

The Beauii



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Sarasota Shell Club

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We meet on the 2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm
(September to April)
at Fire Station #2,
2070 Waldemere St.,
Sarasota, FL

April, 2021 Edition



Hello Fellow Shellinators!

I hope you are all doing well now that the weather is warming up. We have a lot going on for this next meeting.

First, we have our program where anyone can show his or her favorite shell. I might have to show two because I'm having trouble choosing! Please bring your favorite shell from your collection to show at our Zoom meeting. It can be self-collected or bought. We don't care!

Second, please remember that we will be voting on changes to the By-laws, so we need as many people as possible on line to vote. If you aren't there to vote, then you cannot complain later!

Third, we will also be voting on the proposed slate of officers and board members for the 2021-22 season.

Finally, please make sure you send your reservations for the annual picnic at Coquina Beach on April 17th to Lou Cirrantano. Look for her information in this edition of the Beauii.

We've had a strange season this year with all the crazy going on. Let's hope that as more people get vaccinated, that our lives will begin to return to some semblance of normalcy and maybe we can even begin to meet in person again at the fire station next September. That would be great, wouldn't it?

Everyone have a safe summer, and stay healthy!

Sally Peppitoni, President

Tune in on the April 8th ZOOM Meeting—"Share-A-Shell" is Featured!

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Election of Officers & Directors

The following slate of candidates for the 2021-2022 Officers and Directors.

Nominated Officers:

President - Sally Peppitoni

Vice-President - Duane Kauffman

Treasurer - Karen Huether

Recording Secretary - Lynn Gaulin

Nominated Directors:

Donna Krusenoski (3 yr)

Rich Cirrantano (3 yr)

Continuing Directors:

Ron Bopp (2 yr)

Nancy Cadieux (2 yr)

Carol Mae (1 yr)

Donna Cassin (1 yr)

Florida Horse Conch aka *Triplofusus giganteus* (Kiener, 1840)

Lynn Gaulin

Years ago, the Florida Horse Conch was called *Pleuroploca giganteus*. Its name was changed several years ago and this mollusk is now known as *Triplofusus giganteus*. If you look up Horse Conch on Wikipedia it is referred to as *Triplofusus papillosus*. There is some discrepancy about the use of the species name of *giganteus* or *papillosus*. This discrepancy is due to the lack of a specific descriptions or drawings found in the original author's writings. Some authors' writings may include a drawing and no description of the original mollusk they named. This often could lead to other authors' misinterpretation, and confusion of what that mollusk is they named. The website WORMS, (World Record of Marine Species), shows *Triplofusus papillosus* as a synonym of *Triplofusus giganteus*. Therefore, I have chosen to use *Triplofusus giganteus*, as my name for this article using the WORMS information. **Figures 1 & 2**

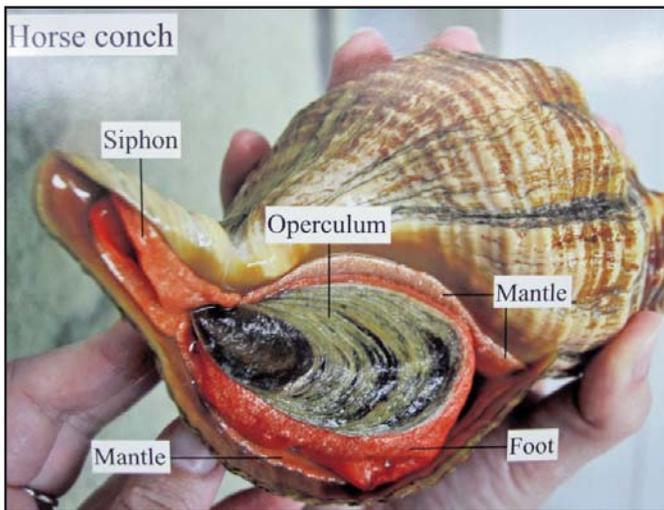


Figure 1. Horse conch shell & body labeled. Photo: gulfspecimen.org

The Florida Horse Conch, (*Triplofusus giganteus*) is the largest marine gastropod found along the Atlantic Ocean Coast from North Carolina to Florida, and the Gulf



Figure 2. Shell of horse conch encrusted with slipper shells.

