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Sarasota Shell Club

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We meet on the 2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm
(September to April)
Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church
4826 McIntosh Rd
Sarasota, FL

October 2021 Edition



Hello Fellow Shellinators!

I hope everyone is doing well this month. Last month we had our first in person meeting since Covid started and our first meeting at our new location at Bee Ridge Presbyterian. We had a great time socializing and sharing.

Members got to take a tour of our Artisan's facility and the Shell room and were very impressed by all they saw. This month Ron Bopp should have a great presentation for us and I hope we will have some more vendor's selling items before the meeting starts.

Our field trip to Cedar Key was wonderful. Granted, most of the shells we saw were alive but it is always so fascinating to look at them and see how and where they live. We were in very shallow water but had to slog through mud flats and grass beds most of the time. There were lots of whelks and tulips and TONS of crown conchs! We saw oysters and clams and Pennsylvania lucines too. We also had a great time at the restaurants and the food was fabulous! I had never been to Cedar Key in the summer before and really enjoyed it.

Our next trip is to Sanibel on Saturday, Sept. 9. Look further into this issue for the details.

I hope everyone that is able can come to our October meeting. We are getting back into the swing of things now and getting ready for our upcoming shell show in February. Don't get left out of all the fun! Join us!

Sally Peppitoni, President

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Hammi Says:



Remember . . .

- **Renew your membership**
- **Lynn needs sea shells for the Shell Show**
- **"Shellabrate" our 2022 Shell Show—be part and contribute (see page 12-13)**
- **Our new meeting place!**
- **Interesting program for the October meeting.**

2021-2022 Renewal form found on last page of this newsletter!

The Family Conidae

Part II

Cone Shells of North America and the Florida Coasts

Lynn Gaulin

We know deadly and dangerous cones are found in Indo-Pacific waters, but few people are aware we have a few dangerous cones in the waters along both coasts of Florida and west coast of the United States. These cones, however, don't produce enough venom to give a serious sting to divers, beach collectors or

waders. In our Gulf waters, swimmers and snorkelers are will not find the aggressive, deadly cones living in Indo-Pacific waters.

Experts disagree on the number of dangerous cones found in Florida waters. Cones here are much smaller compared to the larger cones living in the Pacific Ocean. If you pick up a live cone in Florida's waters you might get a slight sting, like a bee. However, each person may react differently to a sting, one may be allergic, and another may not be. The suggestion has been by knowledgeable people to wear gloves until you know for sure how you personally react if you are stung by a cone along the Florida coastlines.

Deadly cone found off the coast of North America

A dangerous cone found off the coast of California, is *Californiconus californicus*, formerly called *Conus californicus* and more commonly called the California Cone (Reeve, 1844). **Figure 1** This cone has the honor of being one of the most dangerous cones found in North America. *Californiconus californicus* can be found in San Francisco Bay to Los Cabos, Baja California in the cooler, temperate eastern Pacific Ocean. They live in both rocky and sandy areas, up to 30 meters of water off the coast of California. This cone has a very thick velvety, periostracum with a deep, chestnut brown, purplish shell. They are a small cone, ¾ to 1-inch, preying on worms, other molluscan shells and small fish. These mollusks are



Figure 1. *Californiconus californicus*.

Photo by Judith Lea Garfield

also known to be active scavengers. These sea snails “smell” their prey. When the chemical properties of prey register the cone slowly extends its proboscis touching its prey. Their harpoon like radula is shot into its prey, injecting its venom immediately immobilizing it. At the end of the harpoon is a barb like hook that slowly retracts its

prey inside the proboscis allowing it to be digested. This entire process occurs in just a few seconds.

Biochemists have extracted from the venom of *Californiconus californicus* a conotoxin that is presently being studied due to its numbing affects. Its venom is also being studied for the treatment of TB. In 2005, the FDA approved a drug synthesized from the venom of cone snails that is non-addictive and much more effective than morphine. **Figure 2**



Figure 2. *Californiconus californicus* laying eggs.

