

The Beauii



A newsletter published by the
Sarasota Shell Club

www.Sarasotashellclub.com

We meet on the 2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm
(September to April)

Room 206, Albritton Center
Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church
4826 McIntosh Rd
Sarasota, FL

November, 2022 Edition

Ramblings from the presidential suite . . .

November. You will not want to miss the Nov. 10 regular meeting where the program will be by Amy Bentley, SSC member and a journalist and professional writer. She will describe her experiences at Shell Camp. In addition, we hope to have a few surprises, reports on shelling conditions, a couple of interviews, news from the artisans, and a “don’t miss it” raffle.

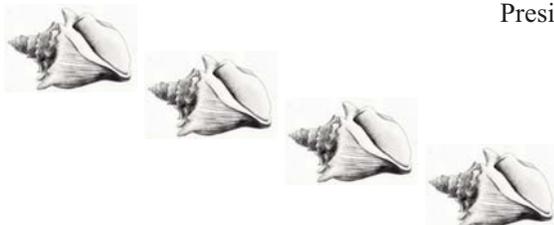


You will also want to check your calendars and interests concerning Club activities. A field trip to Boca Grande (south of Englewood) is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 10. And make sure the Holiday party and Shell Show are on your schedule.

It has been a tough few weeks for southwest FL. I am well aware that some of our members have sustained substantial loss and seemingly endless frustration and anxiety. Other members have new or ongoing major health issues and other maladies of senior citizenry. The financial climate, including those retirement portfolios, has fostered distinct unease and worry. And who can ignore the TV ads and divisiveness surrounding Nov. 8. In the midst of this ethos, it may be difficult to celebrate the month’s primary holiday: Thanksgiving.

It is my hope that even in the midst of such a troubling milieu, we might find it within ourselves to give thanks for the beauty of seashells, the warm and support of caring friends, the delicious tastes of a meal prepared to perfection, and/or the awe-inspiring hues of a Florida sunset.

Duane Kauffmann
President



SHELLABRATION time!

59th ANNUAL SHELL SHOW 2023

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR

February 8th through 12th

1. Please read the overview on each specific form at the monthly meetings & sign-in based on your interest(s) & availability.
2. Contact Nancy Cadieux (941-228-1758) if you have questions or would like to discuss further
3. Verbal & detailed written instructions will be provided before each shift as needed.

Thank you for supporting YOUR Sarasota Shell Club!

Important . . . Same Location New Building

Yes, we are still meeting at Bee Ridge Church at 4826 McIntosh Road, Sarasota.

However, our meetings will be in the Albritton Center, Room 206. This is the administration building for the church, and there is ample parking.

From the Treasurer

When renewing your membership please make your check out to “SSC.”
No cash please!

Officers & Board Members

President	Duane Kauffmann
Vice-President	Carol Mae
Treasurer	Alan Banko
Recording Secretary	open*

Board Members: Sally Peppitoni (3); Karen Huether (2); Donna Krusenoski (2); Rich Cirrantano (2); Ron Bopp (1); Nancy Cadieux (1);

Committee Chairmen

Artisans	tba
<i>The Beauii</i>	Ron Bopp
Historian	open*
Field Trips	Gary Martinez
Librarian	Frankie Grover
Membership	Lisa Kinney
Shell Show	Sally Peppitoni
Sunshine	Frankie Grover
Webmaster	Bruce Paulsen

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- * **Meetings** are held on the second Thursday of September through April at 7:00 pm.
- * **Dues** are \$30.00 for new single members and \$40.00 for family members (at the same address).
- * **Renewals** are \$25.00 for single and \$30.00 for family.

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

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*.

