

The Beauvii



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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

January, 2020 Edition

From the Prez



Happy New Year!

I hope everyone has survived the holidays and is enjoying a brand new year! Let's get things started off right with a fantastic shell show in February! We will have sign up sheets for volunteers and sponsors for awards available. We really need all hands-on deck this year. Donna Cassin is no longer able to physically participate due to health problems so the board is relying on everyone to step up and take part by volunteering to help in all capacities. We will need members to help with some food donations (more about that at the meeting) sell tickets, man the club table and Duane's shell table. We need volunteers on Wednesday before the show to help with the table cloths, we need people to help with measuring spacing for the scientific and for artisan's exhibits (very important, obviously!), also, to load and unload the truck both before and after the show.

PLEASE help in whatever way you can!

Regarding field trips: At this point in our season, I will be looking to reschedule the Boca Grande trip again in either March or April. Also, if anyone is interested in trying Peanut Island again this year, please let me know, otherwise I won't schedule one. I am looking at a possible overnight trip to Key Largo. If anyone would be interested, tell me so I can determine if it is worth the effort to plan.

Sally Peppitoni, President

Field Trips in 2020

Information on field trips may
be found on page 2.

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Happy, Happy New Year!

A 2019-2020 Membership Form is on the back page—Give one to a Friend!

Field Trip information and updates:

***Always make sure I have your cell phone number when you sign up for a trip!

Sunday, January 12th, 2020

Keewaydin Island – low tide is 8:35 am at -0.8 ft. This island is just north of Marco and only accessible by boat. We have a woman who has a big pontoon boat who is willing to take us out early on Sunday but only if we fill the boat (20-22 people). The cost is \$50 per person. **PLEASE SIGN UP FOR THIS TRIP!** This is another place we haven't been, at least not in a long time. **Trip Filled!**

Carefree Learner Trips onto Sarasota Bay

Please remember to pay \$5 CASH ONLY when you sign up!

Friday, January 10th, 2020 – low tide is 7:21 am. Be at the south end of Marina Jack's parking lot by 6 am. (YES, 6 am!) The boat will leave the dock by 6:30 am. There is a maximum of 24 people but if less than 12 people sign up the trip will be canceled.

Friday, January 24th, 2020 – low tide is 7:25 am. Be at the south end of Marina Jack's parking lot by 6 am. (YES, it's still 6 am!) The boat will leave the dock by 6:30 am. There is a maximum of 24 people but if less than 12 people sign up the trip will be canceled.

Editor's Thoughts . . .

What does a clock do when it's hungry?
It goes back for seconds.

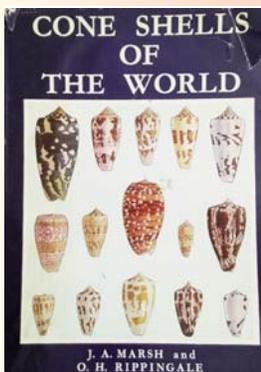
Library Notes

Our Sarasota Shell Club library is located at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church in Sarasota. A list of our books is on the website www.sarasotashellclub.com. For more info on some of our books, go to www.mdmsshell-books.com.

You may want a book to help with your scientific or artistic exhibit at our SSC Shell Show or just educate yourself about shells and marine life, as well as helping you identify shells you find.

Call me at 941-993-5161 or email me (Linda) at luvseashells@gmail.com to arrange an appointment for browsing our library or just talk about our exciting library books. There is a whole world of seashells and marine life out there!

Linda Greiner
& Duane Kauffmann



Historian's Report

50 Years Ago

Twenty-five members attended the January 8, 1970 meeting of the Sarasota Shell Club. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1459.09.

Among items in the minutes: 1. The Christmas party was a great success. 2. A member made a recent trip to the Everglades to collect tree snails. 3. An opportunity for the club to provide shells for an exhibit at the Sarasota Jungle Gardens.

Louise Danforth gave the program on how shells were used in various cultures: the Philippines and Fiji were mentioned.

25 Years Ago

The meeting room at Mote Marine was "filled to capacity" with members and guests for the January, 12, 1995 meeting of the SSC. No treasurer's report; treasurer was sick.

Shell show report: "Everything is moving along fine."

Florence Kuczynski from St. Petersburg gave the program; the focus was a shelling trip to Washington State.

OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE BACK TO THE CLUB

As you know, the Sarasota Shell Show is run by committed SSC members who volunteer their time to this yearly endeavor which supports our Sarasota Shell Club.

Volunteering opportunities remain for the categories listed below (others are filled). There are 2 shifts per day for 3 days. Please consider signing up for one shift (or more if your heart so desire). Sign-up sheet will be available at the next meeting. If you will not be attending the next meeting, please email Nancy Cadieux with your choice/date/Morning and/or afternoon shift:

Nancy.cadieux2013@gmail.com

Entrance table:

2 volunteers per shift sell the admission tickets and maintain a log of how visitors learned about the show. Time flies at this table!

Membership table:

2 volunteers per shift explain the activities of our club, provide brochures and assist with the completion of the membership application. Many visitors are interested and stop at this table to ask questions.

Raffle table:

2 volunteers per shift explain how the raffle works and sell tickets. Usually quite busy.

Artisans table:

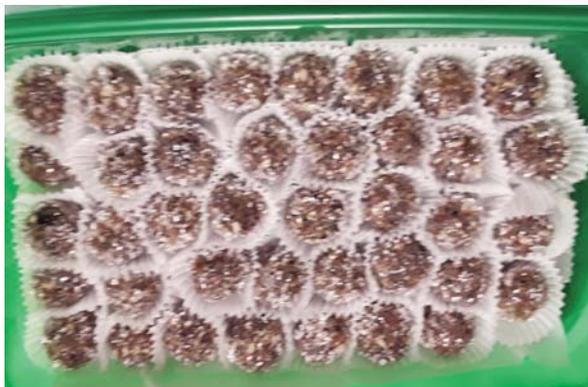
4 volunteers per shift show the beautiful Artisans' creations, state the prices and wrap up the purchases. Chairman Donna Bartels handles the money.

Protection of artisans exhibits:

1 volunteer per shift walks around the exhibits, gently reminding anyone not to touch a display when applicable.

Lunch area for volunteers:

1 volunteer per shift to ensure that only SSC volunteers have access to a free lunch and that the area is maintained clean.



December's Membership Meeting.

18 members attended the membership meeting on December 12th. The shoebox function was canceled due to lack of participation.

The highlight of the meeting was President Sally's hand-made sugar plums (pictured on the left).

2019 Sarasota Shell Club's Holiday Party



Artisans To Sponsor New Class

Suzanne Dietsch has announced she will be holding a one day Sailor's Valentine Class on Feb 10 at our artisan's workshop.

Spend the day learning this traditional art form while creating a 6" sailor's valentine of your own. All supplies are included to create the treasured keepsake pictured.

Class size is limited - Cost \$300.
Contact Suzanne 309-883-1590
or visit her website -
www.seashellvalentines.com



Enjoy a day of friendship, laughter, smiles and as Nancy M. would also add - lots of M&Ms.

Don't forget our Shell Show February 7-9, 2020



Shell Show Raffle Update

The Sailor's Valentine, designed by Suzanne Dietsch, is now complete and ready to raffle during our upcoming shell show. Tickets will be available throughout the show. This valentine honors shell enthusiast Mary Weare's fossil collection donated by her son, Jon. If you have a piece to donate contact Donna K, our show raffle chairman.

Commentary . . .

A Tribute to Tom Watters

It was with deep sadness that I learned of the passing of curator, husband, malacologist, field biologist, father, and friend, Tom Watters at age 66. Losing Tom far too early deprives the science of malacology and the community of shell enthusiasts of a brilliant taxonomist and a wonderful friend.

I had the privilege of learning to know Tom on a trip led by Peggy Williams. He was one of the best field biologists I have ever encountered, knowledgeable about terrestrial, marine, and freshwater, snails and bivalves. Although the literature in the science of memory suggests even the best can only retain around 600 scientific names, Tom must surely have exceeded that by two or three standard deviations.

