



# The Beauí

Newsletter of the Sarasota Shell Club

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

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



## From the Prez

Hello Sarasota Shell Club!

What a wonderful shell show we had last month! There were so many fabulous scientific exhibits and beautiful artistic exhibits to see, and I know I blew my shell budget with purchases from all the great vendors we had! We are now winding down our season and we still have two major fieldtrips (Sanibel and Peanut Island). Our election of officers for the board will be in April and we are planning a great end-of-year party for some time in May. More information will be given at the meeting. See you there!

Sally Peppitoni  
President

## Scientific Forum

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum will be hosting a 2.5 day forum titled "Mollusks in Peril" May 22-24, 2016. We are bringing together some of the country's foremost experts on current large-scale threats to molluscan populations to discuss through presentations and panels, the challenges facing the second most diverse group of animals on earth.

Fee is \$100 (plus tax?). This includes: all keynote lectures, scientific presentations, panel discussions, coffee breaks, and lunches.

## Very Important!

Our Recording Secretary has been in office for several years and can no longer serve. The Nominating

**Next meeting**  
**Thursday, April 14**  
**at 7:00 pm.**

Refreshments are served at each meeting. Bring your own beverage!

Some members will have shells for sale at the meeting.

## Program:

by Peggy Williams

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**Shell Show Feb. 11-13**

Committee has not been able to find a replacement.

The job is taking minutes of the membership and board meetings, typing them up and sending them to Sally and the Corresponding Secretary, who publishes the newsletter (the *Beauí*). Not a hard job, and the Minutes will be proofread before publishing.

**Please consider accepting this position and notify Angela Sampogna, Nominating Comm. 845-268-2915 by the March meeting!**

## Elections in April

Except for the Recording Secretary, all officers and Board members have agreed to serve another year (see list on page 4). Nominations for replacements are still open and may be made at the meeting.

## Library

Linda Greiner



Our library has moved to Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church in Sarasota. A list is on the club website. For more info on some books go to [www.mdm.com](http://www.mdm.com).

We have several shell craft books that teach you how to make flowers, animals and other various types of shell art.

Come join me to browse out library. I can bring books to meetings. You may want a book to help with your exhibit at the show or just educate yourself about shells and marine life, as well as identify shells from field trips.

Just call me at 941-993-5161 or email me at [luvseashells@gmail.com](mailto:luvseashells@gmail.com) to talk about our exciting books!

## 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.

**March 19<sup>th</sup>**(Sat) – 8 am arrival, Sanibel Island. We can decide if we want to do Lighthouse Beach or Blind Pass. Low tide 9:22am, -.1'

**April 8<sup>th</sup>**(Fri) – 12 Noon arrival, Peanut Island on east coast. You can snorkel here too! Low tide 3:56pm, -1.0'!!!

Will have hotel info at the meeting.

## Show Name Tags

Anyone who still has their Name Tag (exhibitors, etc.) from the SSC Show, please bring it to the meeting and give to Linda Greiner.

## Shell Show Thank You and Plea for Help

by Duane Kauffmann

A thank you of *Triplofusus* [Horse Conch] magnitude is due to all those

who assisted in setting up, selling at, and taking down the Club table at the shell show. Your work was very much appreciated.

The down side for the Club table was the "lack of inventory" of several popular items. Kitten's paws (*Arcinella*), augers (*Terebra*), olives (*Oliva*), pen shell pairs (*Atrina*), shark eyes (*Niverita*), jingles (*Anomia*), and bubbles (*Bulla*) were in short supply. So as you beach comb in the coming months, pick up nice shells for donation to the Club table! We also cherish donations of large showy shells you may no longer want.

Patrons to the Club table also like urchin tests, beached egg cases, crab molts, and other treasures from beach drift.

## Membership

by Mary Jo Bopp

Currently we have 155 members! We have had one new member since the last meeting.



