

The Beauii



A newsletter published by the
Sarasota Shell Club

www.Sarasotashellclub.com

We meet on the 2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm
(September to April)

Room 206, Albritton Center
Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church
4826 McIntosh Rd
Sarasota, FL

October, 2022 Edition

Ramblings from the presidential suite . . .

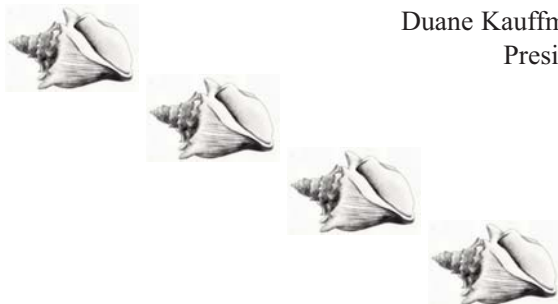
October. Canada Geese and human snowbirds (including the SSC president) begin to head south. And SSC prepares for fall activities. You will not want to miss the Oct. 13 regular meeting where the program will be by a member of Sarasota Bay Watch. Come and hear what is being done to ensure that the Bay waters remain healthy (and that snails and bivalves will find it a comfortable home in which they can live and reproduce). In addition, we hope to have a few surprises, a couple of interviews, and a “don’t miss it” raffle.



You will also want to check your calendars and interests concerning Club field trips. Caspersen Beach in Venice (shark’s teeth anyone) is scheduled for Oct. 27; Boca Grande (south of Englewood) is scheduled for Nov. 10. And make sure the Shell Show is on your February schedule.

You should also know that the SSC Board has been working behind the scenes to carry on the conceptual and logistical work of the club. We are committed to meeting the needs and desires of members; diverse though they are. To be sure, grumbling is a time honored (dishonored?) organizational reality. But an organization can seldom fix things that are in individual brains and/or subgroup closets. Elsewhere in the Beauii you will find a list of Board members. Bring your issues and concerns to them. We may not be able to fix them all (no we cannot alter the track of hurricanes), but we will give them our best shot.

Duane Kauffmann
President



Important . . . Same Location New Building

Yes, we are still meeting at Bee Ridge Church at 4826 McIntosh Road, Sarasota.

However, our meetings will be in the Albritton Center, Room 206. This is the administration building for the church, and there is ample parking. Our first meeting will be Thursday, October 13th at 7:00 P. M.

The benefits are many with the membership of Sarasota Shell Club. We have informational meetings along with camaraderie, field trips, scientist members that can aid with identification of your shells, the Artisans that will help train you in the art of shell crafts with inexpensive materials, and an extensive library for you to use.

MAKE & TAKE

— Holiday Ornaments —

The Artisans will have a class starting at 4:00 pm before the October 13th meeting. We will be there to assist you in the Artisan Studio. It will be \$5.00 for each ornament made, all supplies included. You may bring a friend if you would like as the price is the same.

From the Treasurer

When renewing your membership please
make your check out to “SSC.”
No cash please!

Officers & Board Members

President	Duane Kauffmann
Vice-President	Carol Mae
Treasurer	Alan Banko
Recording Secretary	open*

Board Members: Sally Peppitoni (3); Karen Huether (2); Donna Krusenoski (2); Rich Cirrantano (2); Ron Bopp (1); Nancy Cadieux (1);

Committee Chairmen

Artisans	tba
<i>The Beauii</i>	Ron Bopp
Historian	open*
Field Trips	Gary Martinez
Librarian	open*
Membership	Lisa Kinney
Shell Show	Sally Peppitoni
Sunshine	Frankie Grover
Webmaster	Bruce Paulsen

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- * **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.

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*.

