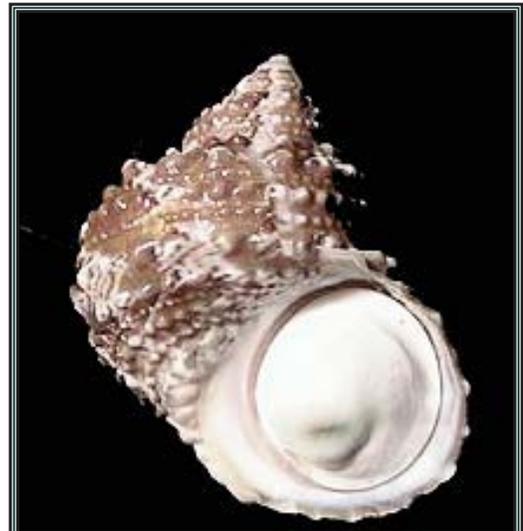
*On the Sarasota Shell Club Web site is a dropdown labelled “Science.” Under that heading are four categories, one of which is “Personal Reports.” Club members are encouraged to send to Duane K or Bruce P reports of their collecting adventures. Below is an example. [I prefer to use scientific names, but reports with common names are perfectly acceptable.]*

Date: December 11, 2020 9:00 a. m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Where: Fort DeSoto State Park Beaches  
Conditions: Weather warm, upper 60s. Low tide. Low wind.

On a beautiful warm day, I headed north and west to shell at Fort Desoto. I drove directly to the northern most parking area and went to join a small group of shellers on the beach. Since the tide was low, there was a very large expanse of beach to cover. However, not only were there shells near the tide-line, there were several distinct windrows of material further up the beach thanks to recent wind events including a hurricane.

After four hours of exploring along each of the windrows, I had collected a substantial number of medium and large shells and several pints of grunge. I left and drove back to the more central parking area for another hour of beach walking, Finally I drove back past the entrance road all the way to the southeastern tip and spent another few minutes in that location. The beach in this area had little material, thus the short stay. In the report which follows these locations are labelled north, central, and east, respectively.

The north beach area had literally hundreds of *Argopecten* and *Anomia* pairs, and a large number of large, colorful, *Turbo castanea*, most with operculum. A few shells of moderate size such as *Americoliva sayana* and *Cerithium atratum* could be seen, but only close inspection showed that there were micro shells within the mix. Thus the collection of pints of grunge. The substantial effort in the north was well rewarded. The final tally was 110 gastropods and 53 bivalves (with a few small species not yet identified).



*Turbo castanea*

Photo: Wikipedia



*Macoma brevifrons*

Photo: BioLib.cz

Among the highlights from this large total of species were nine species of *Caecum*, two species of *Turbonilla*, and five species of *Epitonium/Gyroscala*. Also found were *Solariorbis infracarinatus*, *Solariorbis blakei*, *Cochliolepis parasitica*, *Episcynia inornata*, *Tomura xenoske-neoides*, and *Microeulima hemphilli*. New for me was a medium size bivalve tentatively identified as *Macoma brevifrons*.



*Epitonium humpreysii*

Photo: Pinterest

The central location has an area where the waves pile shells due to some rocks in the water. The walkable beach area was narrow and a bit crowded with sunbathers. The most shell friendly area was that provided by the rocks. I was most successful here via grunge from the shell piles. Among the most notable medium sized shells were several excellent wentletraps, *Epitonium humpreysii*, and a single dove shell, *Costoanachis sparsa*. Among the tiny gastropods were four species of *Caecum*, *Solariorbis infracarinatus*, *Astyris lunata*, and *Parvanachis obesa*. The small round *Parvilucina crenella* was by far the most common bivalve. New to my collection was a small white bivalve tentatively identified as *Ensitellops protexta*. Total species from the central area were 47 gastropods and 46 bivalves.

