

The Beauvi



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Sarasota Shell Club

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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

December, 2022 Edition

Ramblings from the presidential suite . . .

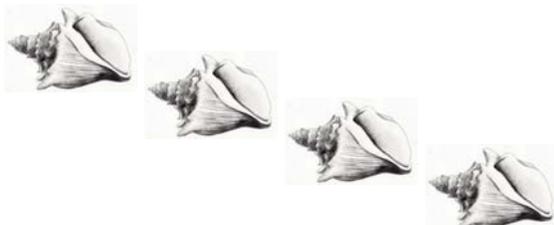
December has arrived and the year 2022 is rapidly coming to its conclusion. But that does not mean that SSC is going to slow down and ease its way into 2023. On the contrary there are a busy couple of weeks before we take time to exhale and enjoy the end of the year holidays.



Even though we do not have a regular membership meeting in December, the Christmas party with its not-to-be-missed auction arrives on December 10. The first Carefree Learner trip precedes the party by one day. Sally will provide information to those who are signed up for that trip on the 9th. It will be interesting to see how Ian affected the flora and fauna of the normal Carefree collecting sites. And Gary has a field trip to Honeymoon Isle scheduled for the 13th.

You should also know that SSC has very recently been the beneficiary of a very generous donation of shells and corals. Many thanks to Bruce P and Sally P for making the trek to retrieve the boxes holding this wealth of very desirable specimens. I have had the privilege of reviewing and pricing these treasures. If we can work out the logistics I hope to create an opportunity for SSC members to see and buy before they are taken to the Club table at the Shell Show. Stay tuned.

I hope you will indulge me as I close with a few non-shell related words about Christmas and the New Year. While I hope that 2022 has provided some good memories for each of you, it has also had for many of our SSC members times of stress, sickness, and loss. Into the midst of this bittersweet ending of 2022 come the gifts, meals, gatherings of friends and relatives, and a late night celebration December 31.



SHELLABRATION time!

59th ANNUAL SHELL SHOW 2023

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR

February 8th through 12th

1. Please read the overview on each specific form at the monthly meetings & sign-in based on your interest(s) & availability.
2. Contact Nancy Cadieux (941-228-1758) if you have questions or would like to discuss further
3. Verbal & detailed written instructions will be provided before each shift as needed.

Thank you for supporting YOUR Sarasota Shell Club!

Whether or not you are a person for whom Christmas has deep spiritual meaning, and whether or not you make New Year's resolutions, I hope you will join me in a commitment to do whatever one can to build bridges of understanding across deep canyons of difference, to respond in appropriate ways to those who may be in distress, and to (in the spirit of the season) do whatever one can to bring "peace on earth, good will to all."

Duane Kauffmann
President

From the Treasurer

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

See Page 14 for three Important Messages

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	Frankie Grover
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*.

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.

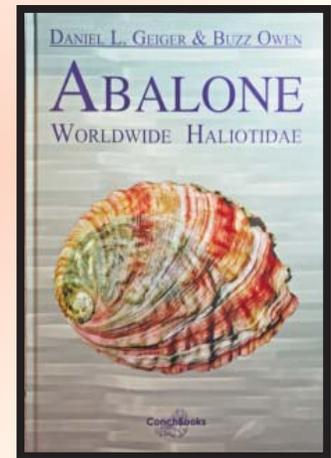
**A 2022-2023
Membership application is
attached to this Newsletter**

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 Frankie Grover at 952-250-1481 or frankiejogro@gmail.com 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!



Frankie Grover

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.

- 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: Steve Koski
 Sarasota archaeologist
- 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

Historian’s Report

50 and 25 Years Ago

The Club archives have no minutes for December 1972 or December 1997. Apparently what happened at the Christmas party was either

- (a) **not worth recording,**
- (b) not recorded due to **neglect or incapacity** of Club secretary, or
- (c) of such **ribald character** as to best be lost to history.

Duane Kauffmann

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**

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

EMPTY STOCKING FILLED TO THE TOP

Beverly, Lynn, and Amy are holding our filled stocking. The stocking(sack) was so heavy it took two people to carry it to the church office! We received a “thank you” from Pastor Teri Jo Crego thanking us for the gifts for the kid-dos. The gifts are appreciated and will bring a smile to some Hurricane Ian affected children.



