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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 Shellinators!
What a show we have had! All the beautiful shell

art exhibits and all the fascinating and beautiful scientific exhibits we had were just marvelous! I don't know how the judges ever decide among all the entries. Everyone did a fabulous job with their exhibits and now we have to start thinking about next year's exhibits, too.

I would also like to commend our club for the great turn out of volunteers. We had everything covered and plenty of help to keep things running smoothly. Thanks to everyone who brought chips, water and sodas for all to drink...we had enough left for our end of year party as well.

I would also like to give a BIG thank you to the volunteer students from Manatee High School who helped us pack up the truck in record time this year. We were out of the center in ONE HOUR! They then helped us unload and put everything away at the storage facility in short order. Without them we would have been there all night putting things away. They are the best kids ever!

Our next club meeting is Thursday, March 12th. There will be a shell show wrap up meeting at 4pm and a quarterly board meeting at 5pm before the club meeting.

Hope to see you all there including our 16 or so new members who joined at the show!

**Next meeting March 12
at 7 p.m.**

**Program: Joyce
Matthys: "The
Wonderful World of
Nudibranchs"**

Some members will have shells for

Tracking Marine Shell Exchange among the Earliest Maya

Ashley Sharpe, Florida Museum of Natural History, presented at FL United Malacologists mtg. Marine shells discovered by archaeologists at ancient sites located far from the sea are one of the best pieces of evidence for long-distance exchange in the prehistoric record. Trade patterns between ancient communities can be inferred by noting the presence or absence of specific species at different sites, which would indicate the route certain shells were traded overland. The inland Maya community of Ceibal, Guatemala, was examined to determine from what direction (Gulf of Mexico, Belize coast, or Pacific) marine shells were being imported to the site. Ceibal was one of the very first Maya capitals, and by learning where it obtained its marine shells we can gain insight into the general direction of overland exchange during the advent of the Maya civilization.



2014-15 Membership Information

*Lynn Gaulin,
Membership chair*

Wow! We have had 22 people join our club, either at the show or in the past month. That is more new members than I can recall joining in a one month period in the 17 years of my membership.

To those new members we hope you will enjoy learning, working, and "playing" with shells as much as some of our more experienced members do. Everyone would be happy to help you as you learn about our hobby. Just ask someone. They will be glad to help you.

I am retiring as membership chair after a 4-5 year tenure at the end of our club year this May. I will not be leaving the club however. It has been many years since I can sit in the regular seats for members and not be along the sideline. I look forward to it..

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 several days ahead of time to each person on a trip's sign up list, so please do not worry about not receiving information unless you didn't sign up for a trip and have decided to do so. E-mail me only if you want to add your name to a list. My phone # is 941.720.3810 and my e-mail is: shellmaniac8@gmail.com



March 14th – Beach & Breakfast trip
We'll try the northern tip of Anna Maria this time. We'll meet and park at the Rod and Reel Pier at 8 am and walk

around to the tip from the inter-coastal side. Breakfast location TBA.

March 28: (Sat) Sanibel, Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum and Lighthouse Beach, Low tide 1:36 pm, 1:45ft 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road, Sanibel, Florida 33957 Lunch: ISLAND COW restaurant, 2163 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel Island

Trip to Kice Island (below Marco):

I am working on a date for this trip with the captain who has taken us there before. This trip will probably be pushed to February after the show.

Apr 11 Williams Shell Pit (fossils) Arcadia **This trip is full!**

Cost \$25, checks to Gary Schmelz. Send \$ and info to or email Ron Bopp to reserve a space. If still room on the trip a signup sheet will be at the March meeting.

Apr 18 Peanut Island (east coast)

This will involve traveling about four hours to West Palm Beach and a ferry ride to the island. You might want to spend the night on the way or back.



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And the Winners Are...



Martin Tremor (pictured) and Conrad Forler won Mote Gold. Conrad made the excellent cases that display this beautiful exhibit of Cockles.



Harry Berryman won another COA award for his educational exhibit on the meaning of names of cone shells.



Ron Bopp keeps on winning the Hertweck Trophy for his fantastic displays of fossils.