A 2022-2023
Membership application is
attached to this Newsletter

Artisans

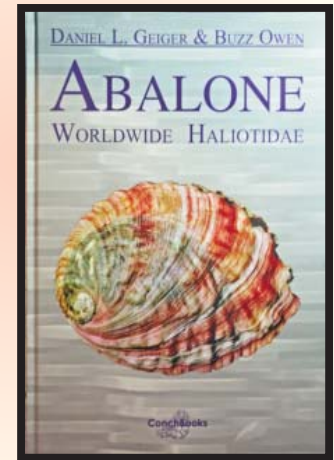
The Artisans, as the name implies is the artistic community associated with Sarasota Shell Club. You are welcome to come and join them. Dates in September are the 8th, 15th., 22nd., and 29th. All meetings are Thursday's at 10:00 A. M. The location is at Bee Ridge Church in the small building bordering Proctor Street. You can also join them prior to our October meeting for a fun "make and take" Creative items made by the Artisans are for sale at Coastal Flow, 7216 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

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.mdmshellbooks.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 (Senior Librarian)

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.

Mark Your Calendars — — — Save The Dates

We look forward to seeing you at all our events. “Eyeball” this space in each issue for additions, more information or changes.

- Oct. 13 :pm.“Make and Take” with the Artisans, located in small building
7:00pm General meeting, Guest speaker: John Ryan—Sarasota Bay Watch
- Oct. 13 Empty stocking donations
- Oct. 27 Field Trip: Caspersen Beach
- Nov. 10 Field Trip: Boca Grande
- Nov. 10 7:00 P.M; General meeting: guest speaker: Steven Koski—Sarasota archaeologist
Amy Bently-club speaker-Shell Camp
Silent Auction at meeting-Artisans
Empty stocking donations
- Dec. 8 Holiday Party at Bird Key Yacht Club
- Dec. 9 Carefree Learner Field Trip; 7:00 A.M.
- Dec. 13 Field Trip; Honeymoon Island
- Jan.10 Carefree Learner Field Trip:7 :30 A.M.
- Jan. 12 7:00 P.M. General meeting Guest speaker: Dr. Sandra Gilchrist from New College
- Jan. 24 Field Trip: Keewaydin Island
- Feb. 6 Carefree Learner Field Trip: 7:00A.M.
- Feb. 10 &11 Sarasota Shell Show
Awards Dinner at Bangkok Restaurant
- Feb. 16 Sea shells & Mardi Gras with Chef Jim at Publix Aprons
- Feb. 21 Field Trip; Kice Island
- March 9 General meeting; 7:00 P.M. Guest speaker: Clair Beckman—”Shells Around the World”
- March Sarasota County Fair: Dates TBA
- March Field Trip TBA; Bahamas, Puerto Rico, Eleuthera (possible)
- April 13 7:00 pm General meeting, Guest speaker TBA

Updates from the Artisans

Join the Artisans before our general meeting on October 13th. at 4:00P.M. for a “make and take” shell art project featuring Christmas ornaments. Artisan meeting dates in October are the 6th., 13th, 20th., and 27th. at 10:00A.M.

In October projects will be but not limited to making items for the silent auction at our general meeting, Nov. 10th.

Fun Historical Fact-Mrs. Thomas A. Edison did shell projects using them for place cards, napkin holders, and decorations for her parties.



From The Membership Chair

Hello fellow shell club members! My name is **Lisa Kinney** and I have accepted the position of **Membership Chair**, replacing Donna Krusenoski. I have a passion for seashells and I am also part of the artisan group. I am so excited to see all of you again at our next meeting. I will have a table set up and can take memberships the night of the meeting or by mail in. Be sure to mention the shell club to all of your friends and family as well as to shell collectors you meet at the beach. I would like to see us increase our memberships and help the club grow. I would welcome any suggestions you may have on how we can attract more new members. See you soon!

Contact Information: Lisa Kinney
941-587-9753
purplesurfseashells@gmail.com

September Speaker

by
Carol Mae



Paula Dwyer’s presentation concerning the Giant African Land Snail was very informative. It was one of the first times I have heard one of our guest speakers receive applause. She also provided us with displays of other Florida snails.

Paula has contacted me, concerning sending specimens of the giant snail for SSC. At this conjecture, we cannot be positive since all deceased snails must be sterilized prior to handling. Paula will keep me informed of any possibilities.

URGENT MESSAGE

Sarasota Shell Club Member(s) Needed!