Photo: Judith Lea Garfield

Cones found off both Coasts of Florida and in the Gulf of Mexico

Conus anabathrum (Crosse 1865) is a cone living along the southwest coast of Florida. A few years ago, this mollusk was known as *Conus floridanus*. Its common name is the Florida Cone,



Figure 3. *Conus anabathrum*.

Photo: Raymond Huet



Figure 4. Color Variations of *Conus anabathrum*. Photo: Amy Tripp

a frequently found shell washed up on beaches or found in small pools around roots of dead mangrove trees further south of Sarasota. *Conus anabathrum*, is a small snail usually 1½ to 1¾ inches in length, preferring to live in sandy bottoms and shallow reef areas. *Conus anabathrum* has a very pointed spire, a body grooved toward the base of the body whorl. Its body whorl can be a light, yellowish-orange color. **Figure 4**

Another color variation of this cone has brown scattered splotches with light chestnut-colored spots covering its body whorl. There is a white band encircling the middle of its body whorl. This mollusk has a very thin periostracum. I personally have seen and found live and dead *C. anabathrum* in Goodland FL, on Kice Island, the Ten Thousand Islands, all near Marco Island. **Figure 5**



Figure 5. Communal laying of *Conus Anabathrum* eggs. Photo: Amy Tripp



Figure 6. *Conus spurius*. Photo: Jaxshells.org



Figure 7. Color variations of *Conus spurius*. Photo: Jaxshells.org

Conus spurius, Gmelin 1791, commonly called the Alphabet Cone, is another Florida mollusk found further south near Naples, Sanibel, and Marco Island. **Figure 6** This shell grows to 1½ to 3 inches in length with a high spire. Its white background has orange-brown banded patches encircling its body whorl. They have a thin periostracum. This mollusk seems to have several color variations from orange patches to dark brown on its body whorl. Its aperture is long and thin, with a small horny operculum. They have a sharp outer lip. **Figure 7** I have found these shells sometimes complete with operculum on Tiger Tail Beach, Kice Island, Goodland, and other areas around southern Florida.

Conus regius, Gmelin 1791, commonly known as the Crown Cone, can be found off both coasts of Florida, and water 1 to 12 meters deep. **Figure 8** They are nocturnal and bury themselves in sand near rocks or corals during the day. They can reach two inches in length; the shell has a white apex ad knobs at the shoulder of their shell encircling the entire top of the shell. (These knobby growths give the shell the appearance of a “crown”). *Conus regius* may also have reddish streaks that run below the shoulders of its chestnut brown body whorl, to the base of the shell. There are reports of people being stung by this cone in Florida. This species shows different color variations also. The yellow form of *Conus regius* is called *Conus regius f. citrinus* (f. for form) and is found in the Lower Keys. **Figure 9** Its aperture is white.

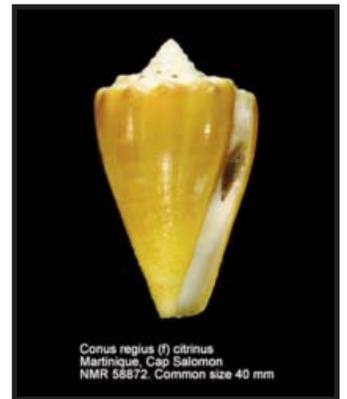


Figure 8. *Conus regius*. Photo: National History Museum Rotterdam, NL

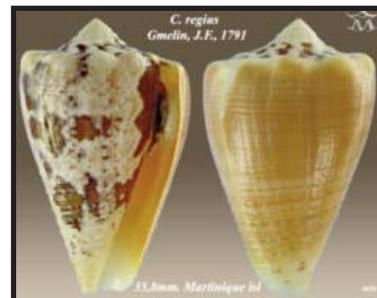


Figure 9. *Conus regius f. citrinus*. Photo: Wikipedia.org



Figure 10. *Conus regius* laying eggs. Photo: Ariane Dimetris

According to Alan J. Korn, a well-known cone expert, “This mollusk changes patterns on its shell during its life cycle. Most likely these pattern changes are due to diet, but this fact is not known for sure.” Other color variations of this species could be a chestnut, brown body whorl with white spots and white spiral lines covering the body whorl running below the shoulders. *Conus regius* lays its eggs in accordion like capsules with as many as 4 to 10 rows of capsules attached to each other. Its aperture is white, sometimes with chestnut-colored splotches inside its aperture. **Figure 10**

In 2017, the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature) listed *Conus regius* on its red list of Threatened Species because it has been collected intensively by fishermen selling its shells and using its meat as a food source.



