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Hello Fellow Shellinators!

I hope everyone has survived all the spooks and goblins this year! We've got the holidays coming and I hope everyone will plan on attending our annual holiday party which will be a potluck held in Keys Hall at Bee Ridge

Presbyterian Church where our artisan's facility is located. I will be sending out an email soon with a list you can sign up for the potluck—hopefully this way we don't end up with 10 fruitcakes! One thing I plan on bringing is a batch of my Holiday Sugarplums! I know many of you really enjoy them.

I will be giving the presentation this month on "Fossilizing the Badlands of Nebraska." I hope you will all come to the meeting and see the unique experience I participated in this past summer.

We have some great field trips coming up including one in Venice and then Kice Island in December. Please check out the field trip page inside this edition. If you are interested in going out on the Carefree Learner, please be sure to contact me and not Gary Martinez. I am in charge of the Carefree Learner trips. We have three dates planned and if you want to go you need to sign up at the meeting and pay \$5 in CASH when you sign up.

Lastly, the shell show is set for February and we need volunteers. Please contact Carol Mae about food or Nancy Cadieux about volunteering. It's a lot of fun and there will be shells everywhere!

See you soon!

Sally Peppitoni, President

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Remember . . .

- **Renew your membership!**
- **Lynn needs sea shells for the Shell Show!**
- **"Shellabrate" our 2022 Shell Show—be part and contribute (see page 14-16)**
- **Our new meeting place!**
- **Interesting program for the November meeting!**

2021-2022 Renewal form found on last page of this newsletter!

A Report on Recent and Fossil Molluscan Taxa named for Past and Present Members of the Sarasota Shell Club

Bob Morrison*

This report was compiled by Sarasota Shell Club member Robert Morrison. He received valuable assistance from past and present SSC members Peggy Williams, June Bailey, Lynn Gaulin, Marilyn Barkley, Jay Tripp and Dennis Sargent; from Dr. Edward Petuch, Professor of Geology, Florida Atlantic University; and Dr. Emilio Garcia, emeritus professor, Southwestern Louisiana University.

It is dedicated to the memories of Charlie and Vi Hertweck, inspired conchologists, collectors and good friends; to the Sarasota Shell Club's other "inspired amateurs", some of whom are no longer with us, for their role in advancing our knowledge of the molluscan realm, past and present.; and to Dr. Edward J. Petuch, for his superb field work and tireless pursuit of Florida's geological history for nearly 40 years as told through its fossil mollusk deposits.

[*deceased; This report was found in the previous Editor's files and is presented now for its historical value—ED]

A group of "inspired amateurs"

Since 1977, 59 Recent and fossil mollusks have been named for past and present members of the Sarasota Shell Club. Dr. Edward J. Petuch refers to the non-professionals who provide so much of the forward impetus to our knowledge of the molluscan world as "inspired amateurs".

Petuch, a professor in the Geosciences Department at Florida Atlantic University, has described more than 1,200 Recent and fossil taxa (some with Dennis Sargent or Mardie Drolshagen as co-author), has written 12 books and more than 150 scientific papers.

Members of this group of "inspired amateurs" from the Sarasota Shell Club are:

Marilyn Barkley
Evelyn Bradley
Ron Bopp
Bill Clendenin
Charles and Violet Hertweck
Meta Jones
Thomas Ketter
Gary Macintosh
Jo Ann and Robert Morrison
Jack Rader
Dennis and Rebecca Sargent
Dale and Pat Stream
Jay J. Tripp
Margaret (Peggy) Williams

The taxa named for them is comprised of 48 fossils, 10 Recent marine species or subspecies and one Recent terrestrial subspecies. It does not include three additional fossil species, named for Ron Bopp, Robert and Jo Morrison, to be published in future volumes of Dr. Edward Petuch's *Compendium of Florida Fossil Shells*; one Recent Olividae, named for Rebecca Sargent, to be published in a future issue of *Visaya*; and a land snail to be named for Peggy Williams, publication details uncertain.

Of the number already published, more than half are Florida fossil taxa described by Petuch (some with Mardie Drolshagen or Dennis Sargent as junior author), showing the importance of the collaboration that existed between Petuch and members of the Sarasota Shell Club from 1980 to 1993.



Ed Petuch holding a *Macrostrombus mayacensis* in 5-Stone Quarry.

A chance meeting

If there is a single event that influenced this fruitful union of a professional paleogeologist and "inspired amateurs" it is a chance meeting in 1976. That was the year that Petuch, who had just received his M.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, was accepted into the Ph. D program at the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Sciences.

And it was the year he met Charlie and Violet Hertweck of the Sarasota Shell Club at the Broward Shell Show in Ft. Lauderdale. That summer he visited the Hertwecks in Sarasota. They invited him on a "Sunday Field Trip" to what was then called the New Burn Shell Mine in north Sarasota county.

In Petuch's words; "I was blown away by the diversity and preservation of the fossils and started to do more research on them. It turned out that most were not even named, so that focused my interest in the direction of paleontology."



Violet and Charlie Hertweck

Petuch and the Hertwecks became close, one could even say familial, friends. Charlie died in 1987, Violet in 1991. They bequeathed their massive collection of Florida fossil shells to Petuch. "They were some of the rarest and finest specimens I'd seen", Petuch said. Many were described and pictured in his 1994 *Atlas of Florida Fossil Shells*.

At a Sarasota Shell Show in the late 1970s, Petuch met collector and SSC member Dennis Sargent. They hit it off immediately and ultimately formed a research and writing team. Their first major project was the *Atlas of Olive Shells of the World*, published in 1986.

Petuch earned his Ph.D in 1980. His doctoral dissertation was on the discovery of a relict population of Caribbean mollusks thought to have been extinct since the Miocene. That same year, he began his post-doctoral studies at the University of Maryland while working as a research associate at the U.S. Museum of Natural History of the Smithsonian Institution.

Petuch's Study of the N. Sarasota Pits

Petuch made many trips in 1980-82 to study the New Burn pit, known by then as the Warren Bros. pit, later as the MacAsphalt Pit, finally as the Ashland Petroleum and Asphalt Company (or APAC) pit. During his visits to Sarasota, he often was Dennis Sargent's house guest.. He wrote a paper on the APAC pit in 1982, which was published in the *Proceedings of the Academy of Natural Sciences*, Vol. 134.

