



# 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 club members!

It's been beautiful spring break for me this last week...warm sun, blue skies and shells, shells, shells! Our trip to Sanibel was fabulous! If you want to see some photos of what we did, take a look on the club's facebook page. I even took some video clips. Dr. Jose Leal was a wonderful host at the museum, the restaurant had tasty food and the beach had lots and lots of shells, especially minis!

Well, we're coming to the end of another shelling season and the next one will be here all too soon. For our snow bird members, we hope you've enjoyed your season down here and we will miss you while you are gone. At our upcoming last meeting of the 2014-15 year we will have board elections. Please attend and vote so your voice is heard.

Our end-of-year party will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> from Noon to 6pm at the beautiful White Sands Cabana Club on Siesta Key. It will be catered by Sonny's BBQ. The menu will include pulled pork, BBQ chicken, potato salad and coleslaw for \$5. Call Nancy Marini to reserve a spot.

**Next meeting  
April 9 at 7 p.m.**

Our last meeting until September

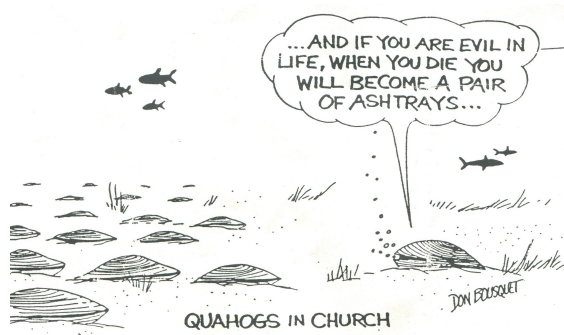
**Program: Ron Bopp:  
Shells and Trading  
Cards**

**Some members will have shells  
for sale at the meeting.**

**Coming Up: Annual  
Picnic May 2, Siesta Key**

I have so enjoyed being the president of the club this year and I hope I and the board have made a positive difference in your enjoyment of the club and the activities we've had. We're already in the process of planning for next year so let me know if you have ideas for the Beach and Breakfast trips, and other fieldtrips you would like to take.

See you at the meeting!





## 2014-15 Membership Information

*Lynn Gaulin,  
Membership chair*

Wow! We have had 22 people join our club, either at the show or in the past month. That is more new members than I can recall joining in a one month period in the 17 years of my membership.

To those new members we hope you will enjoy learning, working, and "playing" with shells as much as some of our more experienced members do. Everyone would be happy to help you as you learn about our hobby. Just ask someone. They will be glad to help you. I am retiring as membership chair after a 4-5 year tenure at the end of our club year this May. I will not be leaving the club however. It has been many years since I can sit in the regular seats for members and not be along the sideline. I look forward to it..

## 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 several days ahead of time to each person on a trip's sign up list, so please do not worry about not receiving information unless you didn't sign up for a trip and have decided to do so. E-mail me only if you want to add your name to a list. My phone # is 941.720.3810 and my e-mail is: [shellmaniac8@gmail.com](mailto:shellmaniac8@gmail.com)



## Apr 11 Williams Shell Pit (fossils) Arcadia **This trip is full!**

Cost \$25, checks to Gary Schmelz.  
Email Ron Bopp to put yourself on the waiting list.

## Apr 18 Peanut Island (east coast)

The Peanut Island trip will be April 18<sup>th</sup>. I will have a list at the meeting. The ferry is \$10 per person round trip and trips start at 9am and run every 30 minutes. I will have hotel information available at the meeting for those who might like to go up the evening before or maybe stay the night after the trip instead of trying to do it all in one day.

## Trip to Kice Island (below Marco):

If we have a trip to Marco, it will have to be to Tigertail Beach and it would have be May 16<sup>th</sup> or May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thoughts?

## Elections April Meeting! Proposed Officers, Board

The nominating committee has talked with these nominees and all have agreed to serve on the board. Voting will be at the April meeting, and nominations may be taken at the meeting if the nominee agrees to serve.

The Nominees are:

<b>President</b>	<b>Sally Peppitoni</b>
<b>Vice Pres.</b>	<b>Nancy Marini</b>
<b>Recording Sec</b>	<b>Donna Bartels</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Bruce Paulsen</b>
<b>Corresponding Sec</b>	<b>Peggy Williams</b>
<b>Board members (3 year terms):</b>	

**Harry Berryman**

**Karen Paulsen**

(other board members are:

1 year left	Terry Jones
	Roseanne Roble
2 years left	Donna Cassin
	JoAnn Mancuso

they do not have to be re-elected)

## **Annual Picnic**

### **End-of-Year Club Picnic**

### **Scheduled For May 2 at Historic Cabana**

This year's end-of-year picnic will again be held at the one of the last private beach cabanas on Siesta Key. The picnic will be from 12 noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday, May 2. The cost is \$5 per person to help defray the cost of club-provided food from Sonny's. The menu will include pulled pork, chicken, Cole slaw, baked beans and potato salad. You should bring your own beverage and a chair. The \$5 can be paid at the April 9 meeting. If you can't attend the club meeting, call Nancy Marini at 941-758-9790 or cell 773 7131 to sign up. More information about the picnic will be emailed to members later this month. Don't miss this opportunity to visit with club members and enjoy the surroundings of Old Florida.