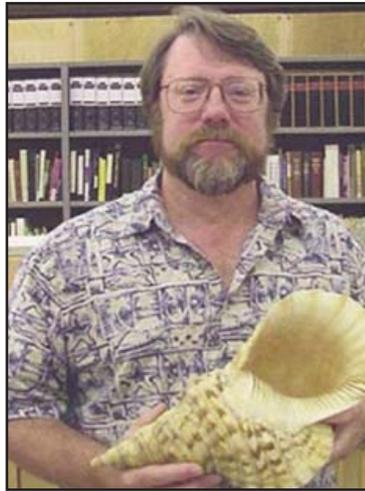
Indeed I hold Tom responsible for my interest in terrestrial snails. Two examples: 1. On a Peggy W trip, I was Tom's roommate. He disappeared. I went to find him and discovered him behind the hotel on his knees digging in the leaf litter. I wondered why and he soon had me digging in nearby leaf detritus to find the small terrestrial snails he knew would be there. 2. On a trip

to Eleuthera we had to stop frequently (very frequently) to collect the land snails of genus *Cerion*. Tom said the literature indicated 17 species (or subspecies) on the island from north to south. He was determined to find them all!

I always enjoyed hearing about Tom's work on endangered freshwater mussels in both formal speeches and around-the-table conversations. Those informal conversations were especially delightful, for Tom had a wonderful sense of humor. After discussing malacology, I would always try to bait him into describing his encounters with, and descriptions of, airline security personnel and/or university bureaucrats. His descriptive skewers were delightful.

All who knew him will miss Tom immensely and I send my deepest condolences to his wife and three young adult children. On this sad occasion I will note that THE Ohio State University has lost a great employee (even if I will continue to insist it is equally THE University of Illinois as well!).

Duane Kauffmann



St. George island Field Trip

Eight SSC members traveled to North Florida on December 26 & 27 to shell the beaches of St. George island. Shelling was average but the remainder of the trip was relaxing and the chance to feast on North Gulf seafood.



Anyone who has donations for our Shell Show Raffle please contact me (Donna Krusenoski) or bring them to the January membership meeting.

AWARDS DINNER BANQUET

The banquet will be held at Der Dutchman Restaurant, 3713 Bahia Vista Street, Sarasota at 5:30 P.M. We were fortunate to obtain the last party room available on that date. CHECKS ONLY made out to Sarasota Shell Club. You can make reservations with Beverly Root or mail to her at 758 El Centro, Longboat Key, FL. 34228. The meal will be a buffet that should meet everyone's dietary needs. Price includes beverage, pie, tax, and gratuity. Cost is \$28.00 members, \$32.00, non-members.

MENU

Unlimited salad bar

Broasted chicken

Roast Beef

Ham

Fish

Amish dressing

Real mashed potatoes

Creamed corn

Green Beans

Homemade noodles

Homemade bread

Slice of pie (your choice)

Awards Dinner Date

**Saturday,
February 8, 2020**



Sponsorships Available for 2020 Shell Show's Major and Special Awards

Each year hundreds of people flock to the annual Sarasota Shell Club's Shell Show to see all the exciting scientific and artistic exhibits. Many hours are spent by the entrants to make sure their entry is the best it can be. To recognize these efforts, the shell club presents Major and Special Awards to the best of the best. These awards have been made available through the generosity of our club members who sponsor these awards. Again this year, we have Major Scientific Awards and Major Artistic Awards that are available for \$50. The cost of sponsoring a major award can be shared, but the full amount of the award must be paid at the time of sponsorship. Special Awards (rosettes) are available for sponsorship for \$25 each. Remember your willingness to help allows the Sarasota Shell Club to recognize the hard work that people have put into their exhibits.

A sponsorship sheet will be available at the January membership meeting where you can sign up to sponsor an award. Payment is expected at that time. A full explanation of each award is available online under the Annual Shell Show, 2020 Shell Show icon at the top of the page at www.sarasotashellclub.com. If you have any questions about sponsoring an award, you can contact Bruce Paulsen at sarasotashellclub@gmail.com or call him at 941-375-8158. Also, if you want to sponsor an award and cannot make the January membership meeting, please email or call Bruce. Checks should be made out to "Sarasota Shell Club." Several awards already have been sponsored. The available award sponsorships are in **bold**.

