



A newsletter published by the
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

Summer, 2022 Edition

Ramblings from the presidential suite . . .

First, we all owe a great debt of gratitude to Sally for her eight years as President of the Club, with special kudos for her efforts during the pandemic limitations. It is to be hoped those difficult times are mostly behind us and something akin to normal can be anticipated (although asking a psychologist to define normal can elicit its own set of confused ramblings—I used to tell my Gen Psyc students “There is no such thing as normality, only varying degrees of abnormality.”)



I am honored to have been chosen as the 23rd person to serve as President of the Sarasota Shell Club. Having served as Club historian, I have had the privilege of reading all the minutes in the archives of the Club. From this vantage point I am aware what a distinguished and energetic group of people have served as President. I trust I can do my part to carry on that tradition.

Having watched, listened, and participated in the Sarasota Shell Club for more than twelve years, I have heard many analyses, grumbles, commentaries, and expressions of commendation, to say nothing of woeful warnings of impending doom. Out of this morass of ideas, I hope you will join me as we keep doing what seems to be working well, but try some things to see if they might invigorate us for the future.

What I believe will excite us is to place what provides our reason for being, i.e., the shells of molluscs and the people who enjoy them, at the center of our activities. While we have varying primary interests, e.g., finding, identifying, learning about, selling, photographing, talking about, creating; the place of honor goes to shells.

To be sure, an organization needs some members to carry on with the nitty-gritty of the group and its functions. Making decisions about finances, parties, public relations, membership, shell shows, etc. are necessary. But they are not the reason I joined the club, and I am quite sure you did not either. Indeed we have elected officers and Board members who have agreed to carry out these non-shell functions. These functions are not always fun, indeed they may be tedious or boring, but very necessary.

Thus I propose that we entrust to our Board the necessary organizational functions. In response the Board needs to make every effort to keep members informed, primarily through the publication of minutes, and to bring to the membership those issues requiring action by the full membership. If we can follow the principles in these statements, we can free up our monthly meetings for more shell-related activities.

In that spirit, I affirm that we begin our meetings as we have been with the program as its leading focus. Vice president Carol has already begun to think about and plan programs for next fall. Following the program and a break, I propose that we allocate our time (recognizing the need to be flexible) to the following:

1. 15 minutes: **Club Business**
2. 5 minutes: **Education** (a member introduces a shell they have been given at the previous meeting)
3. 10 minutes: **Local Beach Reports** (members give quick updates on where they have shelled and with what success)
4. 10 minutes: **Artisan Show and Tell** (a member of the artisans brings a piece and talks about its motivation and creation)
5. 5 minutes: **Shells and Science** (a member gives a report on some interesting science pertaining to molluscs)
6. 10 minutes: **Field Trips** (information pertaining to upcoming Club trips)
7. 5 minutes: **Meet a Member** (a Club member talks briefly about how their life journey and how it came to involve shells)
8. 5 minutes: **Raffle** (I promise an upgrade taken from the Club table and artisan inventory)

We have a wealth of very talented and creative people in the Club and I’m sure there are other ideas and tweaks to those just mentioned. Please send all such to duanerk@goshen.edu.

As we approach our 60th year, we of the Sarasota Shell Club have been handed a legacy. Let us pledge together to honor that past and claim an exciting future.

Duane



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);

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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

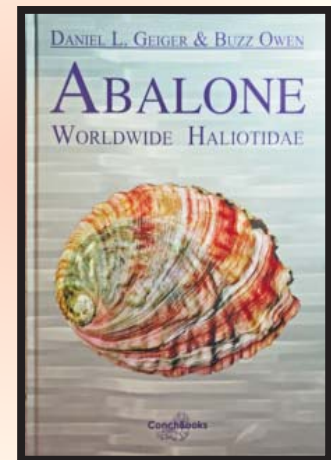
The Artisans, as the name implies is the artistic community associated with Sarasota Shell Club. You are welcome to come and join them. Dates in September are the 8th, 15th., 22nd., and 29th. All meetings are Thursday's at 10:00 A. M. The location is at Bee Ridge Church in the small building bordering 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.