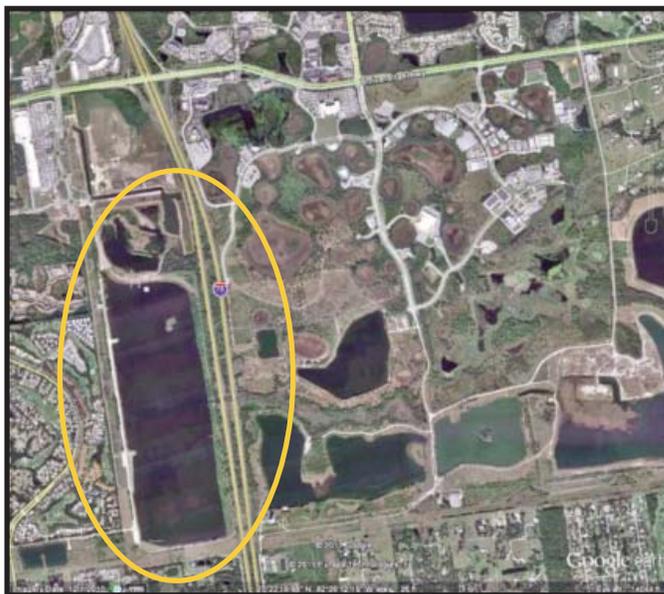
He built on this work with two of his books: *Cenozoic Seas: The View from Eastern North America* (2004), and *The Geology of the Everglades and Adjacent Areas* (2007), plus numerous papers.

He was often joined in his explorations of the N. Sarasota shell pits by the Hertwecks, Dale and Pat Stream, Marilyn Barkley, Meta Jones, Jay Tripp, Evelyn Bradley and Thomas Ketter. This close association with the Sarasota Shell Club led to his becoming an honorary member of the club for several

years in the 1980s. Dale Stream is the only member of the original "Sarasota Fossil Gang" still actively involved in collecting fossils.

In 2011, in collaboration with photographer Mardie Drolshagen, he began his most ambitious undertaking with the publication of the first of six volumes of *The Compendium of Florida Fossil Shells*.

According to Petuch's 1982 paper, digging of the APAC pit was started in 1970 in N. Sarasota County, near the intersection of today's I-75 and University Parkway. Much of the Interstate Highway system in Florida is underlain with matrix from the APAC pit. Unlike most such surface-mine pits that fill rapidly with ground water, this pit was kept dry by an elaborate pumping system.



The rowing facility overlying the former APAC pit (circled).

Several authors have cited the APAC pit as the single most important source of information about Florida's fossil mollusk history.

Eventually the APAC pit grew to be more than a half-mile long, nearly a third of a mile wide and some 60 feet deep. It was closed in 1993 and was allowed to flood. It was later deeded to Sarasota County. The lake formed by the flooded pits was incorporated into the county's Cooper Creek Park.

In November 2007, Sarasota County renamed it Nathan Benderson Park, in honor of the developer who poured \$1 million into improving it as part of the work done on his neighboring Town Center development.

The lake was the site of the Florida Intercollegiate Rowing Association's 30-event championships on March 11, 2009 and numerous rowing competitions since. Plans have been approved by Sarasota county and \$20 million has been allocated to develop it into an international rowing venue.

Dr. Norman Weisbord, at that time a professor of geology at Florida State University, published the first measured section of the APAC pit in 1972, but the pit was expanded greatly in both depth and breadth after his report was published.

Many of the fossil species named for SSC members were first found in the APAC pits and in most cases, their holotypes

were collected by the members for whom they were named. Many are in the collection of the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville.

In his 1980 paper, Petuch identified stratigraphic units ranging in age from the Lower Pliocene, bordering the Upper Miocene, to the Lower Pleistocene, covering a span of roughly 4.5 million years. From top to bottom these units started with a top layer of superficial sand resembling the Plio-Pleistocene Caloosahatchee Formation. It is underlain by the Fruitville Member of the Tamiami Formation, primarily consisting of oyster beds.

Under that is the ultra fossil-rich Pinecrest Member of the Tamiami formation, which existed during the warmest, most tropical period of the Pliocene. Petuch estimates that it contained at least 600 species of mollusks, many new to science. That number could reach as high as 1,000 once the microfauna is studied.

The Pinecrest Member is underlain by the Buckingham Member of the Tamiami Formation, which includes another 400-plus species of mollusks. At the bottom was the Sarasota Member of the Murdock Station Formation, made up largely of clays and sandy limestone, reaching back to the Miocene-Pliocene boundary.



Examples of fossil mollusk shells from the SMR pit.

Other important Fossil Sites

Just across I-75, north of the old APAC pit, is a series of small lakes stretching east almost to Fruitville Road. These mark the location of the Quality Aggregates Pits, another valuable source of Pliocene fossil shells explored by Petuch.

These pits were closed to general collecting, but Petuch was able to make special arrangements with their owner, Hugh Cannon, to collect in them. He named several fossil species for Cannon.

The only active shell pit still active in the area, now operated by SMR Aggregates, was one of the original Quality Aggregates pits. After the ownership of this pits changed hands, Petuch was no longer allowed to collect there.

With access to the SMR pit closed and the old APAC pit under water, Petuch turned his attention to numerous smaller but important fossil digs ranging from north Palm Beach county and including the canal system that fed metro Miami-Dade County, around Lake Ocheechee and up the Kissimmee River. Dozens of important finds, many quite different than specimens collected in the north Sarasota pits, came from these locations.

About the “Inspired Amateurs”

The collection of **Ernest and Evelyn Bradley**, comprising more than 3,000 lots, was donated to the Florida Museum of Natural History. The Bradleys not only collected in SW Florida, but in other areas of the United States and in France and Germany.

An estimate of the total number of fossil specimens in the Florida Museum of Natural History collection is about 5.3 million—ED

Evelyn Bradley was among the first members of the Sarasota Shell Club to collect extensively and document her finds from the N. Sarasota pits in the early 1970s. In 1989, the Bradleys posthumously received the Howard H. Convers Award, given annually by the Florida State Museum of Natural History to recognize outstanding fossil collecting in Florida.

A Clevelander, **Dennis Sargent** started his career as a firefighter in an engine company of the Sarasota Fire Department.

He became the department’s chief training officer, headed up its SCUBA rescue unit, was instrumental in establishing Sarasota’s EMR system and was later a battalion chief in charge of the downtown Sarasota station. He was a Sarasota Shell Club member in the 1970s and 80s and rejoined the club in 2010.



Dennis Sargent.

After leaving Sarasota he served as fire chief of Winter Haven, FL., Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Salt Lake City and recently retired as fire chief of Leesburg, FL. Over the past 40 years he has assembled one of the most complete collections of Oliva in the world.