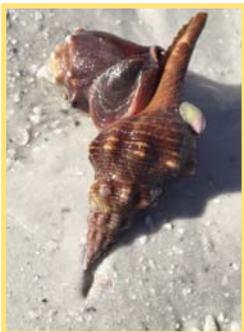
The east area has a long expanse of beach to walk. There were few gastropods but a modest number of medium and small bivalves. Overall however this area was the least productive of species diversity. Among the most notable bivalves in this area were *Crassinella lunulata*, *Tucetona pectinata*, and *Pteromeris perplana*. Among the gastropods the most notable was a good shell of *Longchaeus suturalis*. Total species from the area I call east were five gastropods and 14 bivalves.



*Longchaeus suturalis*

Photo: Bailey Matthews  
Shell Museum

### Breakfast at Keewaydin



On the island of Keewaydin, a few weeks ago, during the early morning low tide, we could see many horse conchs venturing out of their shell. As I came across this one, I wondered, is this some kind of mating or is it breakfast? and if it is, who is eating who? Using Google search, I learned that snails can mate between species. Of course I did not know if that was the case here.... More likely, this juvenile horse conch was eating the fighting conch (*Strombus pugilis*) which is known to be a herbivore, feeding on plants and algae.

Another amazing day in paradise!.....well maybe not for the Strombus...

Nancy Cadieux

## Update on the COA 20/20. The Sheller's Family Reunion

Alan Gettleman

Registrations for the COA 20/20 Return of Human Space Flight and the COA to the Florida Space Coast show a good initial response as well as reservations for the Hilton Rialto in Melbourne, Florida. We are optimistic that we will be able to have a convention in June. Florida has already reopened major attractions such as Walt Disney World, Sea World and Universal Orlando with social distancing and other health precautions. The space program continues in full launch mode with manned and other launches and we hope for a space launch around convention time. Unfortunately, it appears the cruise industry may not get to the approval to resume cruises from the Cape Canaveral port before our convention.

Registrations and latest information can be found on the COA website at <https://conchologist-sofamerica.org/> We can answer specific questions by contacting [lychee@cfl.rr.com](mailto:lychee@cfl.rr.com).

The convention begins with a tour of the Kennedy Space Center on Monday, June 14. Your local club guide will be a NASA retiree who worked on several Space Shuttle missions, including the two flights that included mollusks, and the Mars Pathfinder mission of the landers that culminated with Perseverance in February. We have a Harbor Branch Oceanographic and McLarty Treasure museum tour on Tuesday, June 15. Both are full day tours.

We hope to have evening turtle hatching tours on those evenings, but we will not find out until later if we can receive reservations for those spectacular oceanside events.

The convention begins at 1 pm on Wednesday, June 16th with programs/silent auctions. Special shells will be door prizes for each program. Wednesday evening is our Welcome Party. Since we are on the Space Coast we ask attendees to dress as their Favorite Astronaut, Favorite Space

Character, or Favorite Space Creature. The best in each category will get a space related prize. The sky is not even the limit for your imaginations of costume.

Thursday continues with silent auctions, programs and door prizes. Thursday night is the premier COA oral auction of spectacular and rare shell items. We are still looking for donations of premium items for the auction which is one of the primary funding sources for COA. Contact Dave Green, Oral Auction Chair at [dgreen2@entouch.net](mailto:dgreen2@entouch.net) Friday continues and meetings conclude with the COA business meeting and that evening the COA banquet with a guest speaker from the space program.

The world famous Bourse with the premier shell dealers on Saturday (1pm-8pm) and Sunday (9am-2pm). We also have the COA raffles that includes a spectacular 18" diameter Sailor's Valentine made by a COA member which comes upon a detachable 26" stand.

Our hotel is the Hilton Rialto in Melbourne with rooms rate or \$125 per night. Junior suites are available for available for \$145. All rooms have refrigerators, in room safe, and free wi-fi. The hotel offers pool, hot tub, tennis courts, and an indoor exercise gym. ALL events (except of course for field trips) are located on the first floor of the hotel- easy access to all of the meeting events.