Photo: jaxshells.org

of Mexico from Florida to the Mexican Yucatan Peninsula. It is not a member of the conch family as you might infer if using its common name, horse conch. This marine gastropod is a member of the Fasciolaridae Family. The State of Florida named the Horse Conch (*Pleuroploca giganteus*) as its State shell in 1969.



Figure 3. Juvenile Horse Conchs—note the white protoconch on each shell. Photo: Iloveshelling.com

The embryonic, or first whorls, of a shell are called the protoconch. On immature or juvenile shells of *Triplofusus giganteus*, the protoconch is the very white tip on the spire, while the rest of the shell's body is orange or salmon colored. **Figure 3** Protoconchs are formed inside the egg capsule by the immature snail. When looking at adult horse conch's shell, the protoconch can still be seen on the spire if you look closely. However, it is more difficult to see since the adult's shell is white and maybe covered by either a periostracum or white calcification on the shell itself. However, the protoconch is still on the spire of the adult shell.

The shell of a *Triplofusus giganteus* snail can grow up to a length of 24 inches. Today, the average size of an adult horse conch is about 12 inches. They have a very high spire, long siphonal canal, and several large body whorls with bumps along these whorls. Their shell can be covered with a mossy growth helping to camouflage itself in the weeds. Each shell has a thick, tan or brown, colored periostracum covering on its shell that begins to flake off when the mollusk dies or is out of the water for a long time. Inside the shell their soft body is a very bright red color. **Figure 4** Horse conchs live in sandy, weedy areas,



Figure 4. An adult Horse Conch with the body exposed.

Photo: Amy Tripp

among sandy, mud flats in water one to 20 feet deep. An adult *Triplofusus giganteus* has an average life span of seven to ten years with a few larger specimens living up to 30 years in deeper water. As an adult, the a *Triplofusus giganteus* shell will turn completely white or a dirty-white in color. Due to its very large size, a horse conch shell is prized by collectors.



Figure 5. Reaching out to a lightning whelk.

Photo: Amy tripp

Triplofusus giganteus snails are carnivorous preying on mollusks smaller than themselves. Their prey includes tulip shells, lightening whelks, pen shells, queen conchs, and some members of the murex family. **Figure 5** When their food source is located *Triplofusus giganteus* will use its muscular foot to reach out, grasp, and hold onto their prey's operculum preventing the prey mollusk from withdrawing its body back into the safety of its shell. Their proboscis (tongue) is inserted in this opening and using their small ribbon like teeth on their tongue, called a radula, they begin to eat their prey's soft body.



Figure 6. Growth series with egg case.

Photo: Lenny Bank

Males horse conchs fertilize a female internally. Females lay their egg capsules by attaching them to another shell, rock, or any other hard surface. **Figure 6** Each capsule contains dozens of eggs, some fertilized and some not fertilized. Immature horse conchs inside their capsule feed on the non-fertilized eggs as they mature. The individual egg capsules are laid in clumps by the females. Horse conch egg case clumps can be as long as six inches and several inches wide. Their egg case clumps are anchored deep in the sand by a long gelatinous strand produced by the female. During storms, strong waves may dislodge sand around this gelatinous anchor; causing the egg case clump to loosen from the sand and end washed up on the beach. The eggs inside these washed ashore capsule clumps die and do not develop into baby horse conchs. Immature horse conchs are hatched either as male or female mollusks.

Fossil horse conchs have been found in shell pits near Sarasota County, Florida. **Figure 7** These fossil shell pits were formed 2.5—5 million years ago during the Caloosahatchee Formation of the Pliocene Age. The apertures (large opening) of shells found in the fossil pit are filled with shell pit matrix or marl (a mixture of sand, silt,



Figure 7. Fossil Horse Conchs.

