

The Beauui



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Sarasota Shell Club

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We meet on the 2nd Thursday
(September to April)
at Fire Station #2,
2070 Waldemere St.,
Sarasota, FL

Summer, 2018 Edition

From the Prez



Hello Sarasota Shellers!

Happy Summer everyone!

I hope you are all having a great time and that it isn't too hot for a bit of summer shelling. Frank and I went to Eleuthera in June and got to visit and shell and snorkel several beautiful beaches (see some great photos in this issue of *The Beauui*). I will have some good shells to show off at our September meeting's Show and Tell program! See you then!

Sally Peppitoni, President



Club Picnic Photos, see page 4

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2018-2019 SSC Officers & Board

The members given a "check" were voted upon and approved at the April, 2018 SSC membership meeting. Congratulations!

OFFICERS:

President	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sally Peppitoni
Vice President.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Nancy Marini
Recording Secretary.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Donna Cassin
Corresponding Secretary.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Duane Kauffmann..
Treasurer.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Karen Huether

BOARD MEMBERS:

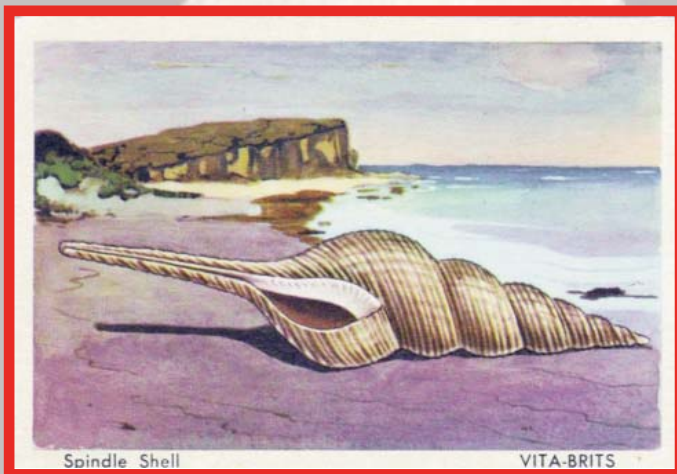
3 year term.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Donna Krusenowski..
3 year term.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rich Cirrantano
2 year term.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jenny Foldman.....
1 year term.....	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pete Steelman

Your 2018-2019 Membership Renewal Form is on the back page - Renew Now!

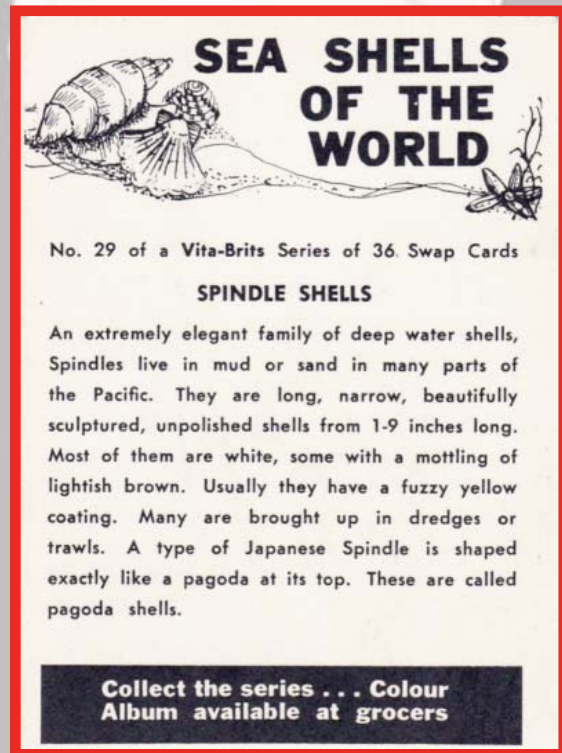
The Spindle Shell Summer's Featured Shell

Coming home from IKEA on July 3, 2018 the Editor came across the this street sign on Highway 41, just south of Apollo Beach, Florida. I wonder how many of those living on this gracefully-named street are even remotely interested in shells or for that matter, know what a spindle shell is.

Without getting into any specifics of species I thought I would share with you some interesting photos I have of spindle shells.



Above is a Vita-Brit card #29 depicting a Spindle Shell on a beach. To the right is the reverse of the card with a generic description of Spindle Shells. Vita-Brits made collector cards, in this case, of Sea Shells of the World.



Pictured on the left is a pair of spindle shells, specifically *Fusinus dupetithouarsi* (Kiener, 1846) or Du Petit's Spindle. These were found on a trip to Guymas a few years back. The specimen on the far left still retains its periosteam.

Meet Your Member—Nancy Cadieux



Growing up in the eastern township of Quebec province. I spent countless hours by the river or in the woods before I got caught up with nursing school, my career and motherhood.

We moved to Florida from Montreal in 1982. Our goal was to provide our three young children with some kind of universal awareness by living one year in a few different countries starting with the one most familiar to Canadians. However, we loved Florida so much that we stayed. My girls returned to Montreal for College, got married and settled there. They used to tell me:” Mom, if you really really loved us, you would come back up here”... I would reply: “I have to think about this because you are asking me to leave Paradise.”