COA has weathered interesting challenges with conventions. Our second convention scheduled on a cruise ship that blew up before the convention. The first Key West COA was interrupted by a hurricane.

The conventions did go on and the attendees had a great time. We know you will have a great time at the Sheller's Family Reunion to meet and celebrate at the only national shell convention which will be held in the U.S. this year.

## BEFORE B. C. (Before Covid )

Remember when we would end our season with a picnic on Coquina Beach? Well, it's happening again! But instead of it being an ending, let it be a new beginning to a better year. The picnic will be held at our usual pavilion, Coquina South with its new updates. The road is now paved and any needed repairs have been made. The date is Saturday, April 17th. from 10:00 A. M. -6:00 P.M. It is on Gulf Drive, South Entrance, the first pavilion at Coquina Beach.

Sonny's Barbecue is catering. The menu consists of smoked turkey, barbecue chicken, green salad, baked beans, and potato salad. Delicious, my mouth is watering!

- \* The utensils, cups, plates, silverware, and napkins will be provided.
- \* The cost is \$12.00 pp. B.Y.O.D. -bring your own drink.
- \* Any dessert contributions will be greatly appreciated.
- \* Th deadline is Monday, April 12th
- \* **CHECKS ONLY MADE OUT TO SARASOTA SHELL CLUB.**
- \* Mail to

Lou Cirrantano  
850 South Tamiami Trail  
Sarasota, FL. 34236

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Reservations: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I will bring a dessert: \_\_\_\_\_

YES, I WILL BRING A DESSERT

Let's "break out," enjoy the sunshine, beach, and camaraderie. Masks are required except when dining and we will practice some social distancing. Anyone think a contest for the most unusual mask, possibly shell related would be a good idea? Please let any board member know your thoughts.

## "Your Guide to the 2021 Virtual Sanibel Shell Show

Attached to this issue of *The Beauii* is a four-page description and guide for the 2021 Virtual Sanibel Shell Show. There will be many things to look at. Your Editor is featured on Saturday morning (highlighted in yellow on page four).

## News about the Sarasota County Fair

I have had several recent conversations with John Chrzczonowski (Board of Directors) of the Sarasota Agricultural Fair. This is the most recent information.

The Fair will run from March 19<sup>th</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup>. The hours are as follows:

Friday, March 19: 4PM to 11PM

Saturday, March 20: 12 Noon to 11PM

Sunday, March 21: 12 Noon to 10PM

Monday, March 22 thru Thursday March 25<sup>th</sup> 4 PM to 10PM

Friday, March 26: 2PM to 11PM

Saturday, March 27: 12 Noon to 11 PM

Sunday, March 28: 12 Noon to 10PM

The Artisans (and any willing volunteers) will meet at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church at 9:30AM on Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> to load the necessary items into vans and cars and then transport them to Roberts Arena Ken Clark Building to unload. We are allowed to “load in” through the front doors of the building this year. During the fair these doors are LOCKED.

**Concerning Health and Safety:** The Fair committee is “following CDC guidance” and the safety of the attendees, the vendors and all of the working staff are a top priority.

Recently the Sarasota City Commission (in their supposed wisdom) voted to no longer require that facial coverings be mandated in indoor spaces. Facial coverings are still encouraged. The Roberts Arena complex is within the Sarasota City Limits and thus facial coverings cannot be mandated. This is a rather disappointing development to the Fair Committee, the vendors and to the artisans. I have been told that signage will still be present that encourages the use of masks inside buildings. Hand Sanitizing stations will still be present throughout the fair and at the entrance to all buildings. Each building will have a designated entrance and a designated exit. Arrows will be placed on the floors to keep the flow of traffic going in one direction.

The fair committee will not provide masks to people who do not have them.....but I intend to have some available so that we can offer them to people. We can't insist that they wear them....but we can offer.

