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Newsletter of the Sarasota Shell Club

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Meetings 2nd Thursdays, September-April at Fire Station #2, 2070 Waldemere St Sarasota.



From the Prez

Hello Fellow Shellaholics!

The weather is changing and some of our snowbirds are coming

back! We're glad to see them. The holidays are coming! Don't forget to purchase your Holiday Party/Auction tickets from Nancy Marini. It promises to be a blast this year! Also, at our December meeting we will have our annual Shoebox Shell Show, so be thinking of a nice display you could put into a box to show-off. We had a great time at Honeymoon and Caladesi recently, as

seen by the photo of our own Janet Merryman with the GIGANTIC lightning whelk she discovered buried right beside her chair! See you at the meeting.



NOTE

Refreshments will be served at each meeting, but please bring your own beverages.

**This meeting
Nov. 12 at 7 p.m.
Program by John
Colagrande: "What are
those shells doing in my
back yard?"**

Some members will have shells for sale at the meeting.

**December 5, 11:30 am:
Holiday Party & Auction
Marriott Riverfront,
Bradenton**

**December 10 Meeting:
Shoebox Shell Show**

Use your imagination! Show off your shells! Win a prize!

Choose any theme: "Pink Shells" "Shells I got at Lido Beach" "Shells with Weird Names" "Freak Shells"... any theme you want. Pop them in any box top or other container and arrange them any way you like. Put a lining or sand in the box if you want to. Add photos and comments if you want.

Other members will be the judges of your exhibits. Maybe you'll win!

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From the Artisans.....

by Donna Cassin



The artisans are participating in a **Bazaar** on Saturday, **November 14**, 2015. The bazaar is from 8AM to 1PM. and is at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church at the corner of Proctor Rd. and McIntosh Rd. in Sarasota. You are welcome to come and support the artisans as well as the church that has become our new work/storage space. THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO START YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING.

On Sunday the **15th of November** the Artisans will host an open house from 11AM-1PM at the same location. We have worked hard to organize our things and get down to work and we would love to have any interested parties join us. We're on the west side of the building.

We work on Thursday mornings from 10AM to 1PM and then usually go to lunch at one of the local places. We are happily being creative again. Anyone interested in seeing what we do, how we do it or just want to see what it's all about...is welcome to stop by on any Thursday morning.

The Artisans are in need of any beach shells that you find and do not want. We also need beach grunge...these are the broken pieces of shell or worn pieces of shell, also driftwood, that are found on the beach.

Yes, we can actually make something of those pieces!!! We can also use broken or old unwanted pieces of jewelry.

And lastly.....we are in need of small shells to put into the small give-away bags for the shell show.

These should be small and in good condition. They should be clean and ready to use. Small calico scallops, small olives, small cockles ...even jingles with good color.

2015-16 Membership

Mary Jo Bopp



Renewal of your membership is past due at the November meeting.. Please fill out your form (found on our website), make a **check** out to SSC for \$15 (single) or \$20 (family) and mail both to me at

Mary Jo Bopp, Membership Chair
5207 10th Ave Dr W
Bradenton, FL 34209

Library

Linda Greiner

Our SSC Library has moved to the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church in Sarasota. You can view a list of our great books on the Shell Club website www.sarasotashellclub.com For more information on some of our books go to www.mdm.com.



Please browse the library during the open house on Sunday November 15, 11AM-1PM!

It would be great to have you join me to browse our library. I can also bring a book to our club meetings. You may want a book to help you with your exhibit at our SSC Shell Show or just educate yourself about shells and marine life. We even have a book "How to Prepare Mollusks for Eating" and some shell craft books. We also have books to help you identify the shells you find on your shelling trips.

Just call me at 941-993-5161 or email me at luvseashells@gmail.com and we can talk about our exciting SSC library books!

New Board Member

Terry Jones has moved back north to be with family and Donna Kruzenoski has been named by the Board to take her place. Thanks, Donna, for taking on the responsibility!



Field Trips, Etc

Sally Peppitoni

Trips must be paid for by check made out to Sarasota Shell Club. I will **always** send out an e-mail of pertinent information before the trip goes.

November 14th(Sat) – 8am, south end of the **Skyway** rest area, just after going through the toll booth.