Sept.8;	7:00 P.M. General meeting *, Guest speaker: Paula Dwyer- <i>Giant African Land Snail</i>
Oct. 13;	4:00 P.M. “Make and Take” with the Artisans, located in small building 7:00 P.M. General meeting, Guest speaker <i>Sarasota Bay Watch</i>
Nov. 10	7:00 P.M. General meeting, guest speaker: Steven H. Koski, Sarasota Archaeologist
Dec. 8	Holiday Party at Bird Key Yacht Club
Jan. 12	7:00 P.M. General meeting, Guest speaker: Dr. Sandra Gilchrist from New College
Feb. 10 &11	Sarasota Shell Show
Feb. 10	Awards Dinner at Bangkok Restaurant
Feb. 16	<i>Sea shells & Mardi Gras</i> with Chef Jim at Publix Aprons
March 9	7:00 P.M. General meeting, Guest speaker: TBA
March	Sarasota County Fair (Dates TBA)
April 13	7:00 P.M. General meeting, Guest speaker: TBA

***Sea Shell Treasures**

Our Sarasota Shell Club field trip leaders have worked many long hours to organize phenomenal field trips for our club. **Bring your favorite “shell find” to share at this meeting. If possible, recall the trip and identification of the shell. If the trip was long ago, no problem, bring it! If you have difficulty with identification, no problem. The competent scientist in our club can help you!**

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, September 8th. 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.

The Gals are Coming!

Giant African Land Snail

Our guest speaker for our first meeting is Paula R. Dwyer, who is an information specialist for the plant industry, a division of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. The plant industry is currently running the Eradication program in Pasco County of the giant African land snail. She will speak on how did this invasive species arrive in Florida, their habitat, and why they need to be eradicated. There will be time for questions after her presentation. I, personally would like to have one of those snails in my shell collection. Maybe, we can inquire about that!



2022 SSC Picnic



2022 COA Photos



Moody Gardens Hotel



Member Exhibits



Attendees at a workshop



President Duane's award-winning exhibit



The silent auction room



Moody Gardens and the pyramids from a distance.

How Many Mollusks Have You Eaten?

By

Tina Petway (Originally published as a Houston Museum of Natural Science blog)*

Did you know that much of the seafood we eat is part of the family called MOLLUSKS. If you have eaten Oysters, Mussels, Clams, Scallops and even Calamari you have eaten mollusks. The mollusk family is one of the most varied groups of animals on earth. So you are probably familiar with the ones already listed, but did you know that Escargot are mollusks that live on land? Yep, land snails are also mollusks. Even those plant eating slugs in your garden are family members.

Squids, Octopus and Cuttlefish are also mollusks and they are some of the most plentiful and popular around the world. But what about others you may or may not be familiar with; such as Abalone and Conch. If we could count all the different kinds or species of mollusks that are consumed around the world, it would be in the tens of thousands.

Because the truth is that most mollusks are edible and are part of the regular diet of most of the rest of the world. In Mexico they have appreciated many species of the Murex family as popular seafood for centuries and is available fresh as well as canned and known as Conch meat. Squid species are also very popular there as in most of the world. One of the largest and most popular is a squid known as the Humbolt Squid and they are also one of the most dangerous. Fishermen in small boats fish at night for these strong, fast and very aggressive squids. Humbolt squid usually hunt in packs and have been known to pull a fishermen into the water and drown them. These edible but dangerous animals make up only a small amount of the mollusks consumed by humans.



In much of the south Pacific, mollusks comprise the greatest percentage of the protein makeup of the average family's diets. And as wild communities of mollusks have become overfished we have found ways to grow many species in Aquaculture farms all over the world. In Florida the popular "Queen Conch" is being raised in order to repopulate areas where they were once abundant and now almost eradicated by over harvesting for their meat for Conch Fritters as well as their shells for the tourist trade. They are also being raised in other Caribbean countries with less success. Oysters and Mussels are some of the most successfully raised mollusks in many countries around the world.

Other types of mollusks are being successfully raised in Aquaculture "farms" such as Abalone. Several different species of Abalone have been raised with progressively better and better success in several countries around the world in order to save wild populations from being over harvested. From California to