Photo: *fossilera.com*



Figure 8. Calusa tools made from Horse Conchs.

Photo: *Wikipedia.com*

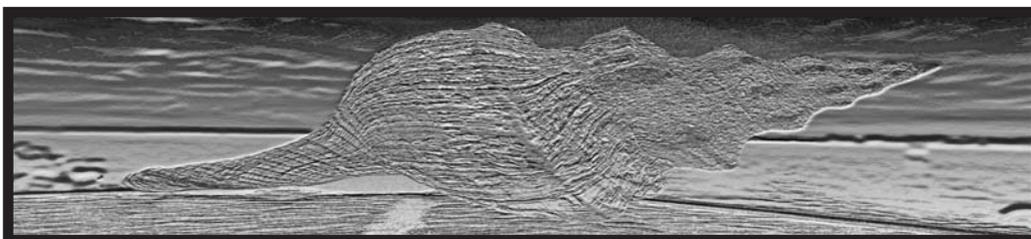
clay, and calcium carbonate). Shells found in these fossil pits are usually not complete or perfect specimens. These fossil shells are usually chipped, cracked, or broken. When a complete, perfect specimen is found it is a pleasant surprise by its collector and a treasured find for them.

Historically, local indigenous tribes around southern Florida used various parts of broken horse conchs to make items necessary for their daily use. **Figure 8** The Calusa Indians lived in the vicinity of the Caloosahatchee River on the west coast of Florida They used local shells for

tools such as hoes, picks, hammers, axes, and drills. Other utensils were made from shells of the horse conch included dippers or drinking cups, spoons, and bowls. Ink wells also were made using the body of a smaller horse conchs. Jewelry beads were drilled from the columella of young orange/salmon horse conchs. Trumpets could be made from larger *Triplofusus giganteus* shells and used for ceremonial occasions.

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Historian’s Report

50 Years Ago

The handwritten minutes of the April 8, 1971 meeting of the Sarasota Shell Club indicate that 19 members were in attendance.

Uneventful meeting. Treasury balance of \$1520.31. A few minor items followed by election of officers.

No mention of a program.

25 Years Ago

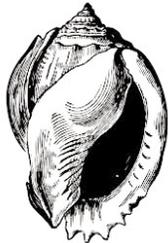
The Sarasota Shell Club meeting of April 11, 1996 was held in the Mote Marine Science Center with twenty-six in attendance. Treasurer’s report indicated a balance of \$5344.44

Request help for beach clean-up April 20 at Lido Beach. Donations of \$500 to Mote Marine, \$500 to Carefree Learner, and \$100 to Sanibel Museum. In addition it was agreed that the current policy of not letting treasury balance fall below \$5000 be reduced to \$3000.

Officers for the following year were elected. June Bailey was re-elected as president.

Mary Weare gave the program on “Crescent Beach Miniature Shells.” The minutes note “Mary’s reminiscences were so lively and informative.” [Historian’s note: What a wonderful assessment of a program on miniatures!]

Duane Kauffmann



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.

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

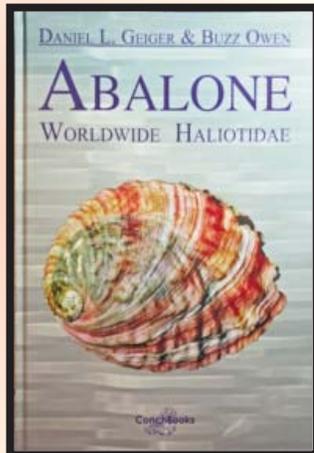
www.mdshellbooks.com

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)