As a registered nurse, I worked in home health care most of my career. In 2000, the empty nest gave me the opportunity to start a small consulting firm dedicated to all aspects of starting and maintaining a home health agency in Florida. The decision did not result in great wealth but it gave meaning to my life as I helped hundreds of entrepreneurs realize their dream and provide quality care to the Florida elderly.

Although I was extremely busy working and raising my children, I made time to walk the beaches and to collect shells 4-5 times every week for over 30 years. Therefore, it was natural in 2016 to try the Sarasota Shell Club as one of several other clubs of interest in preparation for my future retirement. I have learned so much through the SSC! I have also developed an addiction to fossil shells. Finding and holding an echinoid from the Ocala limestone amazes me, still so delicately ornate after being buried in the dark for 45 million years!

I have ceased to attend some interests groups and continue with others however, just know that my heart belongs to the SSC first and foremost. There is an incredible positive aura in our club, members are kind and generous of their time, notwithstanding the great education provided. Thank you for welcoming me, for helping me and for some, for becoming precious friends!

Members—want your shell story published? Send your information and photo to the editor at rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com and it will appear in a future issue of *The Beauii*.

Why Do You Like Sea Shells?

Well, let's find out! Send the editor (rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com) your reasons for collecting sea shells and a summary will be posted in an upcoming issue of *The Beauii*. Not matter what our indication is or how trivial you think it is for participating in pursuing this fascinating hobby, it is noteworthy and worth letting others know. This should be fun.

Forgot the address already? It's rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com

Sarasota Shell Club Picnic—April 7, 2018



A good time was had by all at the club picnic—evidenced by the smile on member's faces.



Nancy Abramson & Judy Herman posing.



Bev Snyder getting ready to enter the water.



The group partying in the shelter.



Gary Krusenoski taking a break.



Ron & Mary Jo Bopp on the beach.



It's chow time.



Donna Cassin taking a sneak bite.



Karen Paulsen and Sally Peppitoni calculating.

*The Lightning Whelk and its Egg Capsules**

José Leal, Ph.D.

The Lightning Whelk, *Sinistrofulgur sinistrum* (Hollister, 1958), is one of Florida's molluscan celebrities. What can one say about this illustrious species that hasn't already been said? Lightning Whelks have separate sexes and females in the species lay eggs inside protective egg capsules (photo above), as do many of the large, predatory marine snails. Each egg capsule may contain a few dozen eggs. Capsules are attached to each other via a string, and one string may connect as many as a couple of hundred capsules. Mother Lightning Whelk starts the egg-laying process by attaching the first section of the string under the sand; string and capsules are manufactured by a special gland under the mother's foot (photo below). After a couple of months of confined (but protected) development, the young whelks leave via an "escape hatch" near the edge of each capsule. After storms, strings are often detached from the bottom, washing up on the beaches of SW Florida.



String of Lightning Whelk egg capsules from Kice Island, Florida, at low tide. Each capsule is about 1.25 inch in diameter. The string is attached to the bottom by its narrow end, on the right. Photo: Anne Dupont

After recently posting about this topic in the Museum's Facebook page, we received an inquiry from Museum friend Jane Kintzi about the merit, for the survival of the Lightning Whelk embryos, of returning beached egg strings to the water. Here is my response to her, minimally edited:

"Unlike what happens when you return a healthy mollusk that is stranded at low tide to the water, chances are small that they would thrive. Those strings of egg capsules have to be attached to the bottom for completion of embryonic development and successful hatching. When detached, the strings float. If one returns a string to the water, it will eventually wash on the beach again. But there is always a slim chance that the embryos could hatch before this happens, even if the string is detached, and successfully settle to the bottom. I think it is worth trying to save them, by putting them in the water. The hope that life could succeed for so many young creatures makes it important for one to bet on that slim chance!"

*from the "Curator's Corner", June 1, 2018 (Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum)

**Bruce Paulsen awarded a Certificate of Achievement
for Five Years of Service as the Treasurer
of the Sarasota Shell Club!**



Bruce Paulsen given the achievement award by Lynn Gaulin and Sally Peppitoni.



The Achievement Award!



The Artisans are having a very busy summer, including a 4th. Of July picnic. Their spouses also attended.

1st row: Karin E; Marilyn P; Donna B

2nd row: Marcia G; Gail R; Kathy S; Donna T; Karen B; Fran S;

3rd row: Karen P; Joan Z; Nancy M; Donna C.

Notes from Nancy

Hi everyone, I hope you have your calendar handy. The SSC shell show will be back in the Potter Building at Robard's arena, on February 8, 9 & 10th, 2019. Please save the dates. Bruce and I are hoping to have as many wonderful volunteers, as we had last year.

Our fabulous publicity person, Donna Timmermann, told me she talked with Linda Carson, and she is going to try and get us on the "View." So please say a prayer, cross your fingers, etc.