A 2022-2023
Membership application is
attached to this Newsletter

Artisans

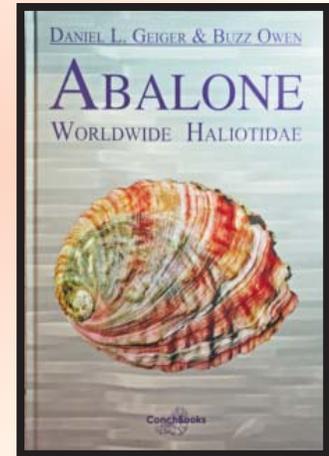
The Artisans, as the name implies is the artistic community associated with Sarasota Shell Club. You are welcome to come and join them. Dates in November are the 3rd, 10th and 17th. All meetings are Thursdays at 10:00 A. M. The location is at Bee Ridge Church in the small building bordering Proctor Street. You can also join them prior to our October meeting for a fun “make and take”. Creative items made by the Artisans are for sale at Coastal Flow, 7216 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

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. For more info on some of our books, go to www.mdmshellbooks.com

Books in the Sarasota Shell Club Library can be accessed by contacting Duane Kauffmann at 574-238-4554 or 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 (Senior Librarian)

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.

Mark Your Calendars — — — Save The Dates

We look forward to seeing you at all our events. “Eyeball” this space in each issue for additions, more information or changes.

- Nov. 10 Field Trip: Boca Grande
- Nov. 10 7:00 P.M; General meeting: guest speaker: Amy Bentley
Club speaker-Shell Camp
Silent Auction at meeting-Artisans
Empty stocking donations
- Dec. 8 Holiday Party at Bird Key Yacht Club
- Dec. 9 Carefree Learner Field Trip; 7:00 A.M.
- Dec. 13 Field Trip; Honeymoon Island
- Jan.10 Carefree Learner Field Trip:7 :30 A.M.
- Jan. 12 7:00 P.M. General meeting Guest speaker: Dr. Sandra Gilchrist from New College
- Jan. 24 Field Trip: Keewaydin Island
- Feb. 6 Carefree Learner Field Trip: 7:00A.M.
- Feb. 10 &11 Sarasota Shell Show
Awards Dinner at Bangkok Restaurant
- Feb. 16 Sea shells & Mardi Gras with Chef Jim at Publix Aprons
- Feb. 21 Field Trip; Kice Island
- March 9 General meeting; 7:00 P.M. Guest speaker: Steve Koski
Sarasota archaeologist
- March Sarasota County Fair: Dates TBA
- March Field Trip TBA; Bahamas, Puerto Rico, Eleuthera (possible)
- April 13 7:00 pm General meeting, Guest speaker TBA

Historian’s Report

50 Years Ago

The Club archives have no minutes for a November 1972 meeting.

25 Years Ago

The Club archives have no minutes for a November, 1997 meeting.

Duane Kauffmann

Sarasota Shell Club Annual Holiday Dinner

Thursday, December 8, 2022

5:30 P.M. to 9:30 P.M.



Location: Bird Key Yacht Club, 301 Bird Key Dr, Sarasota, FL 34236

Menu

Starter: Bird Key House Salad: Baby Greens, Romaine, Cucumbers, Roma Tomatoes, Bacon, White Cheddar Cheese, Croutons, White Balsamic Dressing

Selected Entrée

Dessert : Vanilla Crème Brule

Alcoholic Beverages are to be paid separately through a ticket system that will be available **BEFORE** 6:30 P.M. and **AFTER** 8:00 P.M.

Entrée Selection & Pricing

included in the prices listed below:

All Food & Beverage and set-up fees are subject to a 24% service charge and 7% sales tax

The Sarasota Shell Club (SSC) will contribute \$ 5.00 for each of its members attending. Non-member guests are welcomed and will pay full price.

Entrée Choices	SSC Members	Non-Members
Oven Roasted Chicken Breast Spinach, Roasted Tomatoes, Artichoke, Fontina Cheese, Pancetta Risotto, Marsala Cream	\$ 43.50	\$ 48.50
Pan-Seared Asian Teriyaki Glazed Salmon Coconut Basmati Rice, Broccolini	\$ 55.25	\$ 60.25
Skillet Seared Pork Tenderloin Sweet Potato Mash, Caramelized Pearl Onion, Tarragon Demi-Glace	\$ 43.50	\$ 48.50

Program

5:30 – 6:30: Arrival, sitting of your choice and mingling with other guests

6:30 – 8:00: Dinner

After dinner – 9:00: Auction of artisans' creations, high quality shell related items and specimen

Reservations

Reservations to be made by signing up at the November SSC Meeting (Thursday, 11/10/22) & paying with a check Attn: Sarasota Shell Club. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Nancy Cadieux at 941-228-1758 to add your name(s) and choice(s) on the list and make arrangements for payment. However, I will be unavailable from 11/19 through 11/26.