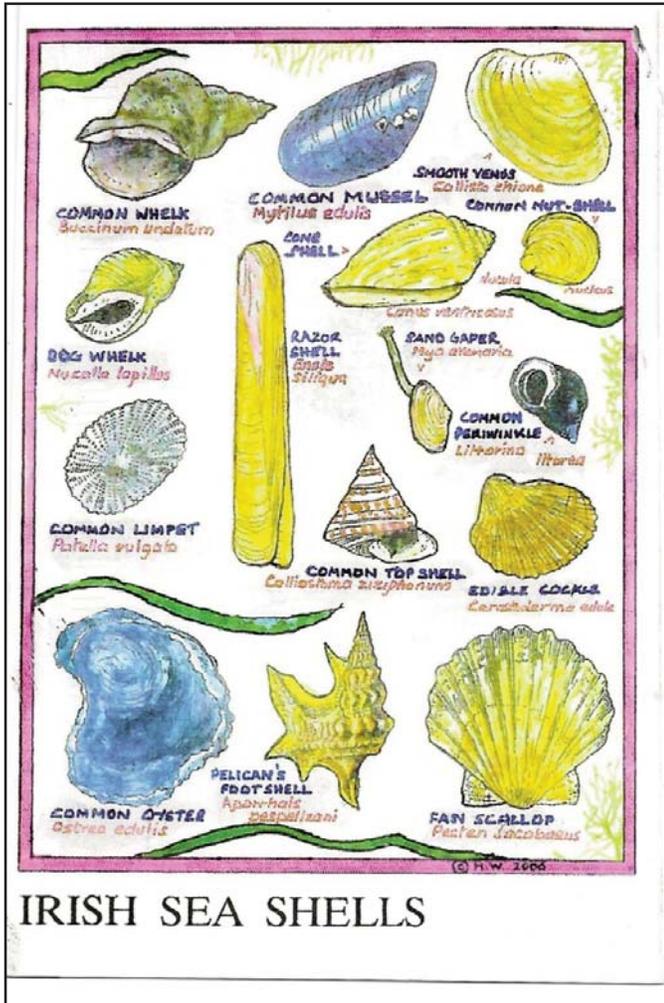
April’s ZOOM Meeting

We will have our 5th Membership Meeting via ZOOM on Thursday, April 8 at 7:00 pm.

Our Program will be presented by those attending the ZOOM meeting in a **Share A Shell** presentation. Bring your favorite shell and spend one to two minutes explaining the “ins and outs” about your shell and why it is your favorite shell. Don’t be bashful -- this should be fun!

Also, many new things are on our horizon so tune in with Sally’s instructions.

A Postcard from the Past . . . Irish Sea Shells



A month late and not quite so old this interesting postcard details some of the seashells that can be found in the water around Ireland.

The sender (Claudia) of this postcard noted “As a child I loved to collect seashells while being on vacation in Denmark.”

Some of the shells pictured look similar to those that we find on the beaches.

*Editor's Thoughts . . .
My friend keeps trying to convince me that he's a compulsive liar but I don't believe him.*

April's Cartoon . . .

Courtesy of Karen Huether



From an internet post “Sea Shell Collecting” by Kmila Emelie

Share-a-Shell.

Have fun at the April ZOOM meeting - share your favorite shell!

Survey Update

As of mid-March I have received 13 surveys. There was considerable interest in most options, less in scuba and international travel of course, and nobody wants to camp overnight! Many want to wait until after they're vaccinated.

Gary Martinez

SSC at the County Fair



Photos courtesy of Joanne Walsh



Final SSC Club Challenge Donation Update

We have collected a total of **\$1.125** from the recent SSC Club Donation Challenge that Duane Kauffmann presented to the club to support our mission and activities. Warm thanks to all our members for their donations which include:

Duane Kauffmann

Karen Huether

Donna & Dave Timmermann

Sally Peppitoni

Bev Root

Gordon Fushikoshi

Jeanne Corbin & Edith Morris

Ron & Mary Jo Bopp

Joanne Walsh

Karen Huether, Treasurer

Parking Lot Fossil Trip

Thirteen SSC members participated in the fossil trip in the parking lot of Safari RV Storage. The weather was good,; the shell pile had been washed with a previous rain and members found several species of shells including a giant (well, at least very large) limpet, plus cowries, ‘trigs’, murex’s, and multiple bivalves. The photos below well describe the festive event. [*see facing page for a detailed report on the fossil ‘dig’—ED*]



THE BIG FOSSIL DIG OF MARCH 20TH, 2021

Nancy Cadieux

COVID-19 has generated many closures as we all know and among those, all the shell pits in the State of Florida. Thanks to Ron Bopp, we had a dig opportunity that turned out to be much more fun than expected.