November 28th(Sat) – **Fort Desoto Park** on the south end of Pinellas county.

December 14th(Mon) – 8am, **Carefree Learner** leaves out of Marina Jack in downtown Sarasota. \$5 per person **CASH ONLY**.

January 11th(Mon) – 7am, **Carefree Learner** leaves out of Marina Jacks in downtown Sarasota. \$5 per person **CASH ONLY**.

January 23rd(Sat) – New Smyrna Dunes Park on the east coast.

January 26th(Tues) – 7am, **Carefree Learner** leaves out of Marina Jacks in downtown Sarasota. \$5 per person **CASH ONLY**.



SSC Field Trip

Williams Shell Pit

January 9, 2016

by Ron Bopp



We will have a repeat fossil trip to the Williams Shell Pit led by Gary Schmelz in early January. Gary assures that the fossil material has been

turned over by the pit employees so there should be gobs of opportunity to obtain good specimens. This will be a great time of the year to get out and not have heat stroke.

- Limited to 20 participants (age 16 and over). A waiting list will be kept if we have more than 20 wanting to go.

- A sign-up sheet will be available at the October membership meeting.

- Cost is **\$25.00 (check made out to Gary Schmelz and given to him at site)**

- Meet at **8:30 a.m. on 1/9/16**

- **Meeting site** is at the quarry, on the south side of the road (Route 74) just one mile west of the junction of Route 74 and Hwy 31 south of Arcadia.

- Release forms will be signed at the meeting point

- Identification booklets and name tags will be handed out at that time.

- **Wear** sneakers or boots; long pants, a hat plus bring a trowel, screwdriver or pick to dig with.

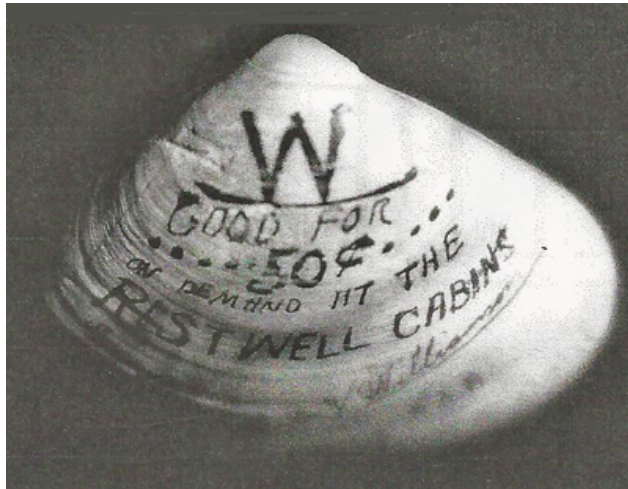
- A pay-for-your-own **lunch** will be held afterwards (please let Ron Bopp know if you will attend or not) where Gary will have a fossil drawing and also an opportunity to buy a copy of his new fossil book.

- If you cannot make the October meeting and would like to be on the trip, email Ron Bopp at rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com.



Pascal-Désir Maisonneuve's "Le Diable" ("The Devil"), circa 1927-28, at the American Folk Art Museum.

—from the New York Times



Emergency Money

During the Great Depression, cash took on a very different look.

When banking failures made hard currency scarce, Americans turned to scrip – as much as \$1 billion of the temporary money circulated during the crisis. Most was printed on paper, but some towns used whatever was at hand, even old tires and fish skin. In Pismo Beach, CA 11 local businesses traded the plentiful Pismo clamshell. Other shells fetched more "clams" – up to \$20.

—1933 • at the American History Museum.

Limpets—Snails with a Bite of Steel !

Recent research led by Professor Asa Barber of the University of Portsmouth's School of Engineering in the UK has revealed that the humble limpet (*Patella vulgata*) possesses an extraordinary, even superlative quality: its teeth have been found to be stronger than any other natural material, surpassing spider silk (the former record holder), kevlar, and steel.



Limpet Teeth

The teeth are produced in a line along the radula and they collectively resemble a saw. They are a resilient composite made of the mineral goethite bound together by proteins, that together have the curious property of retaining their strength regardless of the scale of the material.

