



## Sarasota Shell Club 56th Annual Shell Show February 8-10, 2019

Dear Exhibitor,

The Sarasota Shell Club invites you to exhibit at our 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Shell Show February 8-10, 2019. The show location is at the Potter Building, 2850 Ringling Blvd, right next door to Robarts Arena off Fruitville Road in Sarasota.

***We have made changes to the rules, categories, and awards, so PLEASE READ THIS PACKET CAREFULLY*** to be sure you place your exhibit in the proper category. The Shell Show Chairperson (or designee) reserves the right to move any entry into its proper classification or category. Exhibit space is limited, so we encourage you to submit your entry forms as early as possible.

Available on our website are the **2019 Shell Show Rules, list of awards, categories, and exhibit entry forms**. We hope you will participate in our show and we look forward to receiving your entry form. As you plan the space needed for your exhibit, *please remember to account for any spacing between your cases and any extra space needed for an easel, frame, or anything else that might sit next to your exhibit.* **Measure your exhibit carefully and document your requirements accurately.** Once our layout is made, it is difficult to change it the day of the show set up.

**Entry forms must be received by January 10, 2019. Email entries will be accepted and should be sent to:**

- **Artistic entries:** Rosanne Roble at [rosanneroble@gmail.com](mailto:rosanneroble@gmail.com).
- **Scientific entries:** Bruce Paulsen at [sarasotashellclub@gmail.com](mailto:sarasotashellclub@gmail.com).

**Snail mail addresses are on the entry forms. All email entries will be acknowledged within one week. Any snail mail entries will receive an acknowledgement within two weeks. If you have not received an acknowledgement within this time, please follow up with Shell Show Co-Chairperson, Bruce Paulsen.**

On Saturday, Feb. 9, after the show closes, we will have an “Awards Dinner” honoring the judges, award winners, and all exhibitors. The dinner will be held at the Homewood Suites, 3470 Fruitville Rd, Sarasota, about one-half mile east of the Potter Building. We invite all exhibitors to join us for a relaxing evening of delicious food, friendship and fun. Please contact Nancy Marini at 941-758-9790 for reservations.

We have reserved a limited number of hotel rooms for our show at The Homewood Suites, which is conveniently located near the Potter Building. When you register, just mention “Sarasota Shell Club Shell Show” for your special rate of only \$179 per night, plus taxes and fees. You can call Homewood Suites directly at 941-365-7300.

**Please bring your exhibits to the Potter Building on Thursday, February 7 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. You may park behind the building and bring your exhibits in one of two sets of double doors. Exhibits not in place by 4 p.m. will NOT be accepted for judging. We recommend that you bring a cart to use.**

**SPECIAL NOTE: All exhibitors must be off the auditorium floor by 2 p.m. on Friday as this is when the judging will commence. Any exhibitor who approaches or speaks to a judge on Friday during judging will be disqualified.**

All exhibitors and Sarasota Shell Club members are encouraged to spend time at the show volunteering at various assignments as time permits. We take pride in being friendly to all exhibitors and hope you will consider joining us at the awards banquet Saturday night.

Sincerely,

Rosanne Roble, Artistic Chairperson

Bruce Paulsen, Scientific Chairperson