The Agricultural Committee is hiring a company named Bactronix Suncoast to clean and disinfect the interior and bathrooms in all buildings on the fairgrounds. This company claims to use non-toxic disinfectant and antimicrobials which last 90 days.

Several club members have already contacted me to volunteer their time. I will be contacting them to determine the hours and days they are available. I hope more of you will join in this

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Business cards (shell-related) may be used as advertising at a rate of \$25.00 per club year (up to nine issues). If you wish your business card to appear in each issue of *The Beauii*, please send it, along with a check (for \$25.00), made out to the Sarasota Shell Club, to the Editor, 2608 67th St. W, Bradenton, FL 34209.

To clarify, the \$25.00 pays for your card to appear in each issue of the 2020-2021 *The Beauii*.

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**The Sarasota Shell Club has a NEW Facebook Page (Sarasota Florida Shell Club)**

- We need you to go to Facebook and “like” the page. Please go to Facebook and hit this link: <https://www.facebook.com/sarasotafloridashellclub>. Once you are on the page please “like” the page and then click on “follow.” Would you please go do this today?
- When you “follow” our club’s page you’ll be able to see notices about upcoming meetings and events. The more likes we have, the more the page will get seen on Facebook. If you know people who would like to know about shelling you can tag them and invite them to also like the page.
- We can post pictures and shell information on this page to share with each other, too.
- Remember, please go to Facebook and “like” and “follow” today. Thank you . . . Sue Painter

## Officers & Board Members

President	Sally Peppitoni
Vice-President	Duane Kauffmann
Treasurer	Karen Huether
Recording Secretary	Lynn Gaulin
Corresponding Secretary	Marilyn Parker

Board Members: Ron Bopp (3), Nancy Cadieux (3), Donna Cassin (2), Carol Mae(2), Donna Krusenoski (1), and Rich Cirrantano (1).

## Committee Chairmen

Artisans	Open
<i>The Beauii</i>	Ron Bopp
Historian	Duane Kauffmann
Field Trips	Sally Peppitoni
Librarian	Duane Kauffmann
Membership	Donna Krusenoski
Shell Show	Board
Sunshine	Frankie Grover
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*.

## Calendar

Club ZOOM Meeting	March 11, 2021
Club Picnic	April 17, 2021
COA Convention (2021)	June 14-21, 2021
Texas Shellers Jamboree	Oct. 15-17, 2021
COA Convention (2022)	June, 2022

**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.

**A 2021  
Membership Application  
is Attached To This  
Newsletter**

## Past Presidents of the Sarasota Shell Club

Jack Oberle: 1963-1965, 1968-1968, 1972-1974	Vi Hertweck: 1982-1984	Cathy Hollar: 1999-2001
Louise Danforth: 1965-1967	Richard Forbush: 1984-1985	Joanne Chmielewski: 2007-2010
Franck Rinck: 1967-1968	June Bailey: 1985-1987, 1995-1997, 2002-2003	Ron Bopp: 2010-2012
Thomas Robertson: 1969-1970	Bob Hansen: 1987-1988	Dennis Sargent: 2012-2014
Evelyn Bradley: 1970-1972	Beverly Chouinard: 1989-1991	Sally Peppitoni: 2014-2021
Charles Hertweck: 1974-1979	Bonnie Christophel: 1990-1992	
Peggy Williams: 1980-1982, 1988-1989, 1992-1994, 2001-2002, 2005-2007	Pat Amsel: 1994-1995	
	Debra Ingrao: 1997-1998	
	Cathy Aschliman: 1998-1999	

## WANTED!

Any activity, show-and-tell, or anything else you would like to share for members. Since we can't get together in person, perhaps we can do it via "*The Beauii*," your favorite club newsletter. Send in your stories, photos or what-have-you to the Editor at rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com. We look forward to your submission!

# 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 \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_