Our shell club needs members to fill the following, important positions. Please consider volunteering for one of these:

**Secretary
Historian
Librarian**

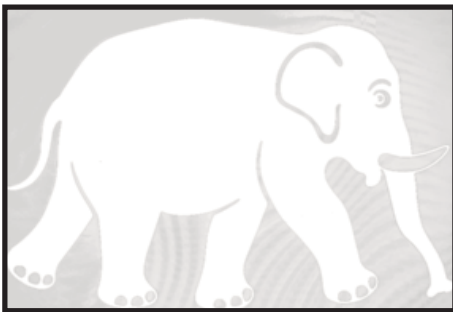
Contact President Duane Kauffmann at
duanerk@goshen.edu for more information.

JUST FOR FUN

Did you know that the birth shell for the month of October is the baby's ear? Supposedly, people who have the baby's ear for their birth shell have a great understanding of life's possibilities. They are charming diplomatic, and idealistic with hope and healing possibilities.

Space

No, I am not writing about outer space but the space in our new meeting room.



In case, did anyone notice, we have a sectional sofa in one corner (which stays) and two “white elephants” in the other corner? The “white elephants” are a ping pong table and a pool table, which the church is hoping to sell. Do you know of anyone? I can put you in touch with the appropriate people. In the meantime, space for setting up tables is limited. It would be very helpful, if a table is needed to contact me ahead of time and so I can attempt to be creative and accommodate your needs. Contact info is: carolmmae@gmail.com

Once the “white elephants” have gone on safari, the room should work just fine for our meeting needs.

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A Joke

Where do Shellfish go to borrow money?
To the prawn broker.

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The Editor's Advice:

Don't insult the alligator until you've crossed the river!

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A Cosmetic Revolution . . . Snail Slime!

Check this out:

Snail Farming and snails for the skin: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=5hbenumAaJM>

The screen shots below are just some of the interesting photos included in this youtube presentation.



Past Presidents of the Sarasota Shell Club

Jack Oberle: 1963-1965,
1968-1968, 1972-1974
Louise Danforth: 1965-1967
Franck Rinck: 1967-1968
Thomas Robertson: 1969-1970
Evelyn Bradley: 1970-1972
Charles Hertweck: 1974-1979
Peggy Williams: 1980-1982,
1988-1989, 1992-1994,
2001-2002, 2005-2007

Vi Hertweck: 1982-1984
Richard Forbush: 1984-1985
June Bailey: 1985-1987,
1995-1997, 2002-2003
Bob Hansen: 1987-1988
Beverly Chouinard: 1989-1991
Bonnie Christophel: 1990-1992
Pat Amsel: 1994-1995
Debra Ingrao: 1997-1998
Cathy Aschliman: 1998-1999

Cathy Hollar: 1999-2001
2003-2004
Bob Horton: 2004-2005
Joanne Chmielewski: 2007-2010
Ron Bopp: 2010-2012
Dennis Sargent: 2012-2014
Sally Peppitoni: 2014-2022
Duane Kauffmann: 2022-2023