Figure 11. *Conasprella jaspidea*. Photo: Englewood Shell Club.org

Another group of cones *Conus jaspideus* (Gmelin 1791), *Conus stearnsii* (Conrad 1891), and *Conus pealii* (Green 1830) plus several others not available locally, are very difficult to tell apart. Recently they have been changed from *Conus* to *Conasprella* species. *Conus jaspideus* is now called *Conasprella jaspidea* (**Figure 11**), *Conus stearnsii*, and *Conus pealii* also have been

changed. Some experts state *Conus jaspidea* is not found in Florida at all. Other references state *Conasprella jaspidea* is only found on the east coast of Florida and in the Florida Keys. The descriptions of these three cones are very similar and quite confusing to this amateur.

They are found in shallow coastal waters, living in the sand. Each is a very small cone about ½ to ¾ inch in length living in shallow water under three meters deep in sand and seagrass on these shallow flats. They have a thin periostracum, high spire and similar coloration on their body whorl. Their body colors are variable, some with dull gray to dark purplish-brown with rows of tiny white dots and yellowish streaks on their shells. Their entire body whorl may be smooth, have spiral lines covering the entire shell, or the spiral lines may only be near the base of the shell. Experts believe more research must be done on this species to clarify and define the *Conasprella* species.



Figure 12. *Conasprella stearnsii*. Photo: Wikipedia.org

While on the Carefree Learner field trip in Sarasota Bay, I personally have found one of these *Conasprella* cones. I was told it was *Conus jaspideus*, now called *Conasprella jaspidea*, but if *Conasprella jaspidea* is not found on our coast of Florida, could it be *Conasprella stearnsii*? **Figure 12** Whatever this very small cone is named it seems to pop up out of the sand, sit on a very small mound of exposed wet sand 1 hour after low tide, about the same time as boat’s horn is blown for us to return to the boat. You must look very carefully as this cone is almost the same color as the sand if not just a bit darker. As with other cone shells, *Conasprella* cones have a venomous radula with a single harpoon to inject venom into its prey usually a polychaete worm. These cones all seem to have the same predators, a calappid crab and a type of shrimp that live in their same environment.

There are several more species of cones found off both coasts of Florida and Gulf waters but it is my belief the cones mentioned in this article are the most common we can find locally.



Figure 13. *Conasprella pealii* Photo: Wikipedia.org

Highlights from the September Meeting

A Start . . . September's membership meeting had over 21 attend at our new meeting place. The surroundings were different but the faces (covered of course) were the same and it was great to get together again in person. Some members gave a capsule of what they did during the summer and the photos below document their efforts.



Summer fun 1: Scotch Bonnet from Keewaydin island field trip shared by Sally Peppitoni.



Summer fun 2: Tiger cowries from Fiji shared by Debbie Lewton.



Summer fun 3: Florida shoebox shell exhibit shared by Lynn Gaulin.



Summer fun 4: An artistic shell topiary by new member, Amy Bently.

**Sarasota Shell Club Shell Trips
Sanibel Island - Saturday, October 9, 2021**

Sanibel Island is one of the best shelling beaches in the world. Shellers refer to the Sanibel Seven as the shells one can expect to find on a day trip. These are often very large horse conchs and lightning whelks as well as banded tulips, alphabet cones, lettered olives, apple murexes, and Florida fighting conchs. This trip will also include a visit to the truly outstanding Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum. **See Pages 8 & 9**

Venice Beach - Saturday, November 6, 2021

Venice Beach is one of the best beaches in Florida to find fossil shark teeth as well as other fossils. It is renowned for its black sand.

