

The Beauii



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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

October, 2019 Edition

From the Prez



Hello Fellow Shell-A-Holics!

Halloween is looming fast and will usher in our holiday season. We have several upcoming field trips which you can find information for later on in this issue. Our new Vice-President Donna Cassin will

be able to tell us more about upcoming speakers for this year. Replacing her as a director is Carol Mae. Both will do great jobs to help our club make progress. We will also have news about the annual holiday party in December but we may need to find a new place for this season's end-of-year picnic due to ongoing construction at Coquina Beach. See what ideas you can come up with and contribute at the meeting. See you next week!

Respectfully,
Sally Peppitoni, President

Field Trips, 2019-2020

WOW! There are so many field trips scheduled that the information for them may be found on page 2.

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**Next Meeting:
October 10, 2019
Our Presenter is
Jim Wedge**

New for "The Beauii"

Starting with this issue our recording secretary, Jeanne Dimmick, will be providing minutes from our previous membership meeting. See page 12 for the September meeting.

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

Scheduled SSC Field Trips 2019-2020

Saturday, October 19th

Honeymoon Island – low tide is approx. 10:07 am at +0.3 ft. Honeymoon Island State Park is located north of Clearwater. The park opens at 8 am and costs \$8 per vehicle. We will park near the public restrooms where the snack bar and gift shop is located. I will have directions on getting to the island at the meeting.

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.

Friday, January 10th, 2020

Carefree Learner Trip on Sarasota Bay - 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.

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.

Friday, January 24th, 2020

Carefree Learner Trip on Sarasota Bay - 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.

A “Happy Note” from Donna

Please :

- 1). **FILL OUT** the membership form (on back page of this newsletter)
- 2). **SIGN** the insurance release
- 2). **WRITE A CHECK**
- 3). **MAIL** or **BRING** it to the October Membership Meeting.

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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.

Can you answer the question? Send your comments to the Editor (rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com) and the results from members will be published in the next issue.

NOTE: The Editor has received no comments regarding this riddle. Members can still email in their thoughts about “just how much deeper would the ocean be without sponges!”

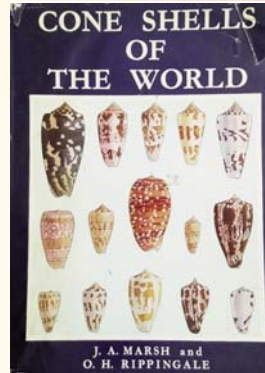
Editor’s Thoughts . . .

A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

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.mdmsshell-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

Please renew now!
Make Donna’s job
easier and fun!



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 October 10 membership meeting. But, for now, mark your calendars and save that date!

Strombus oldi - A Retrospective¹

Harry G. Lee

This interesting article first appeared in last month's issue of the "Shell-O-Gram," the newsletter of the Jacksonville Shell Club. With Harry Lee's permission we get to enjoy it as well. Not only is the subject matter (of the shell) interesting but also the history of Harry Lee is brought to light. Harry was featured in a recent Tampa Bay newspaper and be found at [https://www.tampabay.com/news/environment/2019/09/13/florida-man-with-largest-private-shellcollection-nowreadytogiveitaway/?fbclid=IwAROL8j_iuBTBMO0fDK7Hh^KgJjXDUFb\)WowU368nXnB2zaptUGk5SpTBNJ0](https://www.tampabay.com/news/environment/2019/09/13/florida-man-with-largest-private-shellcollection-nowreadytogiveitaway/?fbclid=IwAROL8j_iuBTBMO0fDK7Hh^KgJjXDUFb)WowU368nXnB2zaptUGk5SpTBNJ0). I recommend all SSC members read it—RB

I remember it well. There they were a half-dozen wave-worn conch shells scooped from the sandy shores of the Horn of Africa. A few weeks before this momentous revelation, the American Museum of Natural History had received some shells from the vicinity of Obbia, Somalia collected about six years earlier, and these conchs were certainly the centerpiece of the small collection.