He is researching guidebooks on the Harpidae and Strombidae. In collaboration with Luigi Bozzetti of Italy, in July 2011 he published the description of a new strombus, *Euprotamos kiwi*, endemic to the Kermadec Islands of New Zealand. He recently traveled to New Zealand and Russia with his wife, Rebecca, who is also a SCC member

With Ed Petuch, he co-authored *Rare and Unusual Shells of the Florida Keys and Adjacent Areas*, which was published in 2011. In it they describe seven new taxa, including one named for SSC member Bob Morrison. They have several other active research/writing projects in the works, including a complete revision of their 1986 work on Olive shells. Both are also pursuing individual research projects.

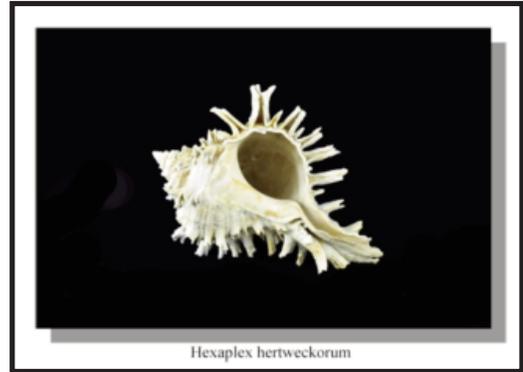
From 1973 to 1985, **Jay J. Tripp** served the Carnegie Museum of Natural History in Pittsburgh as a volunteer, laboratory assistant, curatorial assistant and research associate. She contributed many specimens to the museum's collection and was the author of numerous papers on both fossil and recent species of mollusks.

She was active in the Sarasota Shell Club from the mid-1980s through the 1990s and was also a member of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club and the Conchologists of America. She not only had four fossil taxa named for her, but was the sole author of *Busycon* [now *Busycotypus*—ED] *bicoronatum* and the co-author, with Juan Parodiz, Curator of Invertebrates at the Carnegie Museum, of *Calliostoma jayae*, *Cassis ketteri*, and *Siphocypraea trippeana*. Retired, she lives in Bradenton, FL. *Calliostoma jayae*, described in 1977, was the first taxa to be named for a SSC member.



The "Hertweck Best Fossil Award," named in honor of Charlie & Violet Hertweck.

Charlie and Violet Hertweck moved to Venice, FL., in the mid-1970s following Charlie's retirement from the U.S. Postal Service in St. Louis. Vi and Charlie had been members of the St. Louis Shell Club and were known for their award-winning Pectenidae collection. Both were past presidents of the Sarasota Shell Club. Charlie died in 1987, Vi in 1991.



This beautiful fossil murex was named after the Hertwecks.

Following her death, the club established the Hertweck Award. It has been presented to the winning entry in the fossil category at each Sarasota Shell Show since then.



Above, Dale Stream with a Hertweck Award.

Dale Stream continues to hunt fossils in Florida as he has for more than 30 years. He once estimated that he has some 40,000 specimens but even he isn't sure of the exact total. He is a repeat winner of the Hertweck Award.



Right, *Turbinella streami* Petuch, 1991, was named after Dale Stream

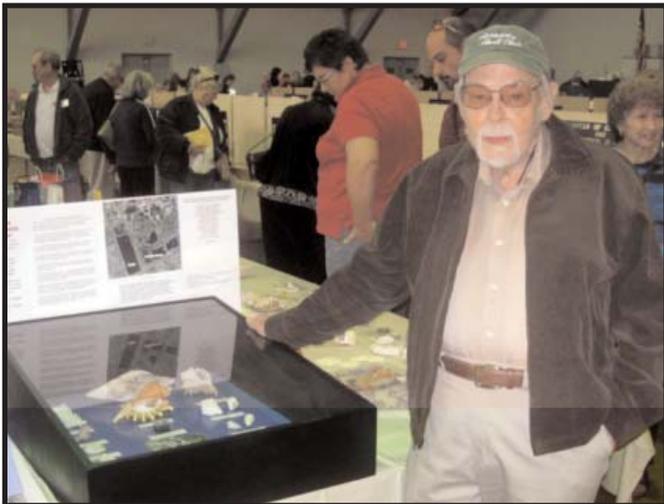
Over more than two decades, **Bill Clendenin** built a massive world-wide assemblage of mollusks, mostly self-collected. His partner on many of his collecting trips was Dr. Emilio Garcia, authority on Caribbean shells, from the University of Southwestern Louisiana. His primary collection was bequeathed to the South Florida Museum. Thanks to the many hours devoted to its curation by SSC member Lynn Gaulin, it is now housed in a separate room at that institution where it is available for study.



Above is Peggy Williams with Charlie Hertweck; on the right is a later image of her.

Peggy Williams is that rarity, a native Floridian who lives less than a half-mile from where she grew up. She has been a member of the Sarasota Shell Club since 1973 and has held every one of the club's elective offices. She won her first blue ribbon at the club's show the following year.

She also maintains the club's library and is known for her professionally-conducted shelling tours to U.S. and foreign locations. She has written a book on the Turridae of Florida and the Caribbean.



Robert Morrison (the author of this article) at a Sarasota Shell Club Shell Show.

Before moving to Florida in 1971, **Robert Morrison** was a co-founder of the Cleveland Shell Club. He and his wife, Jo, operated a world-wide specimen sea shell business in Sarasota from 1971 to 1982.

He was a frequent contributor to the *Hawaiian Shell News*, was consulted in the development of the HMS Shell-Grading Standards and was on the judges' panel for the Jacksonville, Central Florida, St. Petersburg, Cleveland, Miami, Palm Beach and Sarasota shell shows during the 1973-1980 period.



Cymatium rader D'Attilio & Myers, 1984, is named after SSC club member, Jack Rader.

Photo: Wikipedia.com

Long-time St. Petersburg Beach shell dealer Bob Lipe is quoted as follows in the Conchologists of America's *ListServe* (maintained by the University of Georgia): "*Cymatium rader* is named after my best friend, **Jack Rader** who passed away several years ago. He brought this new shell to my attention and we bought as many as we could to compare a growth series with *Cymatium femorale*. He was persistent that this shell would be named."

"The first ones came out of Honduras, but later the really large ones were found to be living in Brazil. We couldn't believe that such a large shell could escape detection for so many years, but it did." In recent years, specimens have been collected as far north as Miami's Biscayne Bay.

Gary Macintosh and his wife left Sarasota, bought a sailboat and spent years cruising the Caribbean. Gary did a lot of night-diving. Knowing of Peggy Williams' interest in turrids, he sent all the unidentified specimens of that group to Peggy. Phil Fallon, a dedicated researcher into the Turridae, named one for Gary.