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 rbopp@tampabay.rr.com

Painted Bivalves by Carol Mae

Did anyone see the TV news report about the artist that paints bivalves and then leaves them at a beach for people to find? I saw the news report and thought what a cute idea but this is happening way south of where I reside, never thinking I would ever find one. I was walking Broadway Beach on Longboat Key and SURPRISE, there was a painted bivalve. The magical artist had been there! I actually found two, but left the other one to bring a smile to someone else's face. So, look carefully, you may end up with a big smile on your face and a story to tell!



Guest Speakers

We were so fortunate to have as our guest speakers last month, two of our SSC members, Amy Bentley and her sidekick, Gary Martinez. The presentation about Shell Camp was invigorating and generated many questions from the audience. We may have a few more members attending Shell Camp in the future.



January's guest speaker will be Dr. Sandra Gilchrist, from New College, along with some of her students. Do you remember the donations we have made to New College? Dr. Gilchrist and her students will present some of their marine research. This will be our "donation dollars at work" presentation.



JINGLE, JINGLE, JINGLE

Of course, the December birth shell is the jingle. You can find them in colors of white, black, yellow, orange, or even pink. Place the jingles you have collected in a jar and shake for the "jingle sound." People with this December birth shell are supposed to be strong, steady, and durable.

ASK AN ARTISAN



Ask an artisan about individual or group classes. You may bring friends for fun and have the opportunity to create some beautiful shell art work. Maybe you have a box or some other object you would like to bring and decorate. The Artisans are meeting every Thursday at 10:00 A.M. in the small building at Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church, 4826 McIntosh Road, Sarasota. December meeting dates are the 1st., 8th., and the 15th. Lovely, creative, shell art work made by the Artisans is available for purchase at Coastal Flow, 7216 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

KEEWAYDIN

SSC announces field trip to Keewaydin Island| Date: Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023

Keewadyin Island is a barrier island located within the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Reserve. It is bordered by an inland waterway to the east and the Gulf of Mexico to the west. The island is currently 15% privately owned and 85% public lands. The island is only accessible by boat - there are no cars, bridges, or roads which keep the beaches, waters, and land primitive. A variety of wildlife is able to reproduce and occupy the island such as white-tailed deer, wild boar, sea turtles, birds, seashells, crabs, wild plants, and grasses. In order to keep this land pristine, there are numerous conservatory efforts ongoing so it is important that visitors treat and respect the island as they would their own. It is crucial that all garbage and waste is taken off the island with you. Do not take any live seashells and do not cut or pull out any vegetation. Summertime is turtle nesting season, please make sure you stay on the designated paths and do not disturb or touch any of the nests.

A Favorite Trip

- Each of the last few years, the club has made a very successful field trip to the island
- The extensive exposed flats and shallow inlet provide a remarkable opportunity to see both living mollusks and collect empty shells
- The island is accessible only by boat. We have been using the very reliable Hemingway Water Shuttle out of the Rose Marina on Marco Island