"Generally a big structure has lots of flaws and can break more easily than a smaller structure, which has fewer flaws and is stronger. The problem is that most structures have to be fairly big so they're weaker than we would like," said Barber.

"Limpet teeth break this rule, as their strength is the same no matter the size."

Superman should probably look into upgrading his nickname, considering that steel these days just doesn't stand a chance against all these newly-found materials. He might have to keep an eye out for the Incredible Mister Limpet.

Membership Meetings

A donation of a shell collection has been made to the Sarasota Shell Club.

We will present a portion of the collection at each of the upcoming meetings and there will be a **Silent Auction** until the collection is liquidated. (Cash or checks only) The proceeds from the auctions will sponsor an award at the Shell Show each year until the monies are depleted.

Come early so you can view the items and bid if you wish to.

Holiday Party

The annual Holiday Party will be held at the Courtyard by Marriot on the Riverfront in Bradenton on December 5th. **We are doing this during the daylight hours so that those who prefer not to drive after dark can join us.** The cash bar will be available at 11:30AM and a full course dinner will be served about 12:30. The entree choices are Chicken Marsala or Fire Roasted Salmon. These are accompanied by a salad, rolls/butter, vegetable and potato. Coffee or tea are included as well as desert. And the best part: The tax and gratuity is included.

That is a lot of meal for just \$25.00. For just \$10 more you can have a delicious Filet Mignon.

This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow club members on a social level. Come one, come all. Join the fun; there will be an **auction of shells and shell-related items, including some of the Artisans' work.**

Tickets will be sold at the November meeting or call Nancy Marini , 758-9790.

If anyone has auction items to donate, please bring them to the Nov.

meeting and give to Nancy Marini or Donna Cassin.

Historian's Report

by Duane Kauffmann

50 Years Ago



Thirty-two members and several guests attended the October 14, 1965 meeting of the Sarasota Shell Club held at 2 p.m. A balance of \$351 was in the Club treasury and there were no outstanding debts.

The minutes note a letter of protest had been received concerning the afternoon time for meetings. No change is planned and a letter of response was written.

Twenty Club members had a successful field trip to Lido Beach including one prized "junonia." The next field trip was announced—to the north end of Longboat Key.

The Club library holdings were brought to the meeting for members to peruse. The minutes make note of the fact that it was "\$108 worth of books." (Editorial comment: How times have changed!)

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barnes gave the program on a trip to Europe (although it seems from the description in the minutes that it was not particularly shell related).

25 Years Ago

The archives of the SSC do not contain minutes for an October 1990 meeting.

There is however a detailed treasurer's report indicating a balance of \$4467.23. Largest expenditures were for liability insurance (\$477 for meetings and Shell Show) and show raffle tickets

A Beautiful Animation

demonstrating the design parameters of shells...(copy & paste to your browser)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f2GYFUipkvw>

Board Members

Sally Peppitoni	President
Nancy Marini	Vice President
Bruce Paulsen	Treasurer
Donna Bartels	Recording Secretary
Peggy Williams	Corresponding Sec'y

Board: Donna Krusenoski-1, Deborah Deam-1, Donna Cassin-2, JoAnn Mancuso-2, Harry Berryman-3, Karen Paulsen-3

Committee Chairmen

Artisans:	Nancy Marini
Beauti:	Peggy Williams 355-2291
Historian:	Duane Kauffmann
Field Trips:	Sally Peppitoni
Librarian:	Linda Greiner 993-5161
Membership:	Mary Jo Bopp
Shell Show:	Board
Sunshine:	Karen Ciffin

More info on Calendar Events

available from Peggy Williams.