Kice Island - Sunday, December 5, 2021

Kice is part of the 10,000 islands and has become a very popular shelling destination as a rare undeveloped privately owned location. It is remarkable as a place to see live murexes and to collect spiny jewel boxes, wentletraps, and other species in excellent condition.

Carefree Learner Trip - Monday, December 6, 2021 8:00 am

Keewaydin Island - Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Keewaydin, accessible only by boat, has become Sarasota Shell Club's premier destination. We have had incredible luck finding pear whelks, paper figs, true tulips, all manner of cockles and even the elusive golden olives and junonia shells. This trip is definitely not to be missed!

Carefree Learner Trip - Friday, January 21, 2022 8:00 am

Cayo Costa State Park - Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Cayo Costa is an excellent beach-combing location accessible by boat out of Bokeelia. Baby ears, golden olives, and many other species may be found here. It is also great for sand dollars. There is the opportunity to snorkel on the bay side. The more intrepid sheller may rent a cabin or tent site on January 31 for the early morning negative tide on February 1. Calusa shell middens may be viewed both in Bokeelia and on Cayo Costa.

Carefree Learner Trip - Tuesday, February 1, 2022 7:00 am

Peanut Island - Sunday, March 20, 2022

Peanut Island is a unique location on Florida's Atlantic Coast. The island is operated as a city park by Palm Beach and is accessible by ferry. Many species found here are uncommon on the Gulf Coast, or anywhere else in Florida for that matter, including Caribbean Fighting Conchs, Partridge Tuns, and Distorsios. Wading and snorkeling increase your chances of locating rare finds. The negative tide is at 4:33 pm, so you may want to bring your tent and reserve a camping spot, allowing you to take advantage of the 5:05 am negative tide on Monday. Don't miss the nearby Flagler Museum if you have the chance.

Shelling Trip Instructions

1. Review list of trips on preceding page (page 6).
2. Sign up for trips at the next membership meeting on the provided sign-up sheets
3. If you can't attend a meeting then contact one of the following to have your name placed on the sign-up sheets:

Gary Martinez at yonsider@msn.com

or

Karen Huether at khuether7@gmail.com

Special Field Trip

- ☼ **Date: Saturday, March 12, 2022**
- ☼ **9:00 - 10:00 am Silent Auction, Gary Schmelz Home**
- ☼ **10:30 am Visit new Marco Island Museum**
- ☼ **11:45 am Lunch at “Little Bar” in Goodland**

More information later . . . sign-up for this trip will be through Ron Bopp at rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com

October's Program

The October's program will be a presentation (by your Editor) on

“Doing a Shell Show Entry”

Be prepared to learn the “ins and outs” of entering our shell show.

Remember, our meeting will be at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church on McIntosh Road at 7:00 pm on October 14, 2021

Be There or be Square!

Sanibel Island

Saturday October 9, 2021



The Sarasota Shell Club announces its October trip to Sanibel Island. The trip is scheduled for October 9 and centers on a group tour of the Bailey Matthews National Shell Museum at 10:30 am. Low tide is 8:16 am. Participants are encouraged to go to either Lighthouse Beach on the eastern tip of the island or Blind Pass/Turner Beach at the western end for shelling. Parking is \$5/hr. 24 hours a day. It can get busy so the earlier the better. If you

meet up with more experienced shellers on the trip, they will be happy to share techniques for locating Sanibel's many treasures. While shelling is always better after a winter storm, you can almost always get a few specimens of the Sanibel 7, including fighting conchs, alphabet cones, banded tulips, lightning whelks, horse conchs, apple murexes, lettered olives, as well as many bivalve and other species.

The museum tour will begin at 10:30 am and will include 90 minutes with a marine biologist as a guide. Participants will have access to docents in the Living Gallery, a focus on the history of the use of shells on Sanibel from the time of the Calusa to the present, the current special exhibit on marine photography, and a 10% discount at the gift shop.