The \$50 Major Scientific Award Sponsorships are:

- Mote Gold Trophy: sponsored by Donna and Dave Timmermann
- DuPont Trophy: sponsored by DuPont
- Conchologists of America Trophy: sponsored by Conchologists of America
- Sarasota Shell Club Members Trophy: sponsored by Donna and Dave Timmermann
- Best Self-Collected Exhibit Trophy: **available**
- Best Small Scientific Exhibit Trophy: **available**
- The Charles and Violet Hertweck Fossil Trophy: **available**
- The Robert and Jo Ann Morrison Young Scientist Awards: sponsored by Linda and Dan Greiner
- Peggy Williams Memorial Award: sponsored by Lynn Gaulin

The \$50 Major Artistic Award sponsorships are:

- The Fran Schlusemann Best of Shell Flower Art: sponsored by Donna and Dave Timmermann
- Best of Art with Shell Motif: **available**
- The June Bailey Best of Member's Art: **available**
- The Donna and Tom Cassin Award: sponsored by Donna Cassin
- The Nancy and Armand Marini Award: sponsored by Nancy Marini Memorial Fund
- The Hank and Fran Schlusemann Award: sponsored by Fran Schlusemann

The \$25 Special Award (rosettes) sponsorships are :

- Shell of the Show: **available**
- Shell of the Show—Self-Collected: **available**
- Fossil Shell of the Show: **available**
- Most Beautiful Exhibit: **available**
- Judges Special Merit Award: **available**
- Best of Commercial/Professional Art: sponsored by Donna and Dave Timmermann
- People's Choice Awards:
 - Scientific— sponsored by Bruce and Karen Paulsen
 - Artistic— sponsored by Bruce and Karen Paulsen

Volunteers and Snacks/Beverages Needed for Upcoming Shell Show

The Sarasota Shell Club's 57th Annual Shell Show is just around the corner—Feb. 7-9! Of course, there are a million details to attend to at this point. At the January meeting we will have volunteer sign-up sheets for the various positions to help out. If you are unable to make the January meeting and are willing to volunteer some time, email or call Pres. Sally Peppitoni to let her know how you can help.

We also will have a sign-up sheet for food and drink items needed. Please help by bringing these items to the Potter Building on Wednesday or Thursday just before the show. If you can't make it then, please bring it either Friday or Saturday of the show. If you have any questions, please contact Bruce Paulsen at sarasotashellclub@gmail.com or by phone at 941-375-8158.

What we need are:

- Water: cases of bottled water.
- Packages of small bags of potato chips or pretzels. The odd assortment of chips often go to waste, so please stick to the basics.
- Individual size bottles of iced tea: sweet and unsweet.
- Large trays of cookies.
- Diet and regular soda pop: Pepsi, Coke, 7-Up.

All food products must be in sealed packaging from the store. Due to food sanitation regulations, we cannot make our own food and bring it into the Potter Building to serve to the vendors or our volunteers.

Thank you, in advance, for all your help and we look forward to seeing you at our shell show!

A postcard from the past
(a 1907 German-printed card) . . .



The January Cartoon . . .



**Sarasota Shell Club Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2019**

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by the President, Sally Peppitoni.
2. Introduction and Welcome: Sally welcomed everyone.
3. Program: Shoe Box Shell Show was not presented at this time.
4. Secretary's Report: Everyone received a copy of minutes from November 2019 and members reviewed and made corrections. Bill Painter presented motion to accept minutes and Linda Greiner seconded the motion. This was unanimously passed.
5. Treasurer's Report: Karen Huether presented financial report for December 2019. (See attachment) This was unanimously passed.
6. Corresponding Secretary's Report: Duane Kauffmann was absent and there was no information to report.
7. Committee Reports:
 - A. Shell Show: Carol Mae is in charge of food for the Shell Show and reported that all volunteers will get a lunch. Those with special dietary needs will try to be accommodated. Nancy Cadieux announced that some committees are filled. Sign-up sheets are available at tonight's meeting for committees that are not filled. Linda Greiner announced that Donna Cassin reports that we have twelve entries for the scientific category, ten for art, and twelve dealers signed up for the show. If you have entries please notify right away. Lynn Gaulin discussed several ideas for entries. She suggested that you can also look for ideas on the website or in the books from our library. Rich reminded us to let them know if you need help. Awards need to be given for the show and sign-up sheets will be available at the January meeting. Also consider being a sponsor which will cost \$50.
 - B. Programs: Duane Kaufmann will be presenting a program on Living Creatures of the Florida Keys.
 - C. Librarian's Report: Lynn Greiner can refer you, given a topic, to books from the library including books about art with shells. Please call and getting the book you need can be done quickly. There was discussion about promoting the Shell Show from Donna Timmermann by putting it on social media. Sue Painter will help with this and Karen Huether will talk to Bruce. Send visuals that will be needed for social media to [suemhpainter@ gmail.com](mailto:suemhpainter@gmail.com)
 - D. Historian's Report: All members are referred to the monthly newsletter (*The Beauii*) where the historical report is being published.
 - E. Membership: Donna Krusenoski reported we now have 153 signed and paid. She is also collecting items for the Shell Show raffle. You can drop it off at the Artisan's group or bring it to the next meeting. Please put your name on anything you donate.
 - F. Field Trips: Boca Grande trip will be this weekend, Dec. 14. Low tide is 8:30. It is \$3 for public parking by the South Beach Bar and Grill. There is one toll of \$6.00 to get to the islands. If interested, you can still sign up and make reservations for the St. George Island trip. It is for two nights because of the six hour drive back. Sally has all the information. The hotel is right on the beach. Carefree Learner has two dates, Jan 10 and 24. Twelve people are needed. We have eleven on one and eight or nine on the other. It is five dollars plus tip. The Keewaydin Trip out of Marco Island will be on Sunday, Jan. 12. It is filled. At this point there are no refunds.