Calendar

Please note dates on your own calendars!	
Nov. 12	SSC Meeting: speaker John Colagrande
Nov 15	11-1 Artisans' Open House
Nov 28	Ft DeSoto Park, Pinellas Cty field trip
Dec 5	Holiday party in AFTERNOON!
Dec 10	SSC Meeting: Shirtbox Show
Dec 14	Carefree Learner field trip
Jan 9-10	Astronaut Trail Shell Show
Jan 11	Carefree Learner field trip
Jan 14	Shell Club meeting
Jan 16-17	Broward Shell Show
Jan 23	New Smyrna Dunes Park (east coast of Florida)
Jan 26	Carefree Learner field trip
Feb 11	no meeting!
Feb 11-13	Sarasota Shell Show
Feb 20	FL United Malacologists Sanib
Feb 27-28	St Petersburg Shell Show
March 3-5	Sanibel Shell Show
March 10	Shell Club meeting
April 14	Last Shell Club mtg of season
April, May	Shell shows in Europe
June 18-19	Gulf Coast Show, Panama City

To Find Sarasota Tides

Meetings on the

second
Thursday of
Sept through
April at 7:00
p.m., at
Waldemere



Fire Station, 2070
Waldemere St. in
Sarasota. Park in small
lot on the right or in
nursing home lot across
the street.

Dues: New Single
Members \$21.50 New
Family Members (2+ at
same address) \$33.00.

Renewals: \$15.00
for Single, \$20.00 for
Family (2+ at same
address).

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Sarasota Shell Club Meeting October 8, 2015

Sally Peppitoni, President called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM at the Waldemere Fire Station. There were 37 members and 1 guest present. She announced the program for the evening would be 'Six Winter Shell Shows' presented by Phyllis Gray.

Sally also announced that Field Trip Sign-Up Sheets were available on a table in the front of the room.

The September meeting minutes were printed in the monthly newsletter. Peggy Williams moved to accept the minutes as printed, Keith Ide (2nd), motion unanimously carried. Minutes for September accepted and filed.

Bruce Paulsen, Treasurer gave the report. The club has \$16,540.04 in our account.

Donna Cassin, Shell Show Co-Chair, called for volunteers to sign up for the Shell Show in February 2016. She also announced that Shell Show Flyers are available.

Nancy Marini, Vice President announced the November meeting program would be 'What the Heck are those shells in my back yard' presented by John Colagrande. The December meeting program will be a Shoebox Shell Show. The artisans will be participating in Bayfest on Anna Maria Island October 17, 2015; there will be lots for sale. Nancy also put out a call that donations of auction items are needed for our Holiday Party in December.

Linda Greiner, Librarian wants everyone to know the Shell Club Library is open, please give her a call to acquire the books you would like to use. Linda had 3 shell identification books at the meeting if interested. She also mentioned that Bailey Mathews Shell Museum pamphlets that identify local Florida shells are available.

Mary Jo Bopp, Membership, membership is now at 126. Please renew your membership. Mary Jo presented a new display for our members board used at the Shell Show.

Field Trips: Sally reported our next Beach Walk with breakfast would be October 17, 2015 on Anna Maria Island with breakfast at the Rod and Reel Pier, breakfast is first and then shelling after. Trip to Honeymoon/Caladesi Island is October 31, 2015, Sally will be at the Honeymoon Island Restaurant at 8:00 AM, low tide is at 9:10 AM, group will shell Honeymoon Island first and then those interested can take the ferry to Caladesi Island at 10:00 AM, there is a charge for the ferry. Trip to south end of the Skyway November 14, 2015, Sally will be in the Parking Lot at 8:00 AM and low tide is at 9:00 AM, please wear water shoes and clothes that you do not mind getting wet. Trip to Fort Desoto Park November 28, 2015, sign up sheet is available. Next Carefree Learner trip is December 14, 2015, cost is \$5 cash. There will be two more Carefree Learner trips in January 2016.

Peggy Williams, Newsletter, asked if everyone enjoyed the articles published in the Newsletter and there was an overwhelming "YES".

Sunshine, Lynn Gaulin had surgery and is recovering well. No other sunshine items reported.

Artisans, Nancy Marini, the artisans will have 5 tables at the Anna Maria Island Bayfest October 17, 2015. The artisans will be hosting an Open House at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church November 15, 2015 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM to introduce church members to the Shell Club and our new location at the Church.

Old Business – None.

New Business, Terry Jones one of our current Board Members submitted a letter of resignation as a Board Member. Donna Krusenoski was nominated as a replacement, no other nominees from the floor. Nancy Marini moved to accept Donna and Bruce Paulsen (2nd), the motion was carried, Donna Krusenoski is our new Board Member.

Sally adjourned the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Rosanne Roble for Donna Bartels, Recording Secretary.