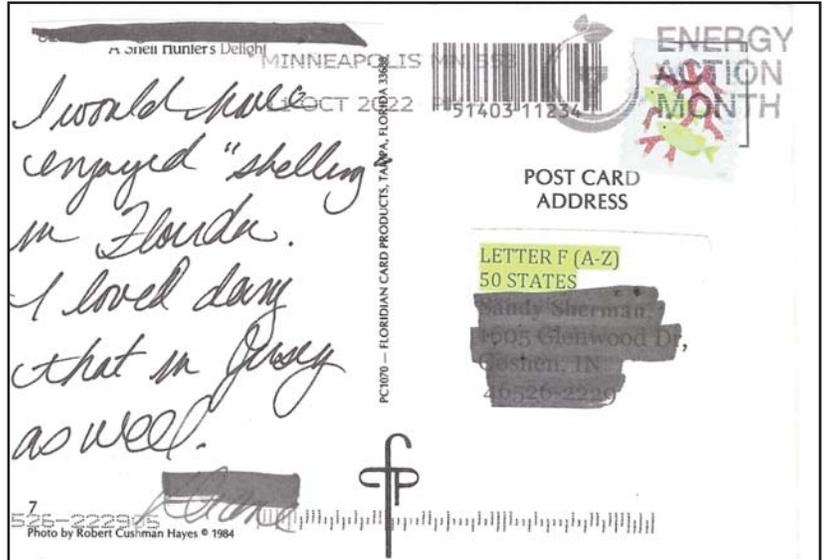
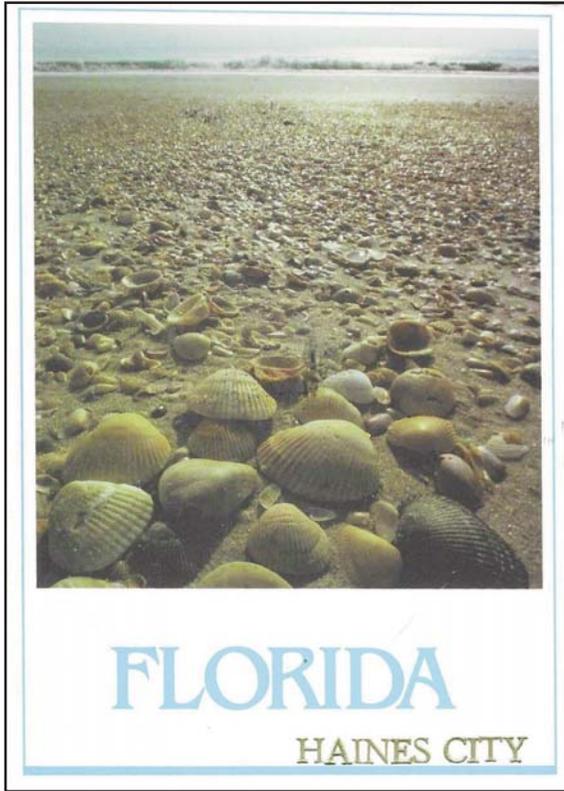
Details of the Trip

- The boat will leave the marina no later than 7:30 am on Tuesday, January 24.
- There is ample parking at the marina
- The ride out provides an opportunity to observe other early risers enjoying the outdoors as well as land and marine wildlife in the mangroves.
- At 7:30, it will be dark and possibly quite cool, so dress accordingly. You most likely will want to wade in the inlet and runnels which contain sharp pieces of shell. Wear foot gear with sturdy soles.
- Shellers frequently find large whelk and horse conch shells so it's a good idea to have a container big enough to hold them such as 5 gallon bucket.
- We will get a time to be back on the boat between 11:00 am and 12:00 noon.
- Many participants choose to stay for lunch together. There are good places to eat within walking distance of the marina.



- The cost will be \$52.10 per person. **This does not include the tip.** Please make your check payable to Sarasota Shell Club and give it to Allen Banko, either in person or mail it to him at P.O. Box 4124, Sarasota, FL 34230-4124. Checks must be received by December 8 and are non-refundable unless the trip is canceled by the club or the boat captain. In the event you have paid and are unable to go you will be responsible to find an alternate to go and refund your payment directly to you. Also, make sure your club membership is paid.
- Notify Gary Martinez at (310) 347-8942 or yonsider@msn.com you are planning to go.
- Val, of Hemingway Water Shuttle, would like to know as soon as possible how many people from Sarasota Shell Club plan to go on the trip, so please reserve your spot promptly and notify Gary Martinez of your intentions. The boat holds up to 20 people after which we will create a wait list.

A Postcard from the Past . . .



Not a really old postcard but a scallop’s-eye view of a Florida beach and, if you can read through the marked-out address, one can see it was directed to Goshen, IN. Do we know anyone from Goshen? Duane?

Notice!

There are still openings for the Carefree Learner trip into Sarasota Bay on December 9. Please let Sally Peppitoni (941-720-3810) know if you would like to go!

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

Sarasota Shell Club

Meeting Minutes

Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church

November 10, 2022, 7:00 p.m.