When we arrived and saw the pile, which at its highest peak (LOL), was no more than 12 inches, those of us who had dug in pits before were stunned and rather pessimistic to say the least. Amazingly, we found interesting fossils to include problematica cowries, alphabet cones, lace murex, many olives, a large keyhole limpet, a few trigonostema and many more....

Usually, we are all pretty much distanced when we go to fossil pits so we don't communicate much. In this instance, we were all together in a small area, wearing a mask, and constantly interacting with each other, giggling and excited by some of the finds. The ongoing chatter must have been a nightmare for Duane and Ron, the only two guys among us...



Notice the multicolored *Strombus evergladesensis* (Petuch, 1991) described in the Neogene Atlas as "extinct" (Note: all of the Florida Museum of Natural History's collection of this species were found in the Early Pleistocene Caloosahatchee Formation. or the Middle Pleistocene Bermont Formation. of Okeechobee County, Florida). Per my amateurish research, the color black is generated from the presence of phosphate in the matrix, the colors red and orange, from the presence of iron and the beautiful pink on the ventral section of the shell possibly was a red/reddish color that washed out (source: *Fossil Forum*).



Notice the 3 *Calyptraea chinensis* Linnaeus 1758 commonly called "Chinese hats". They belong to the limpet and slipper shells family. They are known in fossil State to be from the Pliocene and the Early Pleistocene.



Although bivalves are not my favorites, I find the form of the *Arca Wagneriana* (Dall, 1898) to be totally amazing! And they really do look a few million years old! Per the *Neogene Atlas of the Ancient World*, this species is extinct and is described as follows: "So far as yet known, this species is confined to the Floridian Pliocene. The character of the cardinal area is similar to that of *A. noae*."

For a short YouTube presentation of the Pleistocene epoch by the Florida Museum of Natural History in Gainesville, go to: <https://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/educators/resource/pleistocene-epoch-in-florida/>

Editor's Recommendation: if you haven't seen it already, I recommend you watch **My Octopus Teacher!** Besides a relationship between diver and octopus there are several live mollusks seen in the film. It is an Oscar contender as well. It can be found on Netflix. Five stars!

B.C. (Before COVID)

Remember when we would end our season with a picnic on Coquina Beach? Well, it's happening again! But instead of it being an ending, let it be a new beginning to a better year. The picnic will be held at our usual pavilion, Coquina South with its new updates. The road is now paved and any needed repairs have been completed. The date is Saturday, April 17th from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm. It is on Gulf Drive, South entrance, by the first pavillion.

Sonny's Barbecue is catering. The menu consists of smoked turkey, barbecue chicken, green salad, baked beans and potato salad. Delicious!

The utensils, cups, plates, silverware, and napkins will be provided. BYOD (bring your own drink). Any dessert contributions will be greatly appreciated.

CHECKS ONLY MADE OUT TO THE SARASOTA SHELL CLUB.

Mail to:

Lou Cirrintano
850 South Tamiami Trail, Unit #806
Sarasota, Florida 34236

Name (s): _____

Number of Reservations _____

Cost: \$12.00 each . . .Amount enclosed: \$_____.00

I will bring a dessert ____yes ____no

Let's "Break out", enjoy the sunshine, beach and have camaraderie. Masks are required except when dining and we will practice some social distancing.

Anyone have a terrific idea for a shell mask?

