



The Beauí

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!

October is here and we can enjoy some slightly cooler weather for shelling. I hope that some of you took advantage of the tides of the blood moon to shell. I understand that shelling was excellent on many beaches on both the east and west coast of our state. It always seems like I'm working during these opportunities! We have a great speaker this month (see inset) and some wonderful fieldtrips coming up. Please take advantage of these opportunities. Also don't forget to send Mary Jo Bopp your annual dues to renew your membership for the upcoming season. We don't want anyone to miss out on all the fun.

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We are on Facebook! Look up Sarasota Shell Club.

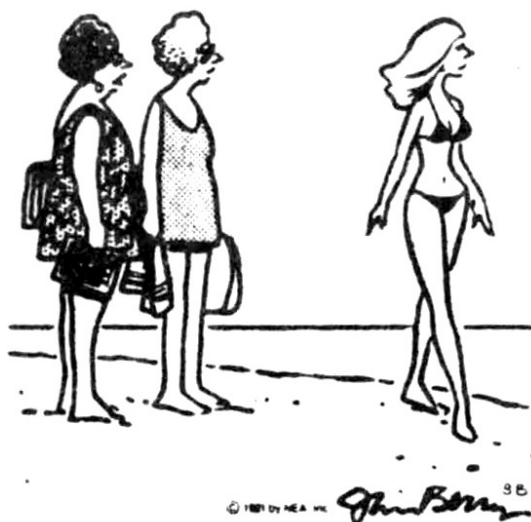
**This meeting
Oct 8 at 7 p.m.
Program by Phyllis
Gray, shell show
exhibitor and judge**

Some members will have shells for sale at the meeting.

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

Jim Berry



Enjoy it while you can, honey! Before you know it, the big deal will be collecting shells.

2015-16 Membership

Mary Jo Bopp

It's time to renew our good times at the club meetings, field trips as well as enjoy the wonderful club newsletter. This involves renewal of your membership. Renewal of your membership is **DUE NOW** and past due at the November meeting. Please fill out your form (found on our website), make a **check** out to SSC for \$15 (single) or \$20 (family) and mail both to me at

Mary Jo Bopp, Membership Chair
5207 10th Ave Dr W
Bradenton, FL 34209



From the Artisans.....

by Donna Cassin

The Artisans are organized in our new work area. Over the summer we moved from the storage unit in Bradenton to the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church at the corner of Proctor Rd. and McIntosh Rd. in



Sarasota.

We work on Thursday mornings from 9AM to 1PM and then "usually" go to lunch at one of the local places. We are happily being creative again as packing, moving and organizing really are not much fun. Anyone interested in seeing what we do, how we do it or just want to see what it's all about...is welcome to stop by on any Thursday morning.

The Artisans are in need of any beach shells that you find and do not want. We also need beach grunge...these are the broken pieces of

shell or worn pieces of shell that are found on the beach.

Yes, we can actually make something of those pieces!!! We can also use broken or old unwanted pieces of jewelry.

And lastly.....we are in need of small shells to put into the small give-away bags for the shell show.

These should be small and in good condition. They should be clean and ready to use. Small calico scallops, small olives, small cockles ...even jingles with good color. We all get too many to keep in our collection...so lets use them for the give-away bags. That way they won't go to waste.

Library

Linda Greiner

Our SSC Library has moved to the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church in Sarasota.

You can view a list of our great books on the Shell Club website www.sarasotashellclub.com

For more information on some of our books go to www.mdm.com.

It would be great to have you join me to browse our library. I can also bring a book to our club meetings. You may want a book to help you with your exhibit at our SSC Shell Show or just educate yourself about shells and marine life. We even have a book "How to Prepare Mollusks for Eating" and some shell craft books. We also have books to help you identify the shells you find on your shelling trips.

Just call me at 941-993-5161 or email me at luvseashells@gmail.com and we can talk about our exciting SSC library books!



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 before the trip goes.



October 17th(Sat) - BEACH AND BREAKFAST. We will meet at the Rod 'n Reel restaurant on the pier at the north end of Anna Maria Island at 7:30 am for breakfast. Then we will shell the north tip of the island. Low tide is about 9:15 am.

October 31st(Sat) – We will meet at the restaurant on Honeymoon Island at 8:30 am and shell through the low tide at 9:10 am. After that we can take the 10 am ferry over to Caladesi Island. The ferry for Caladesi leaves from Honeymoon and is \$14 per person so bring your money with you. They have a concession stand and restrooms on Caladesi.

November 28th(Sat) – Fort Desoto Park on the south end of Pinellas county.

December 14th(Mon) – 9am, **Carefree Learner** leaves out of Marina Jacks in downtown Sarasota. \$5 per person CASH ONLY.

January 11th(Mon) – 8am, **Carefree Learner** leaves out of Marina Jacks in downtown Sarasota. \$5 per person CASH ONLY.

