



Sarasota Shell Club's 59th Annual Shell Show

February 10-11, 2023

Scientific Categories

1. **Florida/Caribbean**
 - a. Self-collected
 - b. Collected in any manner
2. **Sarasota Shell Club Field Trip:** Self-collected on any Sarasota Shell Club field trip.
3. **World Wide:**
 - a. Self-collected
 - b. Collected in any manner
4. **Regional Collection:**
 - a. Self-collected
 - b. Collected in any manner
5. **One Major Family:** Included Murex, Cone, Cypraea, Pectens, Volutes, and Strombus.
6. **Minor Family, Order or Class:** Includes groups not mentioned in Category #5.
7. **One Genus:** All exhibited specimens must be from the same genus.
8. **One Species:** All shells must be of one species to show growth, color or variation.
9. **Miniature Adult Specimens:** Adult specimens only. MUST BE LESS THAN 1 INCH in length or diameter and identified to at least genus. Living or fossil species.
10. **First Time Exhibitor:** Limited to one case and the exhibitor has never exhibited in the scientific category at any shell show. (the exception is the Sarasota Shell Club Field Trip, Category 2)
11. **Land and/or Freshwater Shells**
12. **Fossil Shells:** May be general, specialized or localized.
13. **Marine Life:** Non-molluscan (corals, crabs, sea stars, sand dollars, etc.)
14. **Educational:** The prime objective of these exhibits is to educate. Therefore, they must include more than just labels to qualify for this category.
15. **One Case:** Exhibits are limited to one case, contents are your choice.
16. **Single Shell: (choose one category)**
 - a. Self-collected
 - b. Collected in any manner
 - c. Single Fossil Shell
 - d. Marine Life
17. **Young Scientist:** Exhibitor is under 21 years of age at the time of the shell show. Include age and grade in the exhibit, **but not name. Entrants in this category will be eligible for the Robert and JoAnn Morrison Award.**
18. **Dealers:** Shell dealers may only enter in a self-collected or educational category. **Only self-collected dealer category is eligible for "shell of show".**
19. **Miscellaneous:** Any exhibit not covered by the preceding categories.

Exhibits should be checked in between 10 a.m. and NOON on Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023.

All exhibitors must be off the auditorium floor by 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9, as judging will begin at this time.

Exhibits that are not completely set up by 1 p.m. will not be judged.

The Shell Show will be open to the public Friday, Feb. 10 and Saturday, Feb. 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.