[*Fenimorea mackintoshi* Fallon, P.J., 2016—ED].



Petuch calls **Marilyn Barkley** “a sweet lady.” He tells of a time when he and his wife, Linda, were staying with the Hertwecks and “Marilyn came over to visit and brought a few rare shells for my research. (Our son) Brian was only 2-or 3-years-old at the time and ran right over and gave her a hug. She was really touched by his outpouring of love. I think Brian sensed something wonderful in her and responded with the honesty of a child.” Marilyn, a former school teacher, had retired to Longboat Key but maintained her membership in the SSC until 2010.

An Explosion of Cowries

There are several ways to measure the significance of the work that Petuch and his “inspired amateurs” did over the past three decades. Petuch has made many notable contributions to the paleogeological history of Florida through his many books and papers, many of which include contributions from Sarasota Shell Club Members.

Perhaps this example will serve to show how Petuch and the SSC group added to our knowledge of Florida's fossil history.



Siphocypraea problematica
Heilprin, 1886.

In 1980, when Petuch began his study of the APAC pit, only eight species of fossil cowries had been found in south Florida. The first to be described, *Akleistostoma carolinensis* (Conrad, 1841), originally from the Duplin Formation in N. Carolina, it was later found in the lower layers of the Tamiami Formation in Florida.

Perhaps the best known of the early Florida fossil cowries is *Siphocypraea problematica*, described in 1886 by Angelo Heilprin from Caloosahatchee River deposits. Later, pairs of

cowries were described by Dr. Axel Olsson and Richard Petit, W.M. Ingram and pioneering American malacologist Henry Pilsbry.



A “Shoebbox Exhibit” of fossil cowries assembled by the author in November, 2009 for the Sarasota Shell Club.

In 1994, when Petuch published his *Atlas*, he listed and illustrated 19 new fossil cowries that had been discovered by him and his “inspired amateurs”.

Fast forward to 2011 and the publication of Vol. 1 of the *Compendium*, in which no less than 105 fossil cowries are listed and pictured.

Of that number, 50 had previously been described (most in other Petuch publications) and 55 were new taxa in the *Compendium*. Fifteen were by other authors. Petuch named fossil cowrie taxa for both Hertwecks, Thomas Ketter, Meta Jones, Dale Stream, Jay Tripp and Marilyn Barkley.

Robert Morrison, October 2011

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Sarasota Shell Club Shell Trips

Venice Beach - Saturday, November 6, 2021

Venice Beach is one of the best beaches in Florida to find fossil shark teeth as well as other fossils. It is renowned for its black sand. **More information on page 20!**

Kice Island - Sunday, December 5, 2021

Kice is part of the 10,000 islands and has become a very popular shelling destination as a rare undeveloped privately owned location. It is remarkable as a place to see live murexes and to collect spiny jewel boxes, wentletraps, and other species in excellent condition. **More information on page 10!**

Carefree Learner Trip - Monday, December 6, 2021 8:00 am

Keewaydin Island - Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Keewaydin, accessible only by boat, has become Sarasota Shell Club's premier destination. We have had incredible luck finding pear whelks, paper figs, true tulips, all manner of cockles and even the elusive golden olives and junonia shells. This trip is definitely not to be missed!

Carefree Learner Trip - Friday, January 21, 2022 8:00 am

Cayo Costa State Park - Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Cayo Costa is an excellent beach-combing location accessible by boat out of Bokeelia. Baby ears, golden olives, and many other species may be found here. It is also great for sand dollars. There is the opportunity to snorkel on the bay side. The more intrepid sheller may rent a cabin or tent site on January 31 for the early morning negative tide on February 1. Calusa shell middens may be viewed both in Bokeelia and on Cayo Costa.

Carefree Learner Trip - Tuesday, February 1, 2022 7:00 am

Peanut Island - Sunday, March 20, 2022

Peanut Island is a unique location on Florida's Atlantic Coast. The island is operated as a city park by Palm Beach and is accessible by ferry. Many species found here are uncommon on the Gulf Coast, or anywhere else in Florida for that matter, including Caribbean Fighting Conchs, Partridge Tuns, and Distorsios. Wading and snorkeling increase your chances of locating rare finds. The negative tide is at 4:33 pm, so you may want to bring your tent and reserve a camping spot, allowing you to take advantage of the 5:05 am negative tide on Monday. Don't miss the nearby Flagler Museum if you have the chance.

Fossil Trip - Silent Auction at the Schmelz's

In leu of a fossil pit exploration this trip offers a chance to acquire choice fossil specimens from the collection of paleontologist, Gary Schmelz (Naples, FL). We will meet at a predetermined place and move onto Gary's home where the silent auction will be held. After that we will have chance to move on to the new Marco Island Museum and then for a neat lunch at the Little Bar restaurant in Goodland. There is no cost to the trip (except the fuel). Since we need to know how many are going a sign-up is necessary. If you would like to attend let the Editor know at rboopp1@tam-pabay.rr.com.

Shelling Trip Instructions

1. Review list of trips on preceding page (page 8).
2. Sign up for trips at the next membership meeting on the provided sign-up sheets
3. If you can't attend a meeting then contact one of the following to have your name placed on the sign-up sheets:

Gary Martinez at yonsider@msn.com

or

Karen Huether at khuether7@gmail.com

Shells for the Shell Show

Soon our trips on the Carefree Learner will begin, as well as monthly field trips that have been planned. While you are on these trips please pick up shells that can be used to put in these 2" x 3" bags. Just wash and dry them and put them in a bag or box and bring them to the club meeting. No need to sort them. I do that as I put them in individual bags.

Each bag gets 5 shells if the shells are 1.5 - 2" inches or more. If I need to put smaller shells in the bags, I usually put 7-8 or more in each bag. We need lots of shells to fill these bags not only for this year's Shell Show but the Sarasota Fair in the Spring. Should we have extra shell bags, great, they will be saved and used at the next Shell Show or Fair.

My thanks to all who have provided the many shells for the bags. It is much appreciated.

Lynn Gaulin

November's Program

The November's program will be a presentation by Sally Peppitoni
on

“Fossiling the Badlands of Nebraska”

**Remember, our meeting will be at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian
Church on McIntosh Road at 7:00 pm on October 14, 2021**

Be There or be Square!

SARASOTA SHELL CLUB ANNOUNCES MEMBER TRIP TO

KICE ISLAND

This is a layered trip to meet members' different needs. Choose Phase 1 or Phase 2 or both.