## Shell Show Results

### Scientific trophies won:

COA: Martin Tremor and Conrad Forler for "Introduction to Elongated Cockles"

Dupont: Pat & Bob Linn for "The Helmeted Bonnets of the World"

Mote: Greg Curry Sr for "Amoria"

Best Small Exhibit: Duane Kauffmann for "I.D. Guid to Micro Shells"

Sarasota Shell Club Members Award:

Harry Berryman for "Etymology of Cone Shells"

Fossil Shell of the Show: Linda Ervin for "Extractrix"

Hertweck Fossil Award: Ron & Mary Jo Bopp for "Fossil Mollusks of the Tamiami Formation"

## New "Ghostlike" Octopus off Hawaii



Washington (AFP) - Scientists have discovered a "ghostlike" octopus in deep water off Hawaii that appears to belong to a previously unknown species, researchers said.

A submersible research craft spotted the small, translucent octopus by chance around 2.5 miles (4 kilometers) underwater off Necker Island on the northwestern end of the Hawaiian Archipelago, the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) said.

"As the ROV (remotely operated vehicle) was traversing a flat area of rock interspersed with sediment at 4,290 meters, it came across a remarkable little octopod sitting on a flat rock dusted with a light coat of sediment," the NOAA's Michael Vecchione said.

"The appearance of this animal was unlike any published records and was the deepest observation ever" for this type of marine creature, he added, in a statement released on March 2.

The octopus -- nicknamed "Casper the Friendly Ghost" on social media -- was caught on camera by the Okeanos Explorer, which the NOAA uses to explore underwater geology and marine life in little-known parts of the world's oceans.

Vecchione said the newly discovered octopus has a single row of suckers on each tentacle instead of the usual two, but is "particularly unusual because it lacked

the pigment cells, called chromatophores, typical of most cephalopods, and it did not seem very muscular."

"It is almost certainly an undescribed species and may not belong to any described genus," he said.

## Holy hitchhiker!

*A Giant Eastern Murex hitched a ride on a*



*sea turtle's back until the two were discovered by Inwater Research Group in Florida.*

*Researchers removed the murex who weighed about 13% of the sea turtle's body weight.*

*Photo by Inwater Research Group/Facebook*

## Videos, pics

Check out the videos of Cone shells eating by stabbing their prey at <http://biology.burke.washington.edu/conus/videos/index.php>. I couldn't open most of them (you need Adobe Quicktime) but I could open the last two on the page. Amazing!

and more videos of cone snails eating fish, worms, and snails: <http://www.theconesnail.com/videos>.

Video of the artificial reef formed by an offshore oil reef. Some of the bivalves you see are Thorny Oysters, [http://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/08/science/marine-life-thrives-in-unlikely-place-offshore-oil-rigs.html?em\\_pos=large&emc=edit\\_sc\\_20160308&nl=science-times&nid=30311589&ref=img&te=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2016/03/08/science/marine-life-thrives-in-unlikely-place-offshore-oil-rigs.html?em_pos=large&emc=edit_sc_20160308&nl=science-times&nid=30311589&ref=img&te=1)

## 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
<i>Beau:</i>	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
Webmaster	Bruce Paulsen

## Calendar

**April 14** Last mt. 'til Sept  
**April, May** Shows in Europe  
**June 18-19** Gulf Coast Show, Panama City FL

### 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).

**If you want your newsletter printed and mailed add \$15.00.**



## Historian's Rep. Feb. 2016

### 50 Years Ago

The February 10, 1966 meeting of the Sarasota Shell Club was not a "formal meeting." Rather several Club members met in Venice with a group of individuals who were interested in starting a shell club.

There was a good feeling of hospitality, new friends were made, and a meal "rounded off the evening."

### 25 Years Ago

The meeting of February 8, 1990 was held at Mote Marine and called to order by President Beverly Chouinard.

A request for volunteers at the Shell Show was made.

Peggy Williams announced a field trip to New Pass.

It was noted that new FL regulations required that every shell collector under 65 would now need a "shelling license;" those over 65 an ID.

Debbie Ingrao of Mote gave the program. No topic or title is provided in the minutes.

### Addendum to this report

Many thanks to Lynn Gaulin for contributing several issues of the *Beau* from 2000 to 2006. As others clean house perhaps you also will find old copies to contribute to the history archives.

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