No Reservations can be accepted after Wednesday, 11/30/2022.

Sarasota Shell Club Annual Holiday Dinner Auction

Artisans and members, please bring your donations to the November meeting (Thursday 11/10) or text message Sally Peppitoni 941-720-3810 and she will arrange for pick up at a location mutually agreed upon or at the artisan's facility. All items must be shell related:

- * Art & Craft creations
- * High quality purchased items
- * Specimen shells or desirable shells in perfect condition.

VOLUNTEERS CORNER

1. Sarasota Shell Club **Holiday Dinner** at the Bird Key Yacht Club
 - Two volunteers to greet the attendees and provide them with their meal ticket and auction paddle.
 - Two volunteers at the beverage table to manage the money and provide the purchased drink or wine ticket from 5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.
 - One volunteer at the beverage table to manage the money and provide the purchased drink or wine ticket from 8:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
 - Two or three volunteers to register the winning auction bids and collect the checks

Please contact Nancy Cadieux at 941-228-1758 or email nancy.cadieux2013@gmail.com . I will not be available from 11/19 through 11/26.

2. Sarasota **Shell Show 2023**. Please sign-in during the November 2022 & January 2023 Monthly meetings. Over sixty-five volunteers are needed. Great opportunity for new members to mingle with everyone and to contribute to your club.

WEDNESDAY, 2/08/2023

- Tablecloths _ 12:00 P.M.
- Lunch area: providing water for volunteers

THURSDAY, 2/09/23

- Loading the truck at the artisan's room _ 9:00 A.M.
- Unloading the truck at the show & set-up
- Awards Table Set-up _ 9:00 A.M.
- Lunch area set-up & providing water for volunteers

FRIDAY, 2/10 & SATURDAY, 2/11, 9:00 to 1:00 & 1:00 to 5:00

- Entrance/Admission Table
- Raffle Table
- Membership Table
- Artisan's Table
- Guard of the Artisan's exhibits
- Club Table (aka Duane's Table)
- Lunch area
- Volunteers at large

SUNDAY, 2/13

- Loading & unloading the truck after the show _ Begins at 8:30 A.M. at the Show

Congratulations Artisans

The Artisans added 5 new members plus they were able to donate another \$1000.00 to SSC. Accolades for a job well done!

At our November meeting, the Artisans will have a silent auction. Be sure to check out the shells and bid. In addition, the Artisans are available to accomplish commission work for you, such as, mirrors, flowers, and with the Holidays nearly here, they will do party favors and Holiday decorations.

The Artisans will meet on Thursday's at 10 A.M. in the smaller building on the church grounds. Dates for November are the 3rd., 10th., and 17th. Artisan items for sale are available at Coastal Flow, 7216 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.



JUST FOR FUN

The birth shell for the month of November is the scallop. People born with this birth shell are supposed to have openness, be balanced and serene. The scallop is depicted in many Renaissance paintings.

Of course, we all recognize the scallop logo of Shell Oil Company.



From The Membership Chair

Hello fellow Shell Club Members! It is that time of year to renew your membership with the Sarasota Shell Club for the 2022/2023 season. Thank you to all of you that have already renewed. We have many fun shelling trips planned, along with informative meetings, a Christmas party at the Bird Key Yacht Club, and a fantastic Shell Show coming in February. You can even join the artisan group every Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm, to help us make shell creations that can be sold to benefit the club.

We want you to continue to receive the newsletters and to be able to participate in all of the fun activities. A membership form is attached to this newsletter for you to complete and send in with your check to continue your involvement with the Sarasota Shell Club. We are looking forward to seeing you at any or all of the activities we have planned. Don't delay, return your membership form today!

Lisa Kinney
Membership Chair
941-587-9753

purplesurfseashells@gmail.com

URGENT MESSAGE

Sarasota Shell Club Member(s) Needed!

Our shell club needs members to fill the following, important positions. Please consider volunteering for one of these:

Secretary

Historian

Contact President Duane Kauffmann at
duanerk@goshen.edu for more information.