1. The meeting was called to order by President Duane Kauffmann at 7 p.m. Twenty-nine members and 1 guest were present.
2. The president welcomed the group and thanked them for coming so soon after the passage of Tropical Storm Nicole.
3. The program was given by Amy Bentley (assisted by Gary Martinez) members of SSC. The program focused on their attendance at Shell Camp on Kice Island. Photographs of the camp and shelling sites were provided along with narration about camp experiences. Club members responded positively to such a shell immersive experience. The downsides appear to be no-see-ums and cost.
4. The extended break allowed for silent auction bids and sign-ups for shell show and field trips.
5. The raffle was held early to accommodate personnel involved.
6. Treasurer's report indicated good month and a balance of \$23,721.
7. The education report by Bradford Andrews was cancelled due to illness. He will report in January.
8. Nancy Cadieux noted the sign-up for the Christmas party at Bird Key Yacht Club. She also solicited volunteers for the shell show.
9. The upcoming field trips were noted, including 3 trips on the Carefree Learner. Information on location and dates can be found in the *Beauii*. Informational flyers are also sent prior to upcoming trips.
10. The artisans report they are "working."
11. The interview with Beverly Root focused on her regrets at overlooking collecting options when she was younger and her favorite shelling sites and experiences.
12. The science minute report focused on (a) the a recent report of a 507 year old cold water clam, and (b) the body of research showing that the increasing acidity of marine waters may make it difficult for shelled species to build adequate shells.
13. Interspersed in the above activities were brief reports/announcements/requests concerning: (a) COA meeting in late May in Wilmington, NC, (b) the need for club secretary, historian, shell show volunteers.
14. Adjournment at 8:40.

Duane Kauffmann
Recorder pro tem

SARASOTA SHELL CLUB

ANNOUNCES FIELD TRIP TO

HONEYMOON ISLAND

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2022

EXPERIENCES AND AMENITIES

Welcome to Honeymoon Island State Park. Soak along the Osprey Trail to see an osprey's nest or listen for the call of the great horned owl. Soak up the sun on the four miles of sandy beach. Kayak into St. Joseph Sound or fish for snook in Hurricane Pass. Enjoy the many recreational activities available in this beautiful 2,870-acre park.

Swimming, fishing and nature study are favorite pastimes of the over 300,000 people who visit each year. To enjoy the beauty of nature, walk one of the two nature trails that wind through the pine and mangrove forests. Keep your eyes open for ospreys and gopher tortoises, as this is their habitat.

Pets are welcome to enjoy the beach in the designated Pet Beach area. Honeymoon Island has one of the few beaches in Pinellas County to allow pets on the beach. For the safety and enjoyment of all visitors, pets must be on a leash no longer than six feet in length and under your control at all times.

If you're looking for great fishing, head to the south end of the island. Hurricane Pass, formed by a hurricane in 1921, is a good location for saltwater snook. Other species that may be caught include trout, redfish, pompano and shark.

Honeymoon Island is a beautiful location for beachside events. The staff at Honeymoon management can serve as an event planner, arranging everything from flowers and music to the menu and ambiance.



The Experience

- There is an \$8 fee per vehicle to enter the park, \$4 for unaccompanied drivers.
- We will gather at 8:15 a.m. in the parking lot on the north side of the public restrooms building between Oasis Beach and the North Beach (last parking lot).
- A negative low tide will occur at approximately 9:00 am. This beach can get busy especially near the parking lots, so it will be important to be out there as early as possible.
- Shells may be found by beach-combing and wading in the shallow water.
- At 11:00 we can gather for lunch at Café Honeymoon, the park's food service, offering beach-style food and alcohol, or one of the near-by eateries across the causeway, such as Café al Fresco or Hurricane Eddy's. Check out the menus and let me know if you have a preference or would like to suggest another place.
- Please notify Gary Martinez at (310) 347-8942 or yonsider@msn.com if you are interested in joining this trip, or if you have any questions.

Honeymoon Island is a barrier island just north of Caladesi Island in Dunedin. It is joined to the mainland by a causeway and has been a state park since 1981. This largely undeveloped island is home to endangered species of plants, as well as many kinds of birds. Rattlesnakes have been found to inhabit the interior. Offshore, seagrass beds provide shelter for many kinds of mollusks and other sea life, which frequently wash ashore.