I was a medical school freshman/volunteer worker in the Department of Living Invertebrates in the largest museum in the world, and Bill Old, the departmental scientific assistant (Collections Manager is a more apt and contemporary approximation), knew I'd be dazzled and perplexed by the contents of the drawer he had pulled out palm-sized shells looking like ruggedly-sculpted *Strombus laciniatus* Dillwyn, 1817² (R), but with a broad chocolate stripe inside each aperture. None of the shells was spared damage from the East African surf, and the outer lip seemed to have been particularly vulnerable. While Bill (me, too) suspected this species was un-named, he pointed out, with some irony, that he couldn't place this new taxon in a

genus (*Strombus* vs. *Lambis*) based on the material before us: it might or might not possess digitations on the labrum (fingers on the shell's outer lip), the feature which rather arbitrarily separates the two genera.



Over the following months, Bill's boss, Dr. William K. Emerson, Associate Curator, quietly solicited a fine specimen from Mrs. Orville Davis of Philadelphia, produced a manuscript description of

this conch, and sent the paper to Dr. R. Tucker Abbott, then in the Pilsbry Chair at the Academy of Natural Sciences (also Philadelphia) and founder of the nascent irregular journal *Indo-Pacific Mollusca*. Not long before the submission, Tucker had published his monograph on Strombidae in this journal, so it seemed a natural destination for Emerson's paper. *Strombus oldi* was published in a two page supplement to Tucker's monograph and was sent to I.P.M. subscribers, including me, on April 30, 1965. I don't remember if this act of patronymy took Bill (Old) by surprise, but I'd like to think so. To this day *Strombus oldi* Emerson, 1965 is arguably the finest and rarest recent species in the family.

After medical school, internship, residencies, and military service, I found myself studying in Ethiopia, and I hadn't forgotten my years at A.M.N.H.! Despite a most unpropitious geopolitical scenario, I successfully negotiated visas for myself and my wife, Kitty, to visit Ethiopia's "neighbor," The Somali Democratic Republic after about six months of hassle one can only experience in the Third World. Our destination was Mogadishu, on the coast and in the range of Bill Old's Conch, a species which, by that time, had become a bona fide holy grail for conchologists around the world.

Well, in January, 1972 we spent a week in and around Mogadishu. Travel was restricted due to "civil unrest." (The hundreds of Red Chinese "advisors" seemed to be unencumbered by this policy, while Western diplomats, workers, and tourists were essentially tethered to Mogadishu.) The furthest we traveled was Gezira, about 20 km. south of Mogadishu. We did plenty of snorkeling, and I was able to gather about 200 species of marine shells, including live *Cypraea marginalis* Dillwyn, 1817, a prized East African endemic, but no *Strombus oldi* was seen. The Somali beach boys we inevitably encountered were shown pictures of the great conch, and some seemed to recognize the shell (all, however, volunteered to take down payments for future delivery). Despite dozens of promising leads, neither our little colleagues nor we were able to come up with the prize species.

One of our traveling companions, the Embassy Physician in Addis Ababa, where we and he lived, took an interest in this potential international commerce. After a few more of his monthly calls in Mogadishu, he actually found a beach boy with the

right stuff! Dr. Stuart Scheer brought back my first *Strombus oldi*. The event triggered a grand dinner party—by now most of our international circle of friends were aware of this conchological obsession and were probably glad to see it put to rest amid festivities. (There wasn't really much else of comparable import for expatriates to celebrate in Addis Ababa during the final year of Haile Selassie's dotage.)



Months later I got acquainted with Rosavittoria Todaro, an Italian lady working in Mogadishu with the United Nations. I saw her name (and fascinating address!) in Tom Rice's *Of Sea and Shore* magazine and wrote her immediately. We were in frequent con-

tact from 1972 until recently. I saw Rori become a fine conchologist during those two decades. After a little warm-up time, she got a handle on the *Strombus oldi* situation. The shells began coming to her by caravan from north of Mogadishu. By 1990 I reckon she had sent me four dozen fine specimens, and I exchanged them widely and profitably.