January 23rd(Sat) – New Smyrna Dunes Park on the east coast.

January 26th(Tues) – 8am, **Carefree Learner** leaves out of Marina Jacks in downtown Sarasota. \$5 per person CASH ONLY.

SSC Field Trip

Williams Shell Pit

January 9, 2016

by Ron Bopp



We will have a repeat fossil trip to the Williams Shell Pit led by Gary Schmelz in early January. Gary assures that the fossil material has been

turned over by the pit employees so there should be gobs of opportunity to obtain good specimens. This will be a great time of the year to get out and not have heat stroke.

- Limited to 20 participants (age 16 and over). A waiting list will be kept if we have more than 20 wanting to go.
- A sign-up sheet will be available at the October membership meeting.
- Cost is **\$25.00 (check made out to Gary Schmelz and given to him at site)**
- Meet at **8:30 a.m. on 1/9/16**
- **Meeting site** is at the quarry, on the south side of the road (Route 74) just one mile west of the junction of Route 74 and Hwy 31 south of Arcadia.
- Release forms will be signed at the meeting point
- Identification booklets and name tags will be handed out at that time.
- **Wear** sneakers or boots; long pants, a hat plus bring a trowel, screwdriver or pick to dig with.
- A pay-for-your-own **lunch** will be held afterwards (please let Ron Bopp know if you will attend or not) where Gary will have a fossil drawing and also an opportunity to buy a copy of his new fossil book.
- If you cannot make the October meeting and would like to be on the trip, email Ron Bopp at rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com after the October meeting.

The Glass Squid

Compiled by Cheryl Jacobs
St Petersburg Shell Club Tidelines

The other day I received in the mail a *Cousteau Kids* magazine and inside was a short article called "The Glass Squid



Looks like a balloon!". With a little internet search, I found out some more information.

Wikipedia gave me the classification: Phylum Mollusca, Class Cephalopoda, Family Cranchiidae, and there are 15 Genera with about 60 Species. Wow, for having never heard of glass squid and finding out just how many there were and how big the Class Cephalopoda is. Most live in shallow to mid level waters of all the oceans, where sunlight can penetrate. It is thought that being transparent is part of their camouflage along with their chromatophores (color changing cells). They are characterized by a swollen body and short arms, some are even bioluminescent. The only thing not transparent is their digestive system. They have an ammonia filled chamber that they use for buoyancy and can inflate their body to scare off predators: sharks, dolphins and sea birds. Strange fact: when under attack, they fill their body with water and squirt ink inside, then tuck their head and arms inside.

National Fossil Day

Sat., Oct 3 10 am-4 pm

The South Florida Museum, local and state agencies, organizations and clubs to promote the exploration, education and protection of our ancient past. Guests will meet real paleontologists and geologists who work every day to uncover the secrets fossils reveal about our Earth and the lives that once dwelled on our rocky planet.

Event Features:

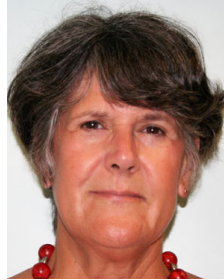
- Junior Paleontologist Badge Program presented by the De Soto National Memorial Park Rangers
- Outdoors Fossil dig for kids! Sponsored by Mosaic
- Fossil Exhibitions from 10:00 - 4:00pm from the Florida Museum of Natural History, Florida Paleontological Society, Florida Fossil Hunters, the Southwest Florida Fossil Society and many others
- Speakers + Workshops
- Special Screening of *Sea Monsters: A Prehistoric Adventure* at 4:15 pm in the Bishop Planetarium



The Eleven Basic Rules of Shelling Etiquette

*by former member Jan McSween
(first published December, 2010)*

- 1.) Shell by yourself. Solo shelling means more for you.
- 2.) If you must shell with a companion, walk in opposite directions.
- 3.) If you must shell with a companion and walk in the same direction, walk faster than your shelling companion.
- 4.) If you must shell with a companion and walk in the same direction at the same speed, observe the 6-ft. radius rule (also known as Shelling Circles) to ensure the equitable distribution of finds. Anything within six feet of you (in any direction) is yours. That's the good news. The bad news is that the same goes for your companion. This necessitates maintaining a minimum distance of 12 feet from your shelling companion at all times.
- 5.) If you notice something of interest in your companion's shelling circle which he/she seems to have overlooked, you may want to:
 - a. Be polite and point it out to your companion.
 - b. Be sneaky and wait until your companion has moved more than 6 feet away from it, then casually saunter over to collect it (nonchalance is essential when employing this tactic) or...
 - c. grab the item in question from under your companion's nose. With this tactic you stand a good chance of losing a friend, or (in the event your quarry happens to be a Junonia), an appendage. Deservedly so.