## **SSC Showcases Shells at Venice Festival**

People interested in the beaches around the Venice area got an opportunity to learn more about shells and how to use them for artistic creations at a recent festival in Venice, thanks to members of the Sarasota Shell Club (SSC). The club was asked to participate in the Venice Museum & Archives' "Making Waves: Venice Area Beaches Then and Now" that was held on March 21 at the museum's complex on the island of Venice.

Activity at the club's tent was non-stop for the three-hour event. Bruce and Karen Paulsen used Ron Bopp's display to explain the various types of shells that were picked up on beaches along Southwest Florida and about the club's many activities.

Donna Bartels used various shells to make flowers, much to the amazement of both young and old, and gave away the



flowers she made during her demonstrations.

Angela Sampogna was a hit with the kids, who learned about shells, decorated



various kinds of shells, and enjoyed coloring activities. Rae Potter described to visitors the various items for sale made from shells.

Other activities at the festival included Mote Marine's mobile aquarium and their turtle watch exhibit, hula hoop demonstrations, Venice Jetty skim board demonstrations, Spanish Point exhibit, and a performance by the Nokomis drum circle.

"I wanted to thank you and your SSC members again for coming out last Saturday for our event. We had 350+ people and it was a great success thanks to your support. I hope we can partner again in the future," wrote Michelle Harm, Curator of the Venice Museum & Archives.



## **SARASOTA SHELL CLUB MEETING March 12, 2015**

President Sally Peppitoni opened the meeting at 7p.m. The meeting was held at the Waldemere Fire House with 38 members present. Sally introduced Joyce Matthys from Sanibel Island who presented a show on Nudibranchs. A very interesting and colorful show.

Sally reported that we will be having our end of the season party at the White Sands Cabana Club the same location as last year. The date is May 2<sup>nd</sup>, time 12noon to 7p.m. The get together will be a catered barbeque, requesting each club member to pay \$5.00 for the meal. Please bring your own beverages.

Ron Bopp moved that we accept the January Club minutes as included in the Beauui, a second by Angela Sampogna. Motion unanimously carried and the minutes were filed.

Bruce Paulsen, Treasurer presented the monthly report. Report to be filed.

Sally gave a report on the 2015 Shell Show. She stated the attendance was lower on Sunday than in previous years. She read a thank you note from Alan Gettleman, one of the judges, which noted his appreciation of our show and how well they are treated. In 2016 the show will be at the Bradenton Convention Center again but in 2017 we are hoping to find another location in or closer to Sarasota. The Board voted to change the 2016 show to Thursday thru Saturday.

Linda Greiner introduced a book from the library by Jan McSween a former shell club member. It showcases her travels to Florida and becoming a Floridian in a humorous style.

Duane Kaufman, Historian reported in 1965, 16 members attended the meeting and they had a discussion on the shell show. In 1990 one of the meeting minutes noted there would be no treasurer's report because of the treasurer cutting his hand.

Lynn Gaulin, Membership, reported she had 20 new members join since the show bringing the membership to 165. Lynn will be stepping down from her position and is looking forward to just be able to attend a meeting without duties.

Sally reviewed the field trips that have been planned. She noted that the trip to Kice Island is still in the planning stages trying to find a boat with reasonable pricing.

Bruce Paulsen spoke about the Web page and Facebook page are both getting good responses.

Peggy Williams reported that currently there are no more education classes set up. If anyone has anything they would like to have taught please talk with her.

Sunshine Committee – Reported sending healing messages to members Melissa Heron, Mel Elwood and Sandy Johnson.

Artisans Group – Nancy Marini reported new members were welcomed into the group. The group will be sending some items and also do demos for adults and children at the Venice Museum on March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Roseann Roble reported that the Bird Key Yacht Club has invited the Club to put up a display about shells both scientific and artistic. Roseann will confirm with size of the display and location we will have.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Sally P. reviewed the idea of the club holding a fund raising dinner and dance. The idea was presented to the general membership for a vote, which indicated NO show of hands for support.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Nominating Committee – Angela Sampogna reported there would be a general election of officers and board members at the April Meeting. A full slate of offices was presented, the committee will also be taking nominations from the floor the night of the meeting.

Angela also reported about her success at the shell show, educating 42 children. She received a donation of shells to be used for the Children's corner for upcoming events.

Duane Kauffmann reported that he along with Ron Bopp and John Colegrande will be developing a website that will be displayed under the Club's name for identifying the shells of West Florida. The shell information will have a link to our Club website.

Sally announced that Fran Schlusemann was voted in by the Board to receive a lifetime membership to the Club.

Nancy Marini announced that the Holiday party December 5, 2015 will be a luncheon to accommodate those who prefer to only travel in daylight.