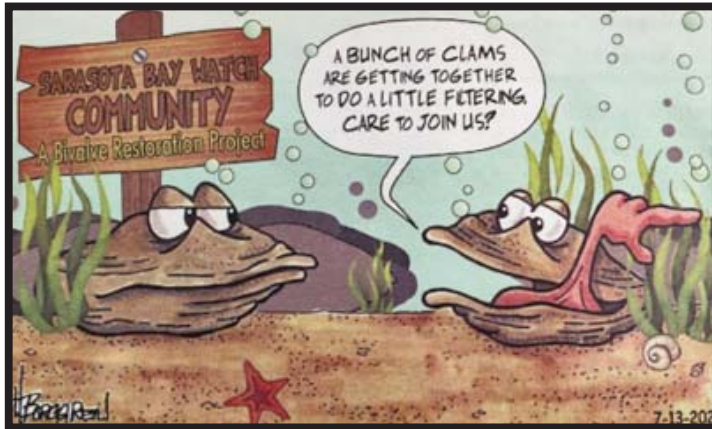
HOLIDAY EMPTY STOCKING

Many thanks to our kind members that voted to support Bee Ridge Presbyterian Empty Stocking project for the holidays. This is the first time we have participated, so proud of our members for their positive vote. Holiday items can be larger than what would fit in a Holiday stocking. This is for ages infant to middle/high school age. Items for fun can be toys, books, games, fingernail polish, small purses or wallets, etc. The children can also use items such as socks, toothbrushes, toothpaste, hair brushes. We can use our imagination and since it is almost Halloween, stores are putting out their holiday merchandise. At our October and November meetings, there will be an area where the items can be left. Another option would be gift cards from places like Walmart, Target, Costco, or some other store. For the convenience of our “Snowbirds” or if you prefer gift cards can be mailed to; Dawnmarie or Pastor Terrie Jo. Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church, 4826 McIntosh Road, Sarasota, Florida 344233



SARASOTA BAY WATCH

We are truly honored to have John Ryan speak to our group. John is one of the co-founders of Sarasota Bay Watch, a very active environmental group here in our area of Florida. John has been an environmental activist in Sarasota County for over 33 years. He has been involved in a wide variety of work including bay and creek water quality, seagrass, storm water drainage, and the “clampaign” project.



John will speak about the SBW clam restoration project and some of the historical work involving an attempt to restore scallops to the bay. Many of these issues involve water quality in the bay, which of course, affect our seashells.

Sarasota Bay Watch is an all-volunteer group and some of our SSC members have volunteered for some of their projects. Beverly Root and Carol Mae have been involved with the Sister Keys clean-up and scallop count. Beverly Root and her husband helped with the clam restoration project.

Historian’s Report

50 Years Ago

There are no minutes for an October 1972 meeting in the club archives.

25 Years Ago

Debbie Ingrao called the October 9, 1997 meeting of the Sarasota Shell Club to order at 7:30 in the Mote Marine Science Center. Thirty members and were present. The treasurer reported a balance of \$4400.

Peggy Williams won 3 blue ribbons at Orlando Show. Request by newsletter editor for content to be published. Adopt-a-beach was a success.

The “very informative” educational talk by Bill Clendenin provided tips on collecting on beaches, in tide pools, on grass flats, and while snorkeling.

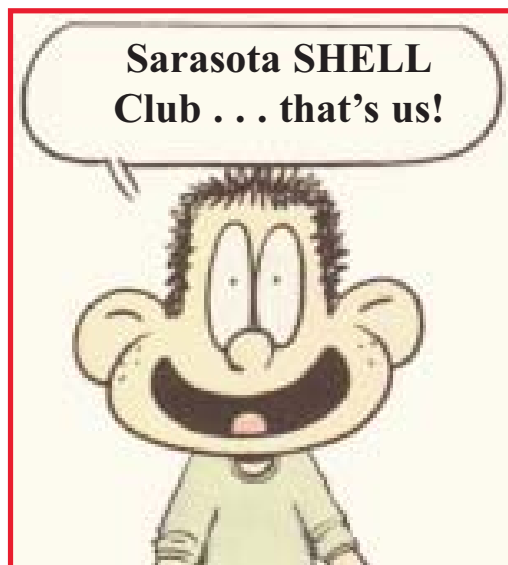
For the program, Anne Joffe from Sanibel, gave a talk and conducted a workshop on making Christmas ornaments.

Duane Kauffmann

Notice—All Sarasota Shell Club Members

This is the time to send in your entry form for our 2023 shell show. Even if you haven't completed the entry you can estimate the amount of space you will need. Note that the deadline is different this year than from the past—it has been moved up to December 18, 2022, not the usual mid-January time frame.

This applies to both the artistic portion as well as the scientific portion. Send your artistic entry(s) to Sally Peppitoni at shellmaniac8@gmail.com and your scientific entry(s) to Ron Bopp at rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com



Sarasota Shell Club — 2022-2023 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

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

Lisa Kinney, Membership Chairman

1338 Georgetown Circle

Sarasota, Florida 34232

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 Room 206, Albritton Center,
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4826 McIntosh Road, Sarasota, Florida**

(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: sarsotashellclub@gmail.com

(To be filled in by the Membership Committee)

Renewal New Member

Amount paid _____ Date _____

Check # _____ Cash

Card Badge info. filed