- 6.) Any shells outside your respective shelling circles are fair game, and the first person to touch these items with his or her toe (Benediction of the Big Toe) gets first refusal. Likewise, shouting, "I don't know what that is, but I saw it first!" earns the shouter first refusal. However, shouting this phrase after your companion is already en route to deliver a toe benediction earns you nothing but a poor shellsmanship award.
- 7.) When shelling at a dredge pipe with other shellers, DO NOT jump in front of the other shellers to grab things shooting out the pipe. Doing so sanctions any punitive actions taken by the other shellers – up to and including the use of force to place your head in the pipe.
- 8.) If your companion finds a particularly outstanding shell, offer congratulations. DO NOT say, "I saw it first." Do not whine, pout, or behave like a two year old. Under no circumstances should you attempt to steal it.
- 9.) If YOU find a particularly outstanding shell, count your blessings and thank the Universe for sending it your way. DO NOT jump up and down while yelling, "Yippy!" or "YES!" or "So THERE!" Doing so is a great (and very quick) way to make people hate you. There is one – and only one – exception to this rule: "OH MY GOD I FOUND A JUNONIA!" is acceptable. Another benefit of solo shelling is the ability to yell whatever you damn well please.
- 10.) Do not offer to "share" multiples of your shells with other shellers. You will forget making the offer, but they will not.
- 11.) Enjoy the process of finding, and revere each find – perfect or otherwise – for the miraculous creation it is.

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Calendar

Please note dates on your own calendars!

Oct 17	Beach & Breakfast Anna Maria
Oct 17-18	Philadelphia Shell Show
	Am Mus Nat Hist
Oct 31	Honeymoon or Caledesi Is. field trip
Nov 7-8	FL Fossil Hunters Fossil Fair
	Central FL Fairgrounds
	Orlando
Nov. 12	SSC Meeting: speaker John Colagrande
Nov 28	Ft DeSoto Park, Pinellas Cty field trip
Dec 5	Holiday party in AFTERNOON!
Dec 14	Carefree Learner field trip
Jan 8-10	Astronaut Trail Shell Show
Jan 16-17	Broward Shell Show
Jan 11	Carefree Learner field trip
Jan 23	New Smyrna Dunes Park (east coast of Florida)
Jan 28	Carefree Learner field trip
Feb 11-13	Sarasota Shell Show
Feb 19-21	St Petersburg Shell Show

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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Sarasota Shell Club Meeting September 10, 2015

Sally Peppitoni, President opened the meeting at the Waldemere Fire Station at 7:05 p.m. Twenty nine members were present and four guests. The program for the evening was "Show and Tell". There were nine members who brought a variety of fossils, oddities, unique and beautiful shells from different countries and also new artisan items.

Minutes of the April meeting were sent out in the Beau. Peggy Williams moved that we accept the minutes as printed, Nancy Marini (2nd), unanimously accepted.

Treasurers Report – Bruce Paulsen noted that since he has tightened the purse strings our balance as of the same time last year has had a good increase. The increase is also partly due to increase in membership renewal.

Shell Show – Sally and Donna Cassin will chair the show this year. Donna encouraged everyone to help out and will be looking for committee leads. She noted the work is not hard it's just a matter of having a good team put together and it all falls into place. The show this year will be Thursday thru Saturday, February 11-13, 2016.

Programs – Nancy announced Phyllis Gray for October and John Cologrande for November. All details will be in the newsletter.

Library – Linda Greiner announced that the Library is now at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church and would love to see members come and use the books. There are many books that can help you with your items for the shell show. A library list is available online.

Historian - Duane Kauffman is still up north. Sally read 50 years ago 14 members were present for the meeting with a treasury balance of \$317.00. Twenty five years ago a dredging trip was discussed.

Membership - Mary Jo Bopp stated we have 105 members currently renewed. A reminder that the liability clause needs to be signed every year as the membership form is only valid for the year you are paying for.

Field Trips - Sally explained all of the trips that she has currently lined up. Sign-up sheets were available. There will be a fossil trip January 9, 2016, all details will be confirmed and posted.

Web Page – Bruce reported this is all up to date.

Newsletter - Please make sure you get any articles to Peggy Williams in a timely manner. Sally also announced that there was a new shell named after Peggy that she had found over 30 years ago.

Sunshine – Karen Ciffin is still up north but can be contacted by e-mail or phone if you'd like her to send a card out.

Artisans – Nancy reported that the group had moved to Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church. We love being there as much as the church loves having us there. We will join in on their bazaar on Nov. 14th and will have an Open House for the members of the church and club on Nov. 15th.

Old Business: Annual donations to charitable organizations were printed in the Beau. Peggy Williams moved that we donate the amounts printed, Bruce Paulsen (2nd), unanimously carried by the members.

New Business: Sally presented another idea for the logo we have been trying to develop. The club members all agreed that we should move forward with these endeavors.

Door Prizes were given out and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Donna Bartels, Recording Secretary