First Phase

The first phase is scheduled for Sunday December 5. It features a small boat for six people with Real Kind Charters, 750 Palm Point Dr. Slip # 3 & 4, Goodland, FL. It will leave at 7:00 am and last four hours. The price will be \$136 per person, including 18% gratuity.

Second Phase

The second phase will be Monday, December 6, with a larger boat holding up to 17 people. It is with Florida Adventures leaving at 7:30 am out of Caxambas Marina and returning at 10:30. The cost will be \$80.00 per person, not including gratuity.

Reel Kind

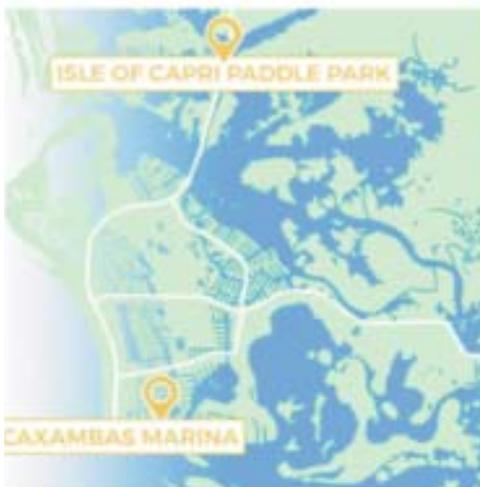
- December 5, 2021
- Six passenger boat
- Leave dock at Goodland at 7:00 am
- Four hour trip to location of captain's choosing based on conditions that day and the best shelling opportunity.

• The cost for this trip is \$136 per person which includes an 18% gratuity. Make check payable to Sarasota Shell Club and mail to Karen Huether, 1755 Creek Nine Dr., North Port, FL 34291.

Checks must be received before November 19. There will be no refunds unless the trip cancels. Contact Gary Martinez at yonsider@msn.com or (310)347-8942 to sign up or if you have questions.



Kice Island Trip



Florida Adventures

- Monday, December 6
- Boat holding up to 17 people, leave Caxambas Marina, 909 Collier Ct., Marco Island, FL 34145 at 7:30 am-10:30 am
- View Dome Houses, Two hours of shelling
- Cost of \$80 per person does not include tip. Contact Gary M. at yonsider@msn.com to sign up or with any questions.
- Mail check payable to Sarasota Shell Club to Karen Huether at 1755 Creek Nine Dr, North Port, FL 34219 **by Wednesday, December 1.**
- **Check will be returned for cancellation before Friday, December 3.**



Part of Southwest Florida's 10,000 Islands

Kice Island is a premiere location for collecting iconic Gulf Coast species. Shells less common elsewhere, such as the Rose Murex and Wentletraps are often found there.



IF YOU'RE ON A SHELLING TOUR

Water, snack, bag or a bucket for shells, water shoes, hand rake, bug spray, water, snacks, towel, sunblock, polarized glasses, rain gear (mainly during rainy months of June-October just in case), small soft coolers (no large coolers) etc.. While we do provide waters it is strongly suggested guests bring water, preferably 2-3 bottles per person and a small snack. If you are leaving the boat on a shelling excursion 1-2 bottles must be carried with the person while walking to help prevent any type of lightheadedness, dizziness or nausea symptoms which can occur with the onset of a heatstroke.

Due to the increase volume of material in this issue of *The Beauii*, the “Postcard of the Past”, the November’s cartoon and a”A Vintage Caricature” illustration will be omitted until next month -- sorry, ED

Highlights from the October Meeting



Lynn Gaulin welcomes back Chuck and Terry Jones to our club.



Sally and Donna prepare for the meeting.



Nancy Cadieux prepares the sign-up sheets for the shell show.



A nice display of cone shells for sale by Jim Wedge.



Donated Shells

A collection of shells (seen on the left) from Doug Thompson was recently received by the club. Many of these will appear at our Christmas auction. Another reason to attend the December meeting (Christmas Party).

Results of a Diving Trip

Doug Thompson

I have been asked from time to time to submit an article for publication in the club newsletters. Well, I thought this might be a good time to do it. I have attached three photos of the shells I found while diving last week in the Gulf of Mexico south of Panama City and Destin.

Photo #1 shows two dark deer cowries, two different colored true tulips, pink spiny oyster, two Atlantic yellow cowries, a Texas longhorn, and my favorite shell of this area, a Triton Trumpet, and a chestnut turban.

Photo #2 shows six lion's paws, six spiny oysters and two light-colored deer cowries. Photo #3 shows a pink spiny oyster, elongated deer cowry, gorgeous frog shell, two hairy tritons, gold mouthed triton, four tiny spiny oysters nickel size and a yellow tiny rough scallop.

I chose these photos because they show the diversity of live specimens that can be found along with the extremely high quality of the shells living in this area. The areas I was diving



Photo #1.



Photo 2.

moray eels who will actually come out of their holes when a diver is present. Barracuda, red snapper, black snapper, gag grouper, scamp, flounder, and amberjack are just a few of the fish species usually present when we dive.

I am keeping my fingers crossed this area remains as beautiful as it is for some time to come. I hope the cause of the red tide is identified, located, and eradicated. I will keep you all updated on the conditions here. We are just about to call it a season and wait until Spring to start again.

ranged from 80 - 110' deep and consisted of natural reefs, artificial reefs, and wrecks. The marine life on these spots was thick and thriving. The only negative is the amount of sharks in the area. We see from one to as many as five on a dive. You do have to be careful and wary as they sometimes become aggressive. The bottom around these spots is sand and exceptionally clean. No indications of any red tide effect, although small pockets of it still remain up here.

We have also seen manta rays, eagle rays, lots of dolphins, numerous species of jellyfish and turtles. A couple of spots are covered with



Photo 3.

Shellabrate Getting Back Together (The Sarasota's 2022 Shell Show)

Let's all come together to celebrate and to put on a wonderful Shell Show in February, 2022

- * Dates: February 10th (set-up and judging)
February 11 - 12th (Shell Show)
February 13th (remove and unload)
- * Where: Potter Building (Sarasota Fair Grounds)
- * What: Scientific Displays
Artistic Displays
Dealer Tables
Club Table
Raffle Table
- * Ways to help . . . members are needed for many of the following categories . . . step forward and let Donna Cassin (show coordinator) know that you can help . . . if we all pitch in it will be fun and we will have a great show
- * Categories: Artistic, Scientific, Food, Raffles, Admissions, Publicity, Admissions, Publicity plus many other positions.