- G. Web Page: Bruce Paulsen was absent.
- H. Newsletter: Ron Bopp was absent, but everyone likes the newsletter. Ron is doing a great job. Submit pictures and articles you may have to Ron.
- I. Education: Gill Hodges couldn't be here and will present the shell for the next meeting.
- J. Sunshine: Frankie Grover is the new Sunshine person. Please call her if you know a member who is in the hospital or needs a card.
- K. Artisans: Donna K. reported that shells have been moved and organized. Several people helped. They meet weekly on Thursday starting at 10:00 am at Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church at Proctor and Macintosh.

Old Business: Glenda offered to head the nominating committee. Lynn Gaulin explained that it is a once a year job. You would need to check every member of the board and members at large. You would need to attend four board meetings per year for three years. Lou Cirrantano volunteered. Everyone enjoyed the holiday party at Bird Key Yacht Club this year.

New Business: No new business. Carol and Jenny asked volunteers for snacks and/or treats for the January through April meetings. Plates will be provided. There was discussion about contacting Activity Directors of senior homes to organize seniors to attend the Shell Show at a reduced price.

Door Prizes: Rich Cirrintano and Sally Peppitoni drew numbers to present door prizes this evening.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss Sally P. adjourned the meeting at 8:18 P.M.

Sarasota Shell Club Treasurer's Report	
December 12, 2019	
Reconciled Balance as of November 30, 2019 - \$23,495.81	
November Income:	\$2,442.07
Membership Dues	\$242.50
Show Dealers Fees, Marketplace	\$607.40
Shell Show Award Donation	\$50.00
Holiday Party Revenue	\$1,542.00
Monthly Interest	\$00.17
November Expenses:	\$583.75
Bee Ridge Rent	\$547.50
(Monthly rent increased in October for additional storage room added as per SSC Board Decision for total of \$547.50/month)	
Membership Magnetic Tags	\$36.25
*Anticipate monthly expenses for December to be much higher as we move into shell show expenses and additional items as per historical data.	

Officers & Board Members

President	Sally Peppitoni
Vice-President	Donna Cassin
Treasurer	Karen Huether
Recording Secretary	Jeanne Dimmick
Corresponding Secretary	Duane Kauffmann

Board Members: Carol Mae (3), Pete Steelman (3), Donna Krusenoski (2), Rich Cirranto (2), Donna Timmermann (1), and Jenny Folden (1).

Committee Chairmen

Artisans	Open
<i>The Beauii</i>	Ron Bopp
Historian	Duane Kauffmann
Field Trips	Sally Peppitoni
Librarian	Linda Greiner
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

January 9,, 2020	Membership Meeting
February 7-9, 2020	SSC Shell Show
June 15-21, 2020	COA International, Melbourne, FL

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.

**The 2019-2020
Membership Application
is Attached
Do it!**

Past Presidents of the Sarasota Shell Club

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: 2014-2020
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	

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 _____ / _____