Duane Kauffmann's "Siesta Key Sampler" won Best Self-Collected Exhibit.



Newcomer to our show, Vicky Wall, won the Dupont Trophy for her interesting and educational display, "Marvelling at Mollusks".



Lynn Gaulin was awarded the SSC member's trophy for "Mollusks Dredged off Siesta Key".

2015 Sarasota Shell Show Trophy and Blue Ribbon Winners

Scientific Division

Judges: Alan Gettleman and Charlotte Thorpe

Major Scientific Award winners:

Mote Gold - Meet Mr and Mrs Cockle by Martin Tremor and Conrad Forler.
Dupont - Marvelling at Mollusks by Vicky Wall
COA - Etymology of Cone Shells by Harry Berryman
SSC Members award - Mollusks Dredged Off Siesta Key by Lynn Gaulin
Best Self-Collected Exhibit - Siesta Key Sampler by Duane Kauffman
Best Small Scientific Exhibit - the Family Personidae by Vicky Wall
Charles & Violet Hertweck Fossil award - Pinecrest, SMR & APAC Fossils: Ron Bopp
Morrison Young Scientist award - Florida Seashells Then and Now by David Ervin
Shell of Show - Personopsis grasi - Vicky Wall
Shell of Show (self-collected) - Bractechlamys langfordi - Vicky Wall
Fossil Shell of Show - Pleioptygma carolinensis - Ron Bopp
Judge's Special Merit #1 - Siesta Key Sampler by Duane Kauffman
Judge's Special Merit #2 - Meet Mr and Mrs Cockle by Martin Tremor & Conrad Forler
Most Beautiful Scientific Exhibit - Meet Mr and Mrs Cockle by Martin Tremor and Conrad Forler
People's Choice for Scientific – Helmets & Bonnets of the World by Pat Linn

Scientific Blue Ribbon winners by category:

1. FL/Caribbean (Self-Collected) – Siesta Key Sampler by Duane Kauffman
2. FL/Caribbean (Collected any manner) – Mollusks Dredged off Siesta Key by Lynn Gaulin
3. Regional Collection (Collected any manner) – Wentletraps by Lynn Gaulin
4. Minor Family – Meet Mr and Mrs Cockle by Martin Tremor and Conrad Forler
5. Minor Family – The Personidae by Vicky Wall
6. Fossil Shells - Pinecrest, SMR & APAC Fossils by Ron Bopp
7. Educational - Etymology of Cone Shells by Harry Berryman
8. Educational - Marvelling at Mollusks by Vicky Wall
9. Land and/or Freshwater Shells – Lovely Liguus by Phyllis Gray
10. One Species – Growth Series of Murex Pomum by Lynn Gaulin
11. One Species – Busycon Sinistrum by Amy & Bill Tripp
12. One Case – Gastrochaena by Amy & Bill Tripp
13. Young Scientist – Florida Seashells Then and Now by David Ervin
14. Single Shell (Self-Collected) – Bractechlamys langfordi by Vicky Wall
15. Single Shell (Collected any manner) – Conus adamsonii by Vicky Wall
16. Single Shell (Collected any manner) – Giant Juvenile Cowrie by Sally Peppitoni
17. Single Fossil Shell – Agatized Coral Drusy Shell by Gordon Anderson
18. Single Fossil Shell – Cerithioclava cannoni by Ron Bopp



Artistic Division Trophy Winners

Fran Schlusemann happily won the Fran Scglusemann Best of Shell Art Trophy!



The June Bailey Best of Members' Art was won by Donna Krusenowski for "3 Sisters".

Artistic Division

Judges: Phyllis Gray and Phil Dietz

Major Artistic Award winners:

Fran Schlusemann Best of Shell Art – Shell Base/Mini Flowers by Fran Schlusemann
Best of Art with Shell Motif – Philippine Sampler by Charles Barr
June Bailey Best of Member's Art – 3 Sisters by Donna Krusenoski
Best of Commercial/Professional Art – Seahorse Valentine by Suzanne Dietsch
Judge's Special Merit #1 – Splendor by Cheryl Whitten
Judge's Special Merit #2 – Seahorse Valentine by Suzanne Dietsch
People's Choice for Artistic – Seahorse Valentine by Suzanne Dietsch