Volucomorbis rosavittoriae Rehder, 1981 (L) is named in

honor of this inspirational and industrious naturalist. It is just one of many species she brought to light.

We enjoyed a monopoly on *Strombus oldi* for a few years, but, alas, geopolitical vagaries supervened, international fisheries developed, a surge of interest in shell-collecting in Europe (particularly Italy, which had colonial ties to Somalia), and collecting across the Gulf of Aden in Oman produced a near-watershed for *Strombus oldi* aficionados.

At the moment, I can see my solitary magnificent specimen of Bill Old's Conch in a coffee table before me. It launches my thoughts back and forth through this one-third century saga. I see now that the marvel of discovery, the thrill of the chase, and the sharing of good fortune in fellowship are the real pleasures of this enterprise—and I begin to understand why Robert Louis Stevenson extolled my happy destiny as a shell collector. I simply regret that Bill Old isn't around to join in this brief retrospective; he really was with me every step of the way.



Tricornis oldi (Emerson, 1963)—this photograph was taken in the 1970s not long after the above chronicle went down. The late Rosavittoria Todaro held the camera in Mogadishu, Somalia. This is thought to be the first published image of the living animal.

¹ In the decades since the time this report was penned Bill Old's Conch has been transferred to another genus; it is now known as *Tricornis oldi* (Emerson, 1965)

² At the time of this encounter, most of us weren't aware of the senior synonym, *Strombus sinuatus* [Lightfoot]³, 1786. That taxon is now known as *Sinuostrombus sinuatus* [Lightfoot]³, 1786.

³ The brackets indicate that the authorship was anonymous; only (much) later did scholars make attribution to Rev. John Lightfoot; see footnote 2 at <<http://www.jaxshells.org/1201hgl.htm>>.

Historian's Report

50 Years Ago

Twenty-nine members and guests attended the October 11, 1969 meeting of the Sarasota Shell Club at the Palmer First National Bank Building. Balance on hand as of Oct. 9 was \$1465.35.

Jack and Helen Oberle, founders of SSC, were recognized as Life Members of the Club.

Bob Lipe gave the program, a series of slides of living molluscs, accompanied by relevant commentary. The minutes note the program provided "a very enjoyable evening."

25 Years Ago

Vice President Eleanor Gador called the October 13, 1994 meeting of the Sarasota Shell Club to order at 7:30. Fifteen members and guests were present.

Peggy Williams reported that planning for the shell show was going well. She still needs a chairperson for the kitchen committee.

It was noted that field trips are planned to Venice Beach, Bradenton Beach, and on the Carefree Learner.

Peggy Williams gave a slide show on shelling in Belize.

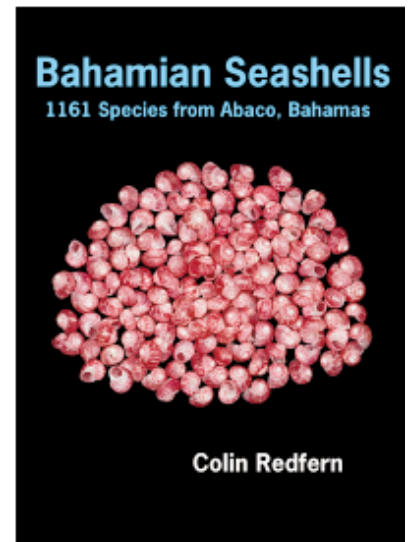
Review of Colin Redfern (2013) *Bahamian Seashells: 1161 Species from Abaco, Bahamas*. Boca Raton, FL: Bahamianseashells.com, Inc.