Remember . . . we are

Shellabrating
Getting Back Together

For more information, see "Volunteer's Corner" on next page!

VOLUNTEERS CORNER

You're needed! No work is too small! Volunteers are extremely valuable resources for your Sarasota Shell Club! Usually, volunteering does not involve a long-term commitment or take a huge amount of your time. Seasoned club members will teach and guide you. **Verbal & detailed written instructions will be provided before each shift as needed.** You will not be left without guidance and support. If you are a relatively new member, volunteering will allow you to connect with other club members who, though they come from all walks of life, all love shells, like you! Finally, volunteering at our Shell Show is a unique and most rewarding experience!

THE ARTISANS (ongoing)

The Artisan group is asking for a few volunteers who would like to sort and organize some items. There are many other chores that go along with all of the varied items we need to produce. We meet EVERY Thursday on the campus of the Bee Ridge Presbyterian church (Proctor & McIntosh) from 10a.m. to around 1p.m., we would be so happy to have your help. Please consider giving us a few hours sometime. Just show up!

58th SHELL SHOW (February 11 & 12, 2022) OVERVIEW

There are 2 shifts each day, mornings & afternoons. Please ponder on these opportunities to help your club succeed in this much anticipated Sarasota yearly event. Sign-up sheet will be available at each monthly meeting beginning in October (we are starting early, can you tell we are excited!). **It's SHELLABRATION time!**

▪ Volunteer at Large

1 volunteer per shift. This flexible person is willing to serve whenever or wherever he/she is needed during the shift. Volunteers will be contacted prior to & during their shift & informed of the area where they are needed.

▪ Admission / Entrance Table

2 volunteers per shift sell the admission tickets, give a little bag of shells, and maintain a log of how visitors learned about the show. Time flies at this table! This opportunity might be challenging for new members.

▪ Membership Table

2 volunteers per shift explain the activities of our club, provide brochures and assist with the completion of the membership application. Many visitors are interested and stop at this table to ask questions.

▪ Raffle Table

2 volunteers per shift explain how the raffle works and sell tickets. Usually quite busy.

▪ Artisans Table

4 volunteers per shift interact with the public showing interest in the artistic creations for sale. This includes assisting with viewing price tags, wrapping purchases, setting paid ones aside if needed. Chairman Donna Bartels handles the money.

▪ Artistic Exhibit Guardian

1 volunteer per shift walk around the exhibit area or sit where they can watch for any potential problems, keeping people, in a positive and polite manner, from touching the items/exhibits. All are fragile and people are frequently tempted to TOUCH them. Visitors will ask questions about the award ribbons and interact with volunteers.

▪ Club Table (Duane Kauffmann's Table)

2 volunteers per shift sell & package shells that were donated to our club by private collectors. Incredible finds are possible at discounted prices for crafters and treasure hunters. First day involves sorting shells & setting up the table. Basic knowledge of shells is helpful.

▪ Lunch area for volunteers

1 volunteer per shift to ensure that only SSC volunteers have access to a free lunch and that the area is maintained clean. Currently, those volunteer positions are filled for 2022.

▪ Tablecloths

On Thursday morning, before the truck's arrival, at least 10 persons are needed to cover each table (excluding dealers') with a tablecloth and secure it with large safety pins.

▪ Loading & unloading the truck

The more per day, the easier! A truck driver is needed on Thursday and on Sunday (both ways)

(1) Load on Wednesday afternoon 2/09/21 at the Artisans room (Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church) corner PROCTOR & McIntosh.

(2) Unload at the Show on Thursday 2/10 after the tablecloth areas set-up.

(3) Pack-up, load at the Show from 8:00 A.M. to Noon on Sunday 2/13/21 and then unload at the Artisans' room.

Questions? Contact Nancy Cadieux 941-228-1758 (Please leave a message if no answer)

FOOD SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR THE SHELL SHOW

The following are food supplies needed for the shell show. If you can donate one or more of these please email me with your name, email and what you can donate.

4 large cases of water

1 large bunch of bananas

2 boxes of Halos

~~3 boxes of plain regular chips, small bags, nothing spicy, plain Fritos or Doritos~~

3 boxes of cookies, snack bars, all individually wrapped

Other beverages (If possible, the small 7.5 cans)

3 O Coke (12)

2 Diet Pepsi

2 Lemonade

2 Root Beer

2 Ginger Ale

E-mail me at carolmmae@gmail.com or sign up at the next monthly meeting. Thank you,

Carol Mae

KITCHEN "KAPERS"

We want to inform everyone how the kitchen will operate this year at the shell show and to address any concerns anyone might have at this time.

- 1. Kitchen and bathrooms will be professionally cleaned. In addition, we will be using disinfectant spray and wipes. We will also be masked up**
- 2. Lunch will be served from 11:00 AM -1:00PM in shifts.**
- 3. We will go around the venue and supply drinks and snacks in the afternoon.**
- 4. Please check in with Carol before dining**
- 5. If you cannot leave for lunch, it will be brought to you**
- 6. Doughnuts and coffee will be served on Friday and Saturday mornings.**

Thursday is a possibility if the kitchen is cleaned on Wednesday.

- 7. If bringing your own lunch that needs refrigeration, write your name on it and give it to kitchen workers. We will refrigerate it and obtain your lunch for you when needed**
- 8. Please store your items where you are working. We cannot be responsible for someone else's purses etc.**

If you have any questions, please email Carol at carolmmae@gmail.com or text 608-692-9985.

Historian’s Report

50 Years Ago

Thirty-five members and guests attended the November 11, 1971 meeting of the Sarasota Shell Club. The treasurer reported a balance of \$1356.36.

It was announced that new club member Bob Morrison had opened Morrison’s Galleries on Siesta Key. It was also noted that Of Sea and Shore magazine was available, 4 issues per year, from Tom Rice. Annual cost was \$3.50.

Notes: Volunteers needed for shell show. The Christmas party will be held at the Plaza Restaurant. Vote was to have “Chicken Supreme,” at a cost of \$3.95. One dollar gift exchange to follow.

Bea Barnes-Waddell gave a slide program which included Fiji, Samoa, and Borneo. “Entertaining evening thoroughly enjoyed by all.”

25 Years Ago

Thirty members attended the November 14, 1996 meeting of the Sarasota Shell Club which was held at Mote Marine. Treasury balance was \$3573.04.

Announcements. Sign up for Carefree Learner trip. COA to be held on Captiva. Christmas party upcoming. Plan to bring finger foods.

Cathy Hollar set up a table of fossils from a trip to South Bay. June Bailey gave the main program on shell-related antiques.