We have been invited back to the "Recipe Box." Its all decorated with our shell art and its all for sale. Please try and stop in for breakfast or lunch. The summer hours are 7:00 am to 2:00 pm, 7 days a week. We will be there till the end of August. The address is 5207 33rd. St. E. (behind McDonalds) & SR 70 in Bradenton. All the money the Artisans make without exception goes to the SSC.

I goofed—I waited too long to book the Holiday Party (a lesson learned when I booked for 2019 while I was there). It will be Thursday December 6, 2018 at 5:30 pm and will be at the Bird Key Yacht Club. This year dinner will be will be a New York strip steak with all the trimmings, plus a cash bar. All to be followed by a fun auction.

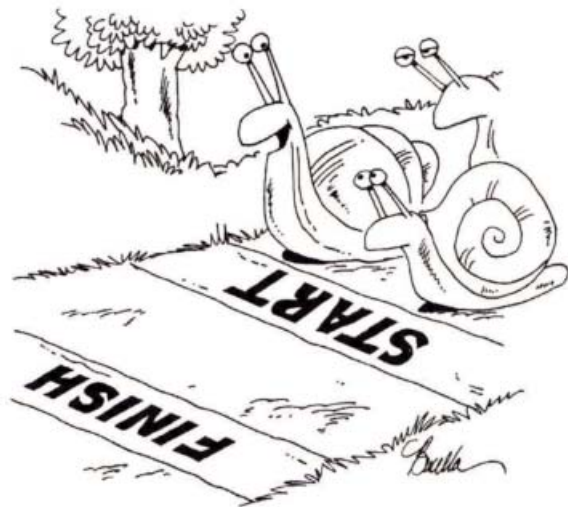
Any member whose picture we don't have for the new Directory, please come to the Sept. or Oct. meetings and ask for Linda Greiner—she will be glad to take your picture.

Note: we have been offered a one time (only) deal on SSC shirts at the old price of \$18.00 (the company is retiring). The golf shirts will be royal blue (club color) with the embroidered club name & shell logo. Men's & Ladies sizes: small to 1X is \$18.00; 2XL is \$20.00; 3X; is \$22.00. Please send me your check in full and include how many and what sizes. Send too Nancy Marini, 5003 28th CT. E., Bradenton, Florida 34203 Be sure and make your check to the SSC. The shirts will be at our September meeting.



The Editor's wife, Mary Jo, picked up this really neat shell fountain at Cracker Barrel recently. Plugged in and with a small pump it makes an attractive display using life-like shells and corals.

The summer cartoon . . .



"This is exciting! My first marathon."

Editor's Thoughts

All the toilets in the Bradenton police station have been stolen. The Police say they have nothing to go on!

A Look at Eleuthera (A Photo Exposé by Sally & Frank Peppitoni)



A view of the deck at Topsy's Restaurant
in Governor's Harbor



Bannerman Beach



Governor's Harbor



Leo Rose Restaurant



Pink Sand Beach



A Junk-a-noo costume



Officers & Board Members

President	Sally Peppitoni
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Treasurer	Karen Huether
Recording Secretary	Donna Cassin
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Board Members: Donna Krusenoski (3), Rich Cirrantano (3), Donna Timmermann (2), Jenny Foldman (2), JoAnne Mancuso (1), and Pete Steelman (1).

Committee Chairmen

Artisans	Nancy Marini
<i>The Beauui</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

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 Beauui*.

Calendar

Aug 29-Sept 2	COA Convention, San Diego
Sept. 13	SSC Membership Meeting
Oct. 11	SSC Membership Meeting
Nov. 8	SSC Membership Meeting
Dec. 6	Holiday Party

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 Beauui* printed and mailed it is an extra \$15.00 to your dues.

**The 2018-2019
Membership Application
is Attached**
**You may renew your membership
now - fill out and sign!**

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.mdmshellbooks.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 at luvseashells@gmail.com to arrange an appointment for browsing our library or requesting books you would like me to bring to our SSC meetings or just talk about our exciting library books.

There is a whole world of seashells and marine life out there ! The library will be open all summer.

Linda Greiner

The Artisans

The Artisans are a group of caring and talented people. We meet usually once a week on Thursday 10 to 1pm, after which we all go out for lunch. We also go on day trips, to buy shells, etc.. All of the items we make are for the the Sarasota Shell Club show, as well as other venues. The monies we make (thousands each year), funds our outreach programs, as well as other educational gifts the club chooses.

If you have any questions, please call Nancy Marini 941-758-9790. We meet at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church on the corner of Proctor & McIntosh (Sarasota). We are in the one story brick "Keyes" building. If you think you'd like to join us, please give Nancy a call.

Sarasota Shell Club 2018 - 2019 Renewal/New Application Membership

Note: Dues include newsletters (*The Beauui*) 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: _____

Birthday 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: _____

We require you to sign this Liability Release if you are interested in participating in our field trips. Every member must sign below:

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 _____ / _____