Notice—All Sarasota Shell Club Members

This is the time to send in your entry form for our 2023 shell show. Even if you haven't completed the entry you can estimate the amount of space you will need. Note that the deadline is different this year than from the past—it has been moved up to December 18, 2022, not the usual mid-January time frame.

This applies to both the artistic portion as well as the scientific portion. Send your artistic entry(s) to Sally Peppitoni at shellmaniac8@gmail.com and your scientific entry(s) to Ron Bopp at rbopp@tampabay.rr.com

October Speaker



Many thanks to John Ryan, our presenter last month from the all-volunteer organization, Sarasota Bay Watch. It was very informative to learn why the scallops did not work but why the use of clams is beginning to produce cleaner water in our bay. Several of you mentioned that you would like to volunteer for a day for clean up of the Sister Keys or a “clam day.”

Contact information is as follows;

Sarasota Bay Watch
P.O. Box 1141
Osprey, FL. 34229

or sarasotabaywatch.com

HOLIDAY EMPTY STOCKING

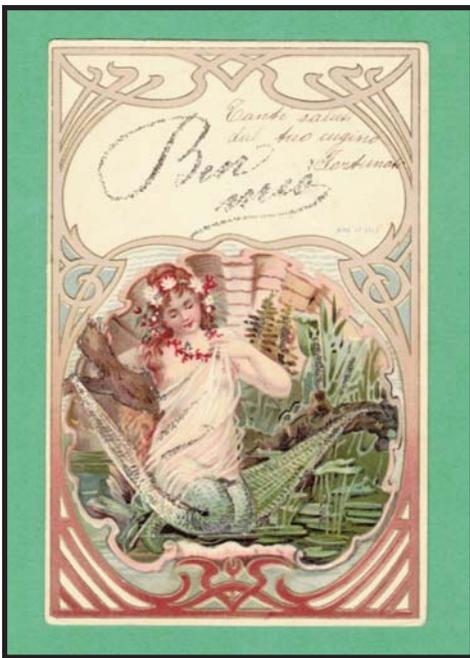


Our meeting on November 10th will be our last meeting to collect for the empty stocking club affiliated with Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church. The church's out reach program includes the areas that were more seriously impacted by Hurricane Ian, as far south as North Port and beyond. Some of the homes are so damaged or flooded that they are unlivable. Parents main concern is shelter, what can they find to rent and can they afford repairs?

With this in mind, any Holiday cheer will be very appreciated. Fun items such as games, fingernail polish, toys, etc. We can use our imagination! Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church, 4826 McIntosh Road, Sarasota, FL. 34233. Attn: Dawnmarie or Pastor Terri Jo Crego.

There will be al large blue bag in which to place unwrapped gifts and a manilla envelope for gift cards. If you prefer, gift cards may be mailed to Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church, 4826 McIntosh Road, Sarasota, FL. 34233. Attn: Dawnmarie or Pastor Terri Jo Crego.

A Postcard from the Past . . .



This 1903 postcard accompanyies our birthday shell as the damsel featured is nestled in a scallop shell. The back of the card shows the date of 1903 as well as the German make.