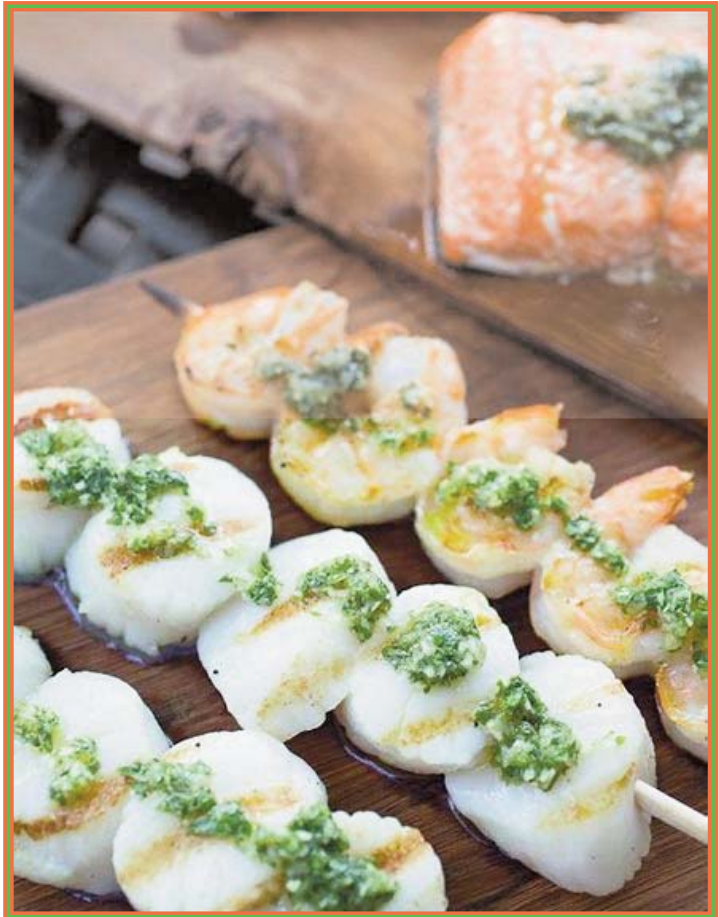
* Courtesy Lucy Clampet and the Houston Conchology Society

Australia to Korea, South Africa, Mexico, New Zealand, Chile and Hawaii these mollusks are a success story for saving species in the wild. Another reason for raising most of these mollusks in “farms” is the price for their meat is very high and a superior product can be obtained in controlled and healthy conditions. The next time you are in your supermarket, take a stroll past the Sea Food area and read how many items are farm raised. As we continue to learn more about these species, we can better provide more plentiful, safe supplies of some of the most popular foods around the world.

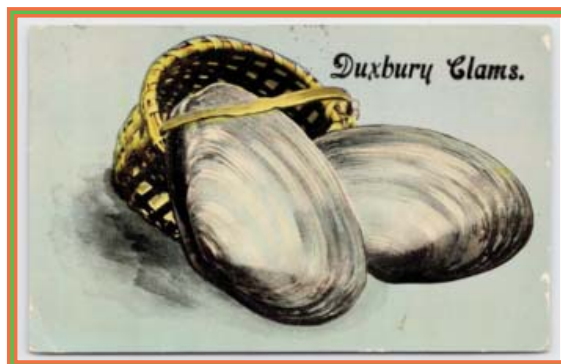
Now let’s talk about Escargot! Yes, those delicious, exotic little mouthfuls are being raised in controlled “farms” in several countries around the world also, including the U.S. Large quantities are provided to Cruise Ship companies who deliver many diners with their first opportunity to savor these epicurean delights! If you have never tried them, don’t be afraid to give them a try. After all, most of Europe and much of the U.S. consider them a treat not to be refused.

Have you tried Calamari? Fried to a golden perfection, these crispy little bites have been on American restaurant menus for many years. There are many other mollusks happily consumed all over the world and by providing quality conditions for their growth in special “Farms”, we help save wild populations from extinction and still have our favorites to enjoy. Bon Appetite!!!!

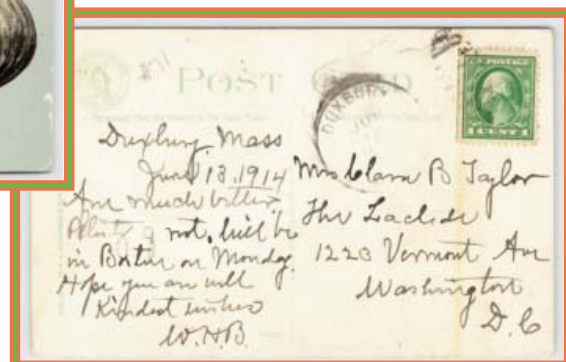
Many of these edible mollusks can be seen in the new Strake Hall of Malacology at The Houston Museum of Natural Science.



A Vintage Postcard



A turn-of-the-century postcard advertising Duxbury Clams and mailed from Duxbury, Mass. For the clam lover, it doesn’t get any better than that.