Options

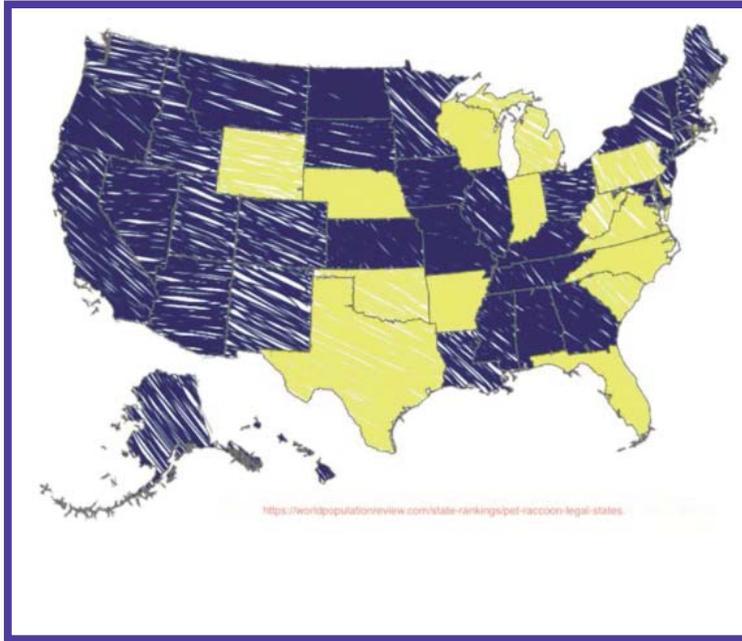
- Visit the park website to get a good idea of the activities and services the park offers.
- There are miles of beach to explore, including sandy stretches, as well as stony patches and areas studded with sharp spikes. If you enter these areas make sure you have appropriate footwear and use extreme caution to avoid injury. Always look before you step and don't get distracted by shiny objects.



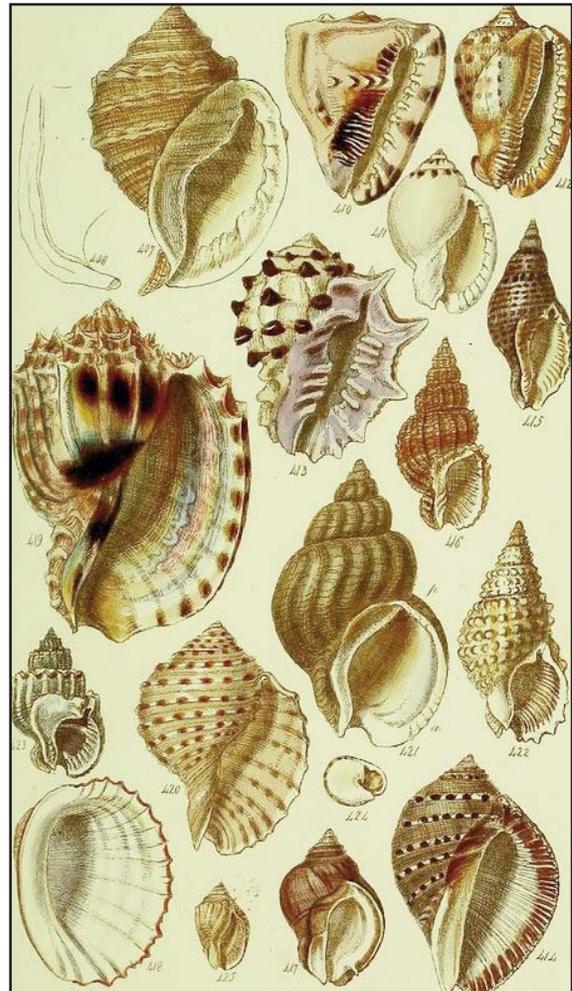
From the Editor . . .

. . . You shouldn't wrestle with pigs . . . you both will get dirty and the pigs will love it!