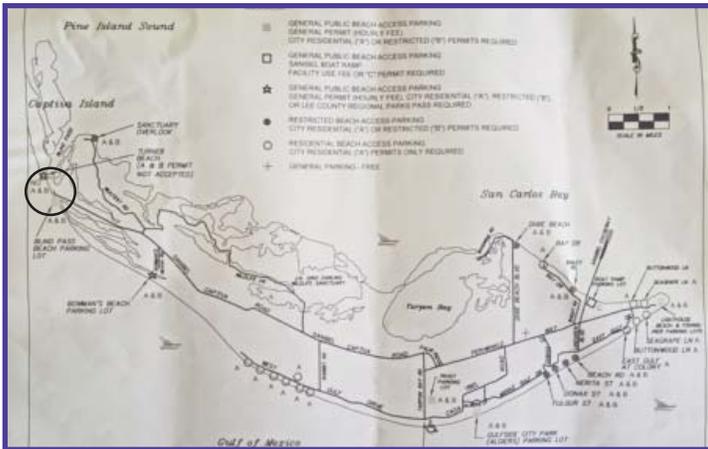
See ya there!



Shelling at Blind Pass Beach, Sanibel Island

Ron Bopp

March 11th and 13th Mary Jo and I spent a few early morning hours shelling at Blind Pass Beach, located at the junction of Sanibel and Captiva Islands (see map). Blind Pass is the water between those islands and a spot where there is access to both the gulf side and the bay side of the islands. There were no winter storms preceding our shelling adventure therefore it was not an exciting shelling event. However, the mild temperature, along with the early morning sunrise made for a memorial day. See the photos below for a photographic description.



Blind Pass (circled) at the West end of Sanibel Island.



6:30 am (Sunrise) at Blind Pass Beach.



Examples of seashells found on March 11th, 2021.



A live clam with its siphon awaiting return of high tide.



Parking (\$5.00 per hour) is limited so arrive early!



The bridge over Blind Pass between Sanibel and Captiva.

Sarasota Shell Club Meeting (Zoom) Minutes—March 11, 2021

I. Call to order:

President Sally called this meeting to order at 7:03 P.M.

II. Program:

Member Gary Martinez presented his program, “All Those White Clams”. He shared his power point program by identifying the various species of bi-valves using photographs pointing out characteristics of each species within this large family.

III. Secretary’s report:

Since there were no corrections or additions to the February’s minutes a motion was made by Angela Sampogna and seconded by Margo Peck that the minutes be accepted as published in the February Beauii. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Treasurer’s report:

Treasurer Karen Huether reported the reconciled account balance as of Mar 1, 2020. A copy of this report is attached to the secretary’s minutes in the club notebook and will be published on line.

V. Corresponding Secretary’s report:

Marilyn Parker was absent so no report was given.

VI. Committee reports:

- A. Shell Show: The SSC Board is meeting Saturday to make preliminary decisions for a Shell Show in 2020. More information to come on this important activity.
- B. Programs: The April program will be members sharing their favorite shell. Each person on zoom will share why this is their favorite shell and how they got it.
- C. Library: Linda has resigned as librarian. Duane Kauffmann is now the librarian. Please contact him if you are interested in obtaining a book from the library.
- D. Historian: Duane’s article was in February Beauii. It’s fun reading what our club was doing 25 and 50 years ago.
- E. Membership: Donna Krusenoski sent an updated membership list to Sally. We now have 126 members who have paid their dues. Sally hopes we can meet in person in the spring and that will increase our membership and interest in our club once we begin in person activities again.
- F. Field trips: Gary Martinez received some surveys back from members. It was firm no member wants to go camping. Snorkeling was high on the interest list. Sally asked again for members to fill it out the survey so we have a idea of what to do next year for field trips. If you haven’t sent in your survey please do soon so plans can be made for future field trips.
- G. Webpage: Nothing was discussed on this agenda item.
- H. Newsletters: Nothing was discussed on this agenda item.
- I. Education report: Lynn apologized for the misspelling in the article on “*Melongena Corona* Title. The April educational article is *Triplofusus giganteus*. The Latin name is used purposely so this mollusk will be a surprise to members.
- J. Sunshine report: Frankie Glover mentioned she hadn’t any information about any ill members. It was mentioned that Donna K. will have surgery next Monday. Frankie will send a card on behalf of the club.
- K. Artisans report: Donna C. shared she is getting ready for the Sarasota County Fair. Response from club members is low. She needs help in manning their booth during the 10 days of the fair. A few people have offered but more volunteers are needed for this activity.