Duane Kauffmann

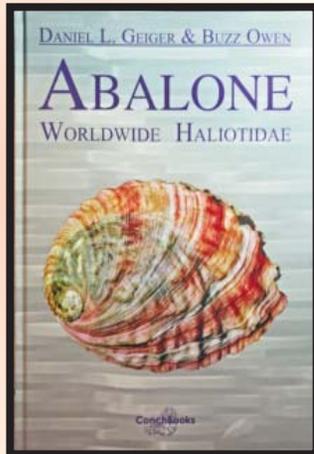
Library Notes

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.mdshellbooks.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
Linda Greiner (librarian Emeritus/summer contact)



Upcoming Programs

- December: Holiday Party with auction (including donated items by Doug Thompson)
- January: Karen Huether will give a program on her Fiji Trip
- February: Final preparations for the shell show



DONATION INFORMATION

As an organization, we have been exceptionally fortuitous due to some very generous SSC members that have anonymously donated funds for different club activities. This would include snacks at the meetings, food at the shell show for volunteers, the cleaning of kitchen and bathrooms, advertising, etc. Since I am completing a budget for the Shell Show food, if anyone is considering donating this year, could they please send me a text or email and let me know. Your participation is deeply appreciated. carolmmae@gmail.com.

Schedule of Events



Tuesday May 31	Opening Ceremonies COA Board Meeting Programs Silent Auctions Welcome Party
Wednesday June 1	Programs Silent Auctions Oral Auction
Thursday June 2	Programs Silent Auctions Banquet
Friday June 3	Club Rep Breakfast Programs Silent Auction Bourse
Saturday June 4	Bourse

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Registration Forms

Future posting of 2022 COA Convention registration forms will be available at:
www.conchologistsofamerica.com

Welcome to the Lone Star State



May 31 - June 4, 2022

Moody Garden Hotel, Spa, & Convention Center

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Galveston, Texas 77554

409-744-4673

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Convention Hotel

Moody Gardens
Galveston, Texas



Standard Room
Rates - \$179 plus
15% tax
(1-4 guests)

The contemporary architectural design of Moody Gardens is visible throughout the hotel, combined with lush flowering plants, cascading waterfalls and natural lagoons setting the tone for an unforgettable experience. The resort is equipped with 428 luxurious guest rooms, 15,180 sqft ballroom, 60,000 sqft exhibit hall, complimentary onsite garage parking, complimentary WiFi, fully equipped business center, and a variety of on site restaurants and bars.



Enjoy the Rainforest and Aquarium Pyramids, MG 3D and 4D Theaters, Discovery Museum, 20,000 Leagues Interactive Adventure, and the Colonel Paddlewheel Boat all located on site at Moody Gardens.

As part of your registration you will have the option to purchase discounted tickets for unlimited visits to all of Moody Gardens' on site attractions.



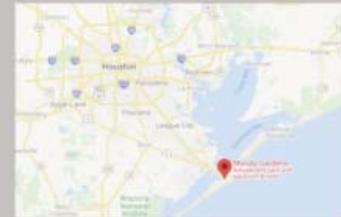
Exploring Galveston Island



Hop on the Galveston Island Trolley at the Moody Gardens' stop to explore sites along Seawall Boulevard or Historic Downtown.

Visit Galveston's 32 miles of sandy beaches, the Mary Moody Northern Mansion, Bishop's Palace, the Tall Ship Elissa, and the Railroad Museum. The Strand Historic District offers an array of retail shops, restaurants, pubs, and art galleries in a Victorian setting. For the adventure seekers, stop by Schlitterbahn, the world's most popular water park.

Transportation



Airports

(No direct air service into Galveston Island)

William P. Hobby Airport (HOU)
(Closest major airport to Galveston Island)
Allegiant, American Airlines, Delta, & Southwest

George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)

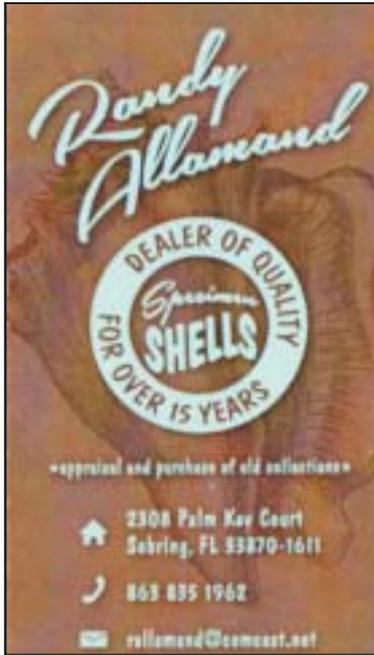
(Located on the north side of Houston)
American Airlines, Delta, Southwest, United, and all other major airlines

Shuttle to Hotel

(Additional fee, not provided by hotel)
Galveston Limousine & Transportation
409-744-5466 www.galvestonlimo.com

Business Card Advertising:

It is time to renew, or insert, your business card. Only \$25 for an entire year! Contact the Editor now!



Business Card Advertisements

Business cards (shell-related) may be used as advertising at a rate of \$25.00 per club year (up to nine issues). If you wish your business card to appear in each issue of *The Beauii*, please send it, along with a check (for \$25.00), made out to the Sarasota Shell Club, to the Editor, 2608 67th St. W, Bradenton, FL 34209.

To clarify, the \$25.00 pays for your card to appear in each issue of the 2021 - 2022 *The Beauii*.

COASTAL FLOW
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Artisans Accomplishing Projects for the Shellabration

Joan is happily completing a project for our shelltastic show! The Artisans meet every Thursday, at 10 A.M. at the Presbyterian Church at the corner of Proctor and Swift in the smaller building. Come out and join them! The Artisans are very willing to teach, and if not of an artistic bent (like me) there are other projects to complete. Contact Donna Bartels, bartels-dj@comcast.net, or 941-922-2588, 941-544-4817 (cell) See you out there!

Sarasota Shell Club announces field trip to Venice Beach



One of Florida's Best for Shark Teeth

Sarasota Shell Club's own Donna Krusenoski and Nancy Cadieux will be on hand to share tips and orient participants in how to search for shark teeth and other fossils. Donna reports she was able to bring home over 300 shark teeth last Saturday.

- ▶ The weather may be cooler, so bring a rash guard or other shirt
- ▶ Bring a Florida sand sifter, sand rake, or some other tool to sift sand, although your fingers will do in a pinch.