Past Presidents of the Sarasota Shell Club

Jack Oberle: 1963-1965, 1968-1968, 1972-1974	Vi Hertweck: 1982-1984	Cathy Hollar: 1999-2001 2003-2004
Louise Danforth: 1965-1967	Richard Forbush: 1984-1985	Bob Horton 2004-2005
Franck Rinck: 1967-1968	June Bailey: 1985-1987, 1995-1997, 2002-2003	Joanne Chmielewski: 2007-2010
Thomas Robertson: 1969-1970	Bob Hansen: 1987-1988	Ron Bopp: 2010-2012
Evelyn Bradley: 1970-1972	Beverly Chouinard: 1989-1991	Dennis Sargent: 2012-2014
Charles Hertweck: 1974-1979	Bonnie Christophel: 1990-1992	Sally Peppitoni: 2014-2022
Peggy Williams: 1980-1982, 1988-1989, 1992-1994, 2001-2002, 2005-2007	Pat Amsel: 1994-1995	Duane Kauffmann: 2022-2023
	Debra Ingrao: 1997-1998	
	Cathy Aschliman: 1998-1999	

SSC Club Meeting Minutes Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church, Sarasota April 14, 2022

I. Call to order:

Sally called this meeting to order at 7:01 PM asking if there were any guests present. We had three guests and two new members present as well as 19 members.

II. Program:

Ron Bopp presented his video "Guaymas Shelling." It was an excellent show, and many are interested in putting together a trip to Guaymas when conditions are better.

III. Secretary's Report:

The March meeting minutes were published in the Beauii. A motion to "accept the March minutes as printed" was made by Ron Bopp and seconded by Margo Heck. This motion was approved.

IV. Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Karen Huether was absent, so President Sally read the financial report as of April 5 and attached to these minutes. A comparison of the 2018-2022 shows, sans 2021, was presented and it was noted that we didn't do as well as the 2020 year, but we still did much better than the 2019 year. Minutes were filed for audit by the incoming treasurer Allan Banko and Davie Timmermann.

V. Committee Reports:

A. *Shell Show*: Chairperson Donna C: No show report but thanks for the help with the Sarasota County Fair from which she deposited \$1300 made from sales. This amount was not included in tonight's Treasurer's report.

B. *Programs*: No report until after summer board meeting.

C. *Librarian*: A new librarian will be needed, and this will be discussed at the summer board meeting.

D. *Historian*: A new historian will be needed, and this will be discussed at the summer board meeting.

E. *Membership*:

1. Chairperson Donna Krusenoski reported that any badges not picked up at this meeting will be mailed to the appropriate members.

2. Two of our guests signed up as new members at tonight's meeting as well.

3. A new membership chairperson will be needed, and this will be discussed at the summer board meeting.

F. *Field Trips*: No report until after the summer board meeting.

G. *Web Page*: No report until after the summer board meeting.

H. *Newsletter*: Ron Bopp will continue as the Newsletter chairperson/editor. Send any articles to Ron to have them included in the Beauii.

I. *Education*: Lynn Gaulin will continue as chairperson and Shell of the Month will pick up again next fall.

J. *Sunshine*: No report until after the summer meeting.

K. *Artisans*: A new membership chairperson will be needed, and this will be discussed at the summer board meeting.

VI. Old Business:

- A. Election of the 2022-23 board: as there were only four board members present and all are on the slate for this coming season, the election process had to be modified. President Sally asked for nominations from the floor. None were forthcoming so she closed the nominations. Then President Sally asked for a show of hands for those that accept the slate as presented. All hands were raised so, the vote for the new 2022-23 board was carried.

The new board is as follows:

Officers:

President - Duane Kauffmann
Vice-President - Carol Mae
Treasurer - Allan Banko
Secretary - Lynn Gaulin

Directors:

Karen Huether (3 years)
Sally Peppitoni (3 years)
Donna Krusenoski (2 years)
Rich Cirrantano (2 years)
Ron Bopp (1 year)
Nancy Cadieux (1 year)

- B. End of Year Picnic: President Sally gave the members information about our upcoming picnic at Cocquina Beach on Sunday May 1st. Checks for meals catered by Hickory Hollow are to be sent to her by Sunday April 24th. Donna Bartels added that there would be a "Blind" auction at the picnic too!

VII. New Business: None at this time.

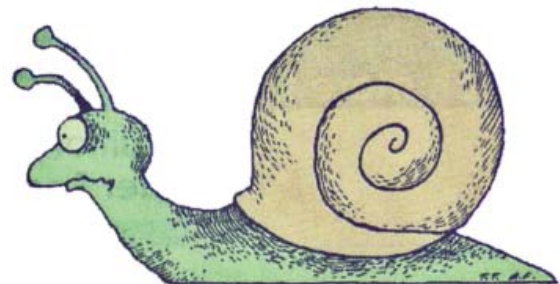
VIII. Door Prizes:

Rich Cirrantano helped President Sally draw door prizes.

IX. Adjournment:

This meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM by President Sally.

Respectfully submitted,
President Sally Peppitoni in lieu of
Lynn Gaulin
Recording Secretary



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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.

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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:

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

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(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/sarasotafioridashellclub>

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