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

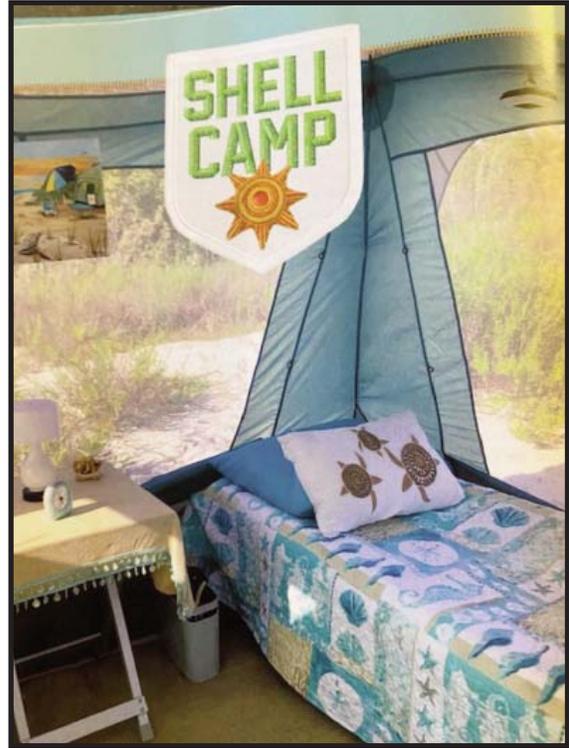
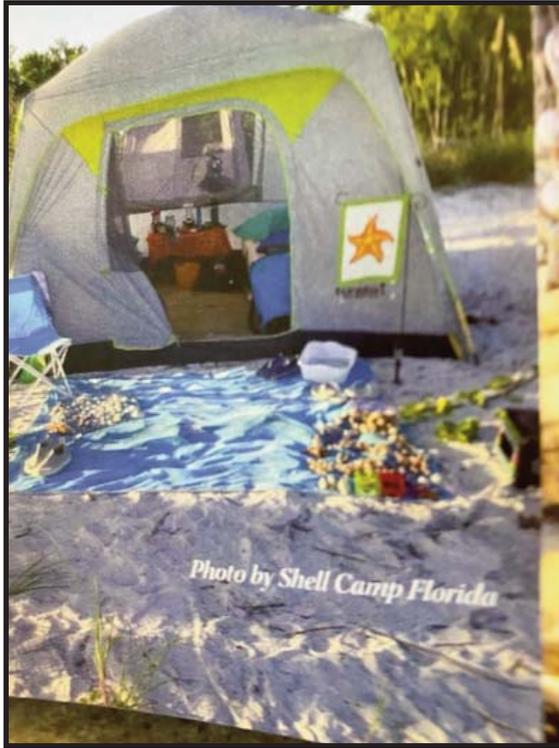
Vi Hertweck: 1982-1984
Richard Forbush: 1984-1985
June Bailey: 1985-1987,
1995-1997, 2002-2003
Bob Hansen: 1987-1988
Beverly Chouinard: 1989-1991
Bonnie Christophel: 1990-1992
Pat Amsel: 1994-1995
Debra Ingrao: 1997-1998
Cathy Aschliman: 1998-1999

Cathy Hollar: 1999-2001
2003-2004
Bob Horton 2004-2005
Joanne Chmielewski: 2007-2010
Ron Bopp: 2010-2012
Dennis Sargent: 2012-2014
Sally Peppitoni: 2014-2022
Duane Kauffmann: 2022-2023

A VERY SPECIAL FEATURED SPEAKER

We are so fortunate to have “one of our own” as our featured speaker this month. Amy Bentley is one of our newer members. Amy is a journalist and professional writer. One of her articles has been printed in the magazine, *Beach Combing*, September/October issue, “Glamping in Florida’s Ten Thousand Islands is a Beachcomber’s Dream.”

Amy along with our field trip person, Gary Martinez, attended Shell Camp. Amy will share their experiences at Shell Camp, their living conditions and the phenomenal shelling. I think after hearing her presentation we will all want to attend and I am positive we will have many questions.



BOCA GRANDE

Sarasota Shell Club announces field trip to Boca Beach at Gasparilla Island State Park on Thursday, November 10. Then book it back to Sarasota for the monthly meeting at 7:00 pm, about an hour drive.



Normally good shelling for Southwest Florida's signature species

Beachcombing often yields rewarding finds, snorkeling, conditions permitting, reveals copious shell deposits just offshore, and Manatees, dolphins, and other marine animals are frequently present

Boca Grande is a small community on Gasparilla Island which is known for its historic downtown, sugar sand beaches, and blue water. Unfortunately, the island was hard hit by Hurricane Ian and is just beginning to dig its way out.





The Details

- We will gather by 8:00 am in the parking lot just north of S. Harbor Drive. Low tide will be around that time.
- Participants may beachcomb to the north or south. Heading south will lead to a seawall on the other side of which is Gasparilla Island State Park for more beachcombing.
- At 10:00, those wishing to have breakfast may head to Outlet Restaurant at 1251 12th St E, Boca Grande, FL 33921
- Nearly every residence and business currently displays storm damage, and signs of the force of the storm are everywhere. However, people are doing their best to return to a semblance of normal, Many businesses are open and anxious for customers. We can support them with our presence.
- If you are interested in attending, please make sure your club dues are paid and notify Gary Martinez at (310) 347-8942. Also mention if you plan to eat at Outlet Restaurant.