Sally showed a sample of our new Donation Receipt and all in one Thank You to be used when a donation is received. This will allow the club to be accountable for any donations that have a monetary value and help assure the donor is thanked and receives a receipt.

Linda Greiner announced she would be taking donations of shells to fill the bags for 2016 Shell Show. Anyone having shells can bring them to the April 2015 meeting so we can prepare the bags over the summer months.

Sally adjourned the meeting at 9:00p.m.

Donna Bartels, Recording Secretary

## Historian's Report

by Duane Kaufmann

### 50 Years Ago



Sixteen members and guests attended the March 14, 1965 meeting of the Sarasota Shell Club. A balance of \$168.46 was in the Club

treasury.

Much of the meeting pertained to the shell show.

1. "Apparent friction" with the venue manager was resolved after a "very nice discussion."

2. It was decided to drape the tables so things could be stored underneath.

3. Mrs. Oberle was paid \$15 dollars for 12 shells to serve as door prizes. This was deemed a "real bargain" since a *Junonia* and large *Oliva* were included in the 12.

4. It was unanimously agreed to pay all the judges expenses including "meals and bridge tolls."

5. Members bagged and priced shells to be sold at the show.

### 25 Years Ago

The regular meeting of SSC was held on March 8, 1990.

There was no treasurer's report as the treasurer had "cut her hand badly."

Peggy Williams reported that the new facility on Sanibel Island would be named the Bailey-Mathews Museum.

Field trips to the home of Vi Hertweck (to view her collection) and to Pine Island were announced.

Mary Weare gave the educational program on carrier shells. LaVerne Niere gave the program on Panama.

## There's Lots to Do This Summer!

If you thought you would miss shell related activities during the summer, think again! In Florida we have a shell show and a Conchologists of America (COA) Convention.

The Gulf Coast Shell Show is in Panama City, in the Panhandle of Florida. It's a long drive, but it's an interesting place and you can meet more and different shell collectors. It's June 13-14, at the Panama City Beach Senior Center, 423 Lyndell Lane, Panama City Beach, FL 32407. The club will welcome any exhibitors. The club will have field trips prior to the show, if you're interested! The website is [gulfcoastshellclub.weebly.com](http://gulfcoastshellclub.weebly.com) (nope, no @!)

The COA convention is hosted by the Broward Shell Club, which has members from Palm Beach County to Miami. It will be in Weston, Florida at the Bonaventure Resort & Spa. Field trips include snorkeling, land snailing and an Everglades airboat ride. Dates are July 14-19. There are wonderful programs in prospect, like going to a dozen shell club meetings in three days! At the end of the convention is a free-to-anyone "Dealers' Bourse", sales of absolutely astonishing shells.

You can also go to the **Cape Cod** Show of shell art June 25-26, the **Jersey Cape** Show in Stone Harbor August 14-16, the **Oregon** Shell Show August 28-September 7 in Portland (a whole week!), the **North Carolina** Shell Show in Cape Fear September 19-20 and the **Philadelphia** Shell Show October 17-18. Google the clubs for details.

## Board Members

Sally Peppitoni	President
Nancy Marini	Vice President
Bruce Paulsen	Treasurer
Donna Bartels	Recording Secretary
Peggy Williams	Corresponding Sec'y

**Board:** Donna Cassin, JoAnn Mancuso, Terry Jones, Rosanne Roble, Deborah Deam, Harry Berryman

## Committee Chairmen:

Artisans	Nancy Marini
Beauti	Peggy Williams 355-2291
Historian:	Duane Kauffmann
Field Trips:	Sally Peppitoni
Librarian:	Linda Greiner 993-5161
Membership:	Lynn Gaulin
Shell Show:	Board
Sunshine:	Karen Ciffin

## Calendar

Please note dates on your own calendars!

<b>Mar. 5-7</b>	Sanibel Shell Show
<b>Mar. 12-14</b>	Marco Island Shell Show
<b>Mar 14</b>	Beach & Breakfast Anna Maria
<b>Mar 21-22</b>	Tampa Bay Fossil Fest, FL State Fairgrounds, Tampa
<b>Mar 28:</b>	Field Trip to Sanibel, Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum and beach
<b>April 9</b>	Last meeting before Sept.
<b>Apr 18</b>	Field trip to Peanut Island (east coast)
<b>Jun 13-14</b>	Gulf Coast Show, Panama City
<b>July 14-19</b>	Conchologists of America convention, Weston, FL (East coast)
<a href="http://www.2015coaconvention.com">www.2015coaconvention.com</a>	
<b>Jun 25-26</b>	Cape Cod Show, art only
<b>Aug 14-16</b>	Jersey Cape Show Stone Hbr
<b>Aug 28-Sep 7</b>	Oregon Shell Show
<b>Sept 10</b>	SSC Meetings resume
<b>Sept 19-20</b>	N. Carolina Shell Show
	Cape Fear Mus. Hist. & Sci.
<b>Oct 17-18</b>	Philadelphia Shell Show
	Am Mus Nat Hist

### 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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