Artistic Blue Ribbon winners by category:

1. Pictures – Surf and Turf by Charles Barr
2. Miniature Pictures – Tiny/Lovely Flowers by Fran Schlusemann
3. Flower Arrangements – Pretty in Pink by Donna Bartels
4. Mini-Flower Arrangement – Shell Base/Mini Flowers by Fran Schlusemann
5. Jewelry (Single Piece) – Show Off Shell by Karen Paulsen
6. Jewelry (Multiple Pieces) – 3 Sisters by Donna Krusenoski
7. Shell Mirror – Blue on Blue by Diane Heger
8. Shell Mirror – Renaissance by Charles Barr
9. Mosaics – Seaside Champignon by Donna Bartels
10. Novelties – Jonathon Livingstone by Donna Krusenoski
11. Wreath (Non-holiday) – The Sea Wrack by Pat Linn
12. Hanging Item – I'm All About Da Bones by Donna Krusenoski
13. Driftwood Base – Centerpiece by Karen Banko
14. Vase or Flower Container – Vintage Vase by Nora Bevard
15. Miscellaneous Table Item – Philippine Sampler by Charles Barr
16. Miscellaneous Table Item – Ocean by Mary Hansher
17. Miscellaneous Table Item – Mermaid Dreams by Donna Bartels
18. Artist Beginner – Fossil Cephalopod Watercolor by John Cologrande
19. Junior/Student under 18 years – Rainbow Flower by Emily Powers
20. Shell Related Photography – Nodipecten nodosus fragosus by Vicky Wall
21. Shell Related Painting/Drawing – Spiny Jewel Box by Charles Barr
22. Shell Related Needlework (no kit) – Beach Buddies by Donna Bartels
23. Misc. Shell Related – Grampy's Shell Emporium by John Cologrande
24. Misc. Shell Related (not created by exhibitor) – Display Mother of Pearl: Pat Amsel
25. Collectible (Not created by exhibitor) – Carved Mother of Pearl by Sue Hobbs
26. Collectible (Not created by exhibitor) – Leper Doll by Charles Barr

Commercial/Professional Green Ribbon winners by category:

1. Picture – Sampler by Cheryl Whitten
2. Miniature Picture – Splendour by Cheryl Whitten
3. Jewelry (Single Piece) – Tiffany Stick Pearl Brooch by Cheryl Whitten
4. Single Valentine – Seahorse Valentine by Suzanne Dietsch
5. Novelties – Rattler by Suzanne Dietsch
6. Holiday Motif – Candelabra by Cheryl Whitten
7. Hanging Item – Tarpon by Gordon Anderson

Snail Parade Yellow Ribbon winners:

1. Most Unique – Mary Jo Bopp
2. Most Beautiful – Angela Sampogna



Our judges (L-R)
Artistic: Phyllis Gray and
Phil Dietz
Scientific: Alan Gettleman
and Charlotte Thorpe

Board Members

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

Board: Donna Cassin, JoAnn Mancuso, Terry Jones, Rosanne Roble, Deborah Deam, Harry Berryman

Committee Chairmen:

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

Calendar

Please note dates on your own calendars!

Mar. 5-7 Sanibel Shell Show
Mar. 12-14 Marco Island Shell Show
Mar 14 Beach & Breakfast Anna Maria
Mar 21-22 Tampa Bay Fossil Fest, FL State Fairgrounds, Tampa
Mar 28: Field Trip to Sanibel, Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum and beach
April 9 Last meeting before Sept.
Apr 18 Field trip to Peanut Island (east coast)
Jun 13-14 Gulf Coast Show, Panama City
July 14-19 Conchologists of America convention, Weston, FL (East coast)

www.2015coaconvention.com

Jun 25-26 Cape Cod Show, art only
Aug 14-16 Jersey Cape Show Stone Hbr
Aug 28-Sep 7 Oregon Shell Show
Sept 10 SSC Meetings resume
Sept 19-20 N. Carolina Shell Show
Cape Fear Mus. Hist. & Sci.
Oct 17-18 Philadelphia Shell Show
Am Mus Nat Hist

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.



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