II. Old Business:

A. New draft of By-laws:

1. The vote for approval of the By-Laws will occur at our April meeting. Sally asked members to read this important document sent previously to all members so we all informed of its contents.
2. Fossil Hunt is March 20th. Ron asked members to be there at 8:45 so we can start shelling at 9:00 through 11:00 AM. If you need more information contact Ron directly.
3. Club Picnic will be April 17th. Cost is \$12 each and will be catered by Sonny's Barbeque. They will supply all paper products. You need to bring your own drinks. We will be at the pavilion on at the south end of Coquina Beach on Gulf Drive near the children's playground and bathrooms. We will eat at noon to arrive earlier in the morning. Someone will be at the pavilion by 10:00 AM.
4. Sarasota County Fair is March 19 through 28. Call Donna Cassin if you can give a few hours to this project.
5. Sally asked members to read items she sent on how to improve our club. She would like to have people choose the best 4 or 5 and send these suggestions to her by Saturday morning so she can present them to the Board at the meeting later that day.

III. New Business:

A. COA Convention

Lynn presented information on the convention to be held in Melbourne , FL June 15 to 20th. The Bourse (sale of shells) is on Saturday and Sunday There is a convention fee to attend June 15th through 19th. However, Saturday's and Sunday's Bourse is free. This event was cancelled last year but we are planning for it to be held this year.

- B. SSC Board Meeting: The final Board meeting for the 2020-2021 year will be held Saturday March 13th at 1:00 in the parking lot of the Artisan's Studio.

III. Adjournment:

This meeting was adjourned at 8:03 P.M. by President Sally.

Respectfully Submitted

Lynn Gaulin

Recording Secretary

**News update: The Artisan table at the
Country Fair realized \$1,903.69!
Congratulations to the Artisans and a
BIG THANK-YOU to Donna Cassin
for spearheading this effort!**



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 2020-2021 *The Beauii*.

The Sarasota Shell Club has a NEW Facebook Page (Sarasota Florida Shell Club)

- We need you to go to Facebook and “like” the page. Please go to Facebook and hit this link: <https://www.facebook.com/sarasotafloridashellclub>. Once you are on the page please “like” the page and then click on “follow.” Would you please go do this today?
- When you “follow” our club’s page you’ll be able to see notices about upcoming meetings and events. The more likes we have, the more the page will get seen on Facebook. If you know people who would like to know about shelling you can tag them and invite them to also like the page.
- We can post pictures and shell information on this page to share with each other, too.
- Remember, please go to Facebook and “like” and “follow” today.

Thank you . . . Sue Painter

Officers & Board Members

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

Board Members: Ron Bopp (3), Nancy Cadieux (3), Donna Cassin (2), Carol Mae(2), Donna Krusenoski (1), and Rich Cirrantano (1).

Committee Chairmen

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| 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

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| Club ZOOM Meeting | April 8, 2021 |
| Club Picnic | April 17, 2021 |
| COA Convention (2021) | June 14-21, 2021 |
| Texas Shellers Jamboree | Oct. 15-17, 2021 |
| COA Convention (2022) | June, 2022 |

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

**A 2021
Membership Application
is Attached To This
Newsletter**

Past Presidents of the Sarasota Shell Club

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 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: 2014-2021 |
| 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!

Sarasota Shell Club Renewal/New Application Membership

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

Birth 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: _____

Our Insurance Requires This: 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 _____ / _____