Sarasota Shell Club

Meeting Minutes

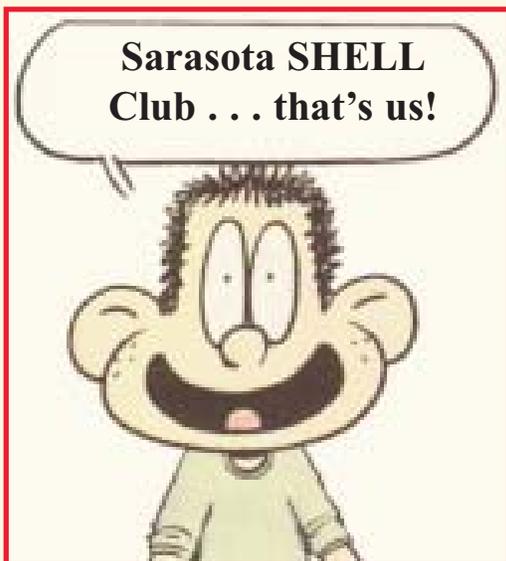
Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church

October 13, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

1. The meeting was called to order by President Duane Kauffmann at 7 p.m. Thirty-seven members were present.
2. The president welcomed the group and gave an overview of meeting focus: shells and relationships.
3. The president thanked Vice President Carol Mae for her hard work over the summer and for chairing the September meeting.
4. The president thanked past president Sally Peppitoni for her 8 years of service and presented her with a *Mytilus edulis* from Greenland.
5. The program was given by John Ryan from Sarasota Bay Watch. The program focused on efforts to re-establish scallops (unsuccessful) and clams (leaning toward success) in the Bay. Data on water quality was provided and activities focused on the bay were emphasized. The program was well received, and discussion during the ensuing break showed interest in volunteering.
6. Treasurer's report indicated a balance of \$21,154.71.
7. The education report was given by Audrey Freeman on a Paper Nautilus. The November shell report will be by Bradford Andrews.
8. The upcoming field trip (Oct. 27) to Caspersen Beach at Venice was noted with the comments emphasizing that this beach is famous for fossil shark's teeth. The November field trip is scheduled for Nov. 10 at Boca Grande.
9. The artisans report much ongoing activity and successful sales. They have reworked the leadership structure to involve more people and are always eager for volunteers to help with various activities.
10. The interview with Donna Cassin focused on how she came to be interested in shells and the ways they help in her artistic work.
11. The science minute report focused on the "glass eyes" of chitons and recent research showing scallops respond to lighted traps thus perhaps offering an alternative to destructive dredging.
12. The member interview with Gordon Fushikoshi focused on his early years in Hawaii and how his ability to collect shells changed after he came here.
13. The raffle concluded the meeting activities.
14. Adjourned at 8:45.

Duane Kauffmann
Recorder pro tem

October Meeting Memories



Sarasota Shell Club — 2022-2023 Renewal/New Application Membership

Initial Dues:

include cost of membership name tag:
\$30.00 single and \$40.00 family (living at the same address)
\$10.00 student

Renewal Dues:

\$25 single and \$30 family (living at the same address).
If no email address add \$15 to your yearly dues.

All new and renewed memberships will again receive their membership cards/badges at the monthly meetings.

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

**Lisa Kinney, Membership Chairman
1338 Georgetown Circle
Sarasota, Florida 34232**

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: _____

Our Insurance Requires a 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:

- _____
- _____

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

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(located on the corner of Proctor Road and McIntosh Road)

You will be sent monthly newsletters via email, starting in September through April, informing you of the date and time of the next meeting which is held the 2nd Thursday of each month.

Look for us at: www.Sarsotashellclub.cm

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sarasotafloridashellclub>

Contact us: sarasotashellclub@gmail.com

(To be filled in by the Membership Committee)

Renewal New Member

Amount paid _____ Date _____

Check # _____ Cash

Card Badge info. filed