In two important ways it is the worst of times for a review of Colin Redfern's 501 page Bahama's identification guide. Not only has Abaco Island now been rendered uninhabitable by hurricane Dorian, but Colin Redfern passed away only a few months before. Nevertheless, for anyone wishing to identify shells from the Caribbean, Redfern's second edition is a must. The photos are excellent and the written descriptions are detailed. Moreover the photos are all in color and the descriptions are located on the same page as the picture (rather than having the pictures collected on plates at the end of the book as in the first edition).

Several features of the book deserve note. First, the user must know the word protoconch (the term for the very tiny earliest whorls of the shell). The identification of some similar species can only be completed after ascertaining the size and counting the whorls in the protoconch, which means the shell enthusiast using Redfern's book will need a very good hand lens or a microscope. Second, those interested in small shells might become a bit frustrated through the use of, for example, *Gibberula* sp. A, *Gibberula* sp. B, *Gibberula* sp. C. Such designations mean there is a lot of work left to do to sort out some genera. Third, it seems that Redfern had a circle of scientific friends who were quite willing to honor him by naming species after him. By my count, redferni occurs as a species name no fewer than nine times throughout the book. Fourth, Redfern is a prototypical splitter. This not altogether favorable label means that where he can spot even the smallest of differences he is convinced it is two species (and not just variation within a single species). As an example one might note the details concerning *Gibberula* on page 180 and following. Only time, and a lot of genetic work, will decide if Redfern is right, or if the so-called "lumpers" are correct.

Redfern also gives attention to tusks (Class Scaphopoda), chitons (Class Polyplacophora) and squids and octopuses (Class Cephalopoda).

If you collect in the northern Caribbean or the east coast of Florida, Redfern's book is a (rather expensive) must. The SSC library has both the first and second editions for you to use. If you need your own copy, now would be the opportune time to put it on your Christmas list!



Duane Kauffmann

A Postcard from the Past . . .



This month's featured postcard is of a large lambis shell with the Hotel Rudolf featured in the cutout. According to the people on the photo as well as quite a few found online this was sent early in the 20th Century.

Hotel Rudolf was constructed in 1895 and demolished in 1974. It went through a couple of name changes, progressing to "Hotel Rudolph" and finally "The Breakers."

It was advertised as the "World's Renowned Health Resort" and featured all the then-popular health treatments including spas, baths, etc.

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The October 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 to make the appropriate display case as this edition of *The Beauii* is published. Once completed it will be brought to the next club meeting. This shell was adopted by the club in January, 1969.

September Membership Meeting Highlights



Jenny Folden and Carol Mae provided refreshments including this cake.



Paul Lamb tries real hard not to touch but . . .



Judy Wedge listens intently about a show and tell shell.



Barbara Besaw presents her shell display at the show and tell.



Barbara's finished product.

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

Sarasota Shell Club Meeting Minutes September 12, 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 41 members and two guests, Fred Cassin and Gary Martinez.
3. Program: “ Show and Tell for Shells picked up from Field Trips” by members of Shell Club. The COA Presentation on convention on Captiva Island, June 2019 was presented by Sally Peppitoni . She talked about and explained what the convention entailed.
4. Secretary’s Report: Everyone received a copy of minutes from April, 2019 and members reviewed and made corrections. Lynn Gaulin presented motion to accept minutes and Linda Greiner seconded the motion. This was unanimously passed.
5. Treasurer’s Report: Karen Huether presented financial report for September 2019. (See attachment) Donna Cassin moved to accept the report and Jenny Folden 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 was nominated and accepted as the new chairperson. There was discussion about a special award for Nancy Marini. There was discussion about the chairperson reporting to the board and shell show committees. There will be an increase to \$200 dollars for every table this year for the convention. A motion was made to accept the Board recommendation and amend the addendum to add to by-laws by Linda Greiner. Jenny Folden seconded the motion. This was unanimously passed.
 - B. Programs: Jim Wedge with “Living Seashells” is scheduled for Oct. In November Pete Steelman is presenting. In December the program will be the Shoebox Show.
 - C. Librarian’s Report: Linda Greiner added Duane Kauffmann to help. He will add information to the 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 dues be paid by October. Membership drive is August-October. Doublecheck the latest directory because at the end of October it will go to Bruce. The website will be updated again in March. Please sign form for liability which covers everything.
 - F. Field Trips: Sally Peppitoni reported that we have several field trips available. Carefree Learner with two dates, Jan 10 and 24. Honeymoon Island, Oct. 19. Blackthorne Park, Nov 16. St. George Island is an overnight Dec. 26-28. Marco Island will tentatively be on Jan. 9 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.