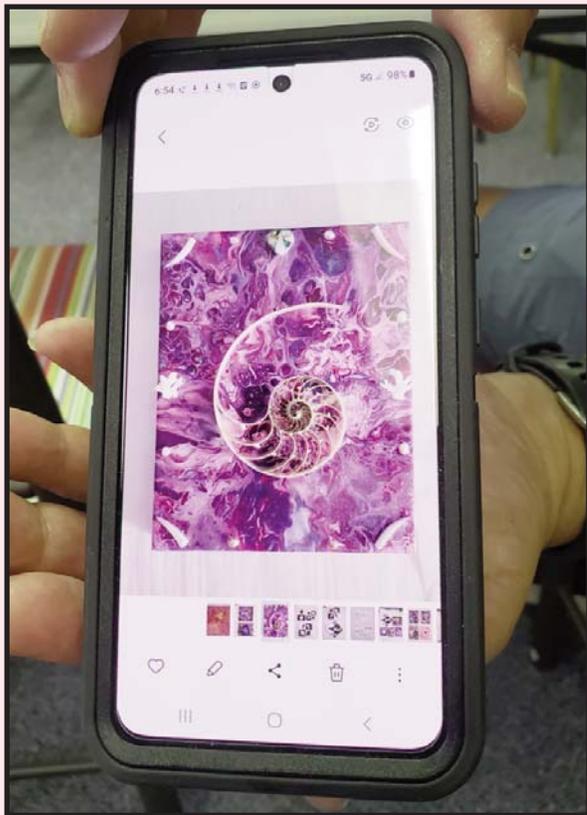
Below . . . states (in yellow) that allow home ownership of raccoons.



Historic shell prints from *A Conchological Manual*, circa 1839



November Meeting Memories



Three Important Messages:

1. Sponsors needed for **Shell Show Trophys!** Each year the club awards winning displays a trophy. The trophies cost the club and in the past many, if not all, have been sponsored by club members. The following awards need sponsors . . . recommended donations are \$50.00 for a trophy (may split sponsorship with another member) and \$25.00 for Special Awards (beautiful, large rosette ribbons). Explanation of the qualifications for each award may be found on the SSC 2023 Shell Show website. Please notify Linda Greiner of your intent to sponsor a particular trophy and make a check out to “SSC” and give or send to Alan Banko (12930 Basilica Drive, Venice, Florida 34293)

Major Scientific Awards

Mote Gold Trophy—sponsored

DuPont Trophy—given by the Delaware Museum of Natural History

Conchologist of America Trophy—given by the COA

Special Scientific Awards

Sarasota Shell Club Members Award—need sponsorship

Best Self-Collected Exhibit Award—sponsored

Best Small Scientific Exhibit Award—need sponsorship

Charles and Violet Hertweck Fossil Award—need sponsorship

Robert and JoAnn Morrison Young Scientist Award—sponsored

Peggy Williams Award—sponsored

Nancy Marini Award—need sponsorship

Major Artistic Awards

Fran Schlusemann Best of Shell Flower Art—need sponsorship

Best of Art with Shell Motif—need sponsorship

June Bailey Best of Member’s Art—need sponsorship

Donna and Tom Cassin Award—need sponsorship

Nancy and Armand Marini Award—need sponsorship

Hank and Fran Schlusemann Award—need sponsorship

Donna and David Timmermann Professional/Commercial Artistic Award—sponsored

Special Awards (Rosette Ribbons)

Shell of the Show—need sponsorship

Shell of the Show (self-collected)—need sponsorship

Fossil Shell of the Show—need sponsorship

Most Beautiful Exhibit—need sponsorship

Judges Special Merit Award (four)—need sponsorship

Best of Commercial/Professional Art—need sponsorship

People’s Choice Award (two)—need sponsorship

2. Just a reminder that the deadline for the **Holiday Dinner** is November 30th. Call or text Nancy Cadieux at 941-228-1758. Consult the November *Beauii* for more details. Make the check payable to SSC and mail to:

Nancy Cadieux
6971 Easton Ct
Sarasota, FL 34238

3. If possible, wear your SSC Name Tags to the **Holiday Dinner**.



Merry Christmas
&
A Happy New Year

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: _____

Birth 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:

- _____
- _____

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,
Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church,
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.cm

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