- ▶ Have something to hold your shark teeth like a fanny pack, plastic bottle or bag, or ideally something to wear around your neck.
- ▶ When: Saturday, November 6, 2021
- ▶ Where: First parking area after the Brohard Paw Park. Go over the walkway bridge and head south on the beach toward the darker sand. Donna will meet you there.
- ▶ Time: 8am - 10am

Other: Please contact Gary Martinez at yonsider@msn.com or

(310)347-8942

to sign up or if you have questions.



Officers & Board Members

President	Sally Peppitoni
Vice-President	Duane Kauffmann
Treasurer	Karen Huether
Recording Secretary	Lynn Gaulin
Corresponding Secretary	Marilyn Parker

Board Members: Donna Krusenoski (3); Rich Cirrantano (3); Ron Bopp (2); Nancy Cadieux (2); Carol May (1); and Donna Cassin (1)

Committee Chairmen

Artisans	Open
<i>The Beauii</i>	Ron Bopp
Historian	Duane Kauffmann
Field Trips	Sally Peppitoni
Librarian	Duane Kauffmann
Membership	Donna Krusenoski
Shell Show	Board
Sunshine	Frankie Grover
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 Beauii*.

Calendar

Club Meeting	Nov 11, 2021
Christmas Party	Dec 9, 2021
SSC Shell Show	Feb 10-11, 2022
COA Convention	May 31 - June 4, 2022

See page 18 for details

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.

**A 2021—2022
Membership
application
is attached to
this
Newsletter**

Past Presidents of the Sarasota Shell Club

Jack Oberle: 1963-1965, 1968-1968, 1972-1974	Vi Hertweck: 1982-1984	Cathy Hollar: 1999-2001
Louise Danforth: 1965-1967	Richard Forbush: 1984-1985	Joanne Chmielewski: 2007-2010
Franck Rinck: 1967-1968	June Bailey: 1985-1987, 1995-1997, 2002-2003	Ron Bopp: 2010-2012
Thomas Robertson: 1969-1970	Bob Hansen: 1987-1988	Dennis Sargent: 2012-2014
Evelyn Bradley: 1970-1972	Beverly Chouinard: 1989-1991	Sally Peppitoni: 2014-2022
Charles Hertweck: 1974-1979	Bonnie Christophel: 1990-1992	
Peggy Williams: 1980-1982, 1988-1989, 1992-1994, 2001-2002, 2005-2007	Pat Amsel: 1994-1995	
	Debra Ingrao: 1997-1998	
	Cathy Aschliman: 1998-1999	

WANTED!

Any activity, show-and-tell, or anything else you would like to share for members. Since we can't get together in person, perhaps we can do it via "*The Beauii*," your favorite club newsletter. Send in your stories, photos or what-have-you to the Editor at rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com. We look forward to your submission!

SSC Club Meeting Minutes

October 14, 2021

I. Call to order:

Sally called this meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. asking if there were any guests present. None were but renewing members, Terri and Chuck Jones, were introduced.

II. Program:

Ron's Power Point program, *Preparing an Exhibit for a Shell Show*, was very well accepted. As usual his photographs are fantastic, and his program was well done. Many suggestions and useful information were given to help put together a scientific exhibit.

III. Secretary's Report:

The September 9, 2021, meeting minutes were published in the *Beauii*. "A motion to accept the September 9, 2021, minutes as printed in the September's issue of the *Beauii*" was made by Ron Bopp and seconded by Donna C. This motion was approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report:

Karen was absent so Sally read the financial report from October 13, 2021, financial report attached to these minutes. The signing of the contract for the show is set for November 4th. Karen and Donna will both attend this signing of the contract with Robarts's. A motion to accept this report as presented by Sally was made by Ron and seconded by Duane K. The motion was approved. A copy of this Financial Report is attached to these minutes.

V. Committee Reports:

A. Shell Show:

1. Chairperson Donna C. restated the dates for the show (February 11-12, 2022) and while it involves a great deal of work it is also lots of fun.
2. Nancy Cadieux explained her clipboard signup sheets for the Shell Show's volunteer needs. They are available on the table on the side of the room for you to sign up to work tonight. Also, there are papers for you to fill in what commitments you signed up to work.

Many people have signed up already to work both the prep days, show set up, working the show itself, and take down on Sunday.

B. Programs: Duane announced Sally will do the program for November on her fossil trip to Nebraska this past summer.

C. Librarian: Duane is available to open the library to anyone interested.

D. Historian: Duane referred to his report in the October *Beauii*. He wore a blue tee shirt he designed you can wear as you shell on local beaches. The front has Sarasota Shell Club on it and the back side says, "Question about ocean life? Please stop me and ask. "

E. Membership: No report given. Membership dues are now due for this year. The membership form is available if needed on, our web site, and is also published in our monthly *Beauii*. Please note the change in membership fees for this year. Donna asked members to pick up their 2021-22 membership cards from the back table.

F. Field Trips: Sign-up sheets are on the front table for this year's trips. Carefree Learner signup sheets are also there. Sally mentioned the October trip to Sanibel was quite successful. There were just a few members, but they had a great tour of the Museum, shelling on the beach, and lunch.

G. Web Page: Bruce was absent so nothing new was added.

H. Newsletter: Send any articles to Ron to have them included in the *Beauii*.

I. Education: Lynn offered a *Conus spurius* specimen shell to a member who would research this cone at the November club meeting. Presentations should be about 3-5 minutes. The shell is theirs to keep, Jo Betts Walsh, offered to research this shell.

J. Sunshine. Membership was asked if they knew anyone was ill and no one's name was mentioned.

K. Artisans: Donna Cassin said the Artisans are busy making items for the show and Coastal Flow.

VI. Old Business:

No further old business was brought up.

VII. New Business:

A. Holiday Party: Sally asked for a volunteer to gather information on a location for a Holiday Party in December. Discussion followed and the suggestion of having this get together here at the church was brought up. Many members present agreed to this idea. Our Holiday Party will be here at the church at 6 PM on Thursday, December 9th. Sally will make up sign-up sheets for what food members need to bring for next meeting. We also need to check with the Church to use the kitchen.

B. A Nominating Committee will need to be selected from members. Positions known that need to be filled are a President, Treasurer, Membership, and two Members at Large for the Board.

VIII. Door Prizes:

Rich and Lou were absent and so we did not have any door prizes for tonight's meeting.

IX. Adjournment:

This meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM by President Sally.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Gaulin

Recording Secretary

Sarasota Shell Club — 2021-2022 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 (shell show participants only)

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
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: _____

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:

1. _____

2. _____

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

We are **newly located at the Bee Ridge Church Community Room** 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.com

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