- G. Web Page: The Web Site password, member's only user id is "***** ** *****" and the Password is "*****." [The user ID and Password will be emailed to each member—RB] Download shell show forms and get in quickly.
- H. Newsletter: If you have anything send it to Ron Bopp.
- I. Education: Lynn Gaulin presented Shell of the month, Flame Helmet from The Bahamas. Looking for new member to research shell, Marilyn Reed volunteered.
- J. Sunshine: Karen Ciffin was not here. Pat Ansel is in a nursing home in NY. She would appreciate a card or drop an email.
- K. Artisans: Donna Bartels reported that Artisans were busy all summer taking donations and are looking for venues to sell items. Consider helping and buying items. Money will go to the club. In the month of November the club will have an artistic and scientific display in a Bradenton Library. Nancy left money to the club and the Artisans decided to rent another room at the Church using the money to pay for the extra room.

Old Business: Board's vacant Vice Presidency can appoint Vice Presidency to Donna Cassin in charge of programs and presiding over meetings. She will complete Nancy's term. Received her letter of resignation of Director. Because of emergency, the Board can appoint a 3-year term. Board appointed Carol Mae, effective immediately.

New Business: Holiday party will be Friday, December 6 at 5 pm. Checking Bird Key Yacht Club's prices. Bruce Paulson volunteered to help. This will be tabled until next meeting. End of the year party will be in April. Carol Mae will contact Bradenton Parks and Recreation. Need volunteer to spearhead picnic at Coquina Beach.

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 9:15 P.M.

Sarasota Shell Club Treasurer's Report September 12, 2019 Meeting	
SSC Checking Account Balance as of 9/12/19 =	\$20,316.82
SSC Income Received (from 5/1/19 to 9/12/19) =	\$3,832.31
SSC Expenses (from 5/1/19 to 9/12/19) =	\$9,250.67
Major Income Items (from 5/19 to 9/12/19) -	
Panama Shells Sales -	\$2190.00
Donations - Nancy Marini -	\$400.00
Dealer Fees for 2020 Show -	\$900.00
Membership Dues -	\$158.00
Major Expenses (from 5/19 to 9/12/19) -	
Rent (for 5 months @ \$367.50/month) -	\$1,837.50
Scientific Donations Awarded -	\$5,600.00
Panama Shells Proceeds -	\$1,170.00
COA - Club Shell (<i>Siratus beaulii</i>) -	\$275.00
Insurance Policy Upgrade -	\$49.00
USPS PO Box Renewal -	\$234.00

Officers & Board Members

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

Calendar

October 10	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

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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
Louise Danforth: 1965-1967
Franck Rinck: 1967-1968
Thomas Robertson: 1969-1970
Evelyn Bradley: 1970-1972
Charles Hertweck: 1974-1979
Peggy Williams: 1980-1982,
1988-1989, 1992-1994,
2001-2002, 2005-2007
Vi Hertweck: 1982-1984
Richard Forbush: 1984-1985

June Bailey: 1985-1987,
1995-1997, 2002-2003
Bob Hansen: 1987-1988
Beverly Chouinard: 1989-1991
Bonnie Christophel: 1990-1992
Pat Amsel: 1994-1995
Debra Ingrao: 1997-1998
Cathy Aschliman: 1998-1999
Cathy Hollar: 1999-2001
Joanne Chmielewski: 2007-2010
Ron Bopp: 2010-2012
Dennis Sargent: 2012-2014

Sally Peppitoni: 2014-2020

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 _____ / _____