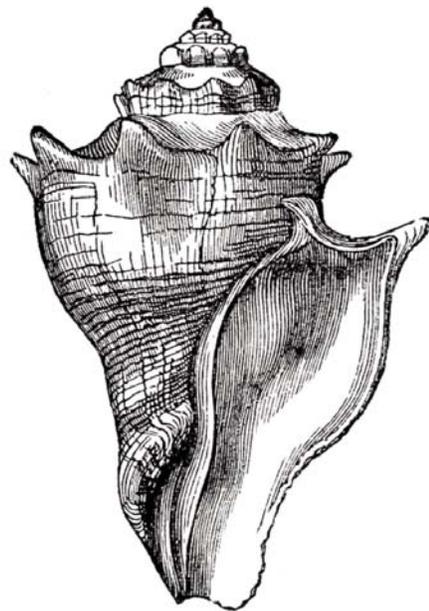
The fee for adults is \$30. The tour will be limited to 20 participants. While the fee is not refundable, you will have the option of finding yourself a replacement to buy your spot in the event you need to cancel.

We will make reservations afterward for lunch at George and Wendy's Sanibel Island Seafood Grille for those wishing to share a meal.

After lunch, everyone will be free to explore the island's many shops and other natural attractions.

If you are interested in attending, or if you have questions, please notify Gary Martinez at yonsider@msn.com, copy Karen Huether at khuether@comcast.net and say whether you plan to join partici-

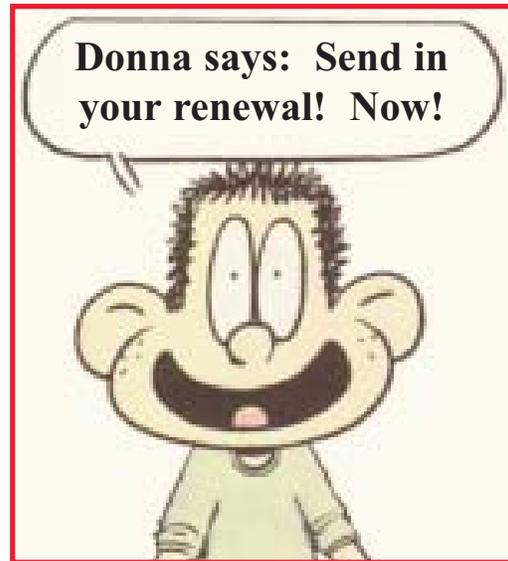
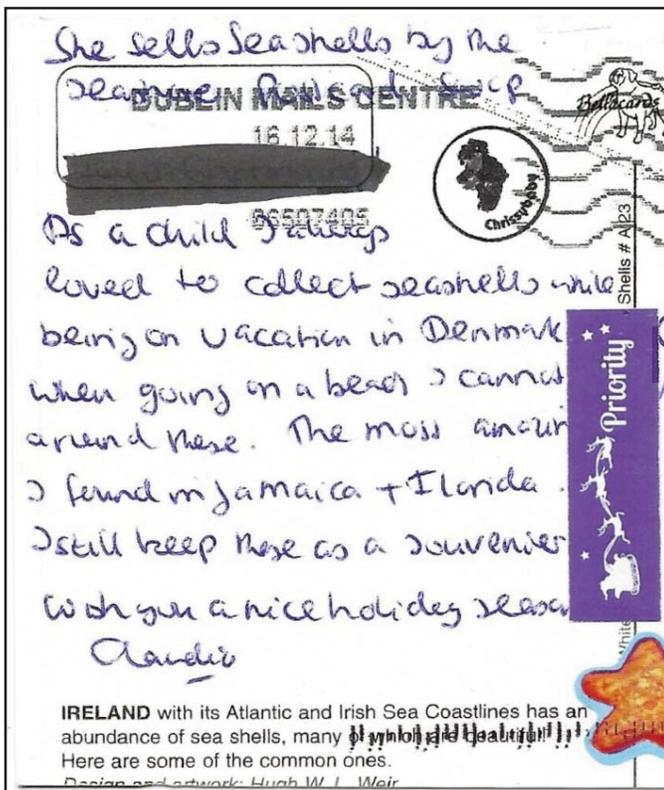
pants for lunch. Please make your check payable to Sarasota Shell Club and send it to Karen Huether at 1735 Creek Nine Drive, North Port, FL 34291 as soon as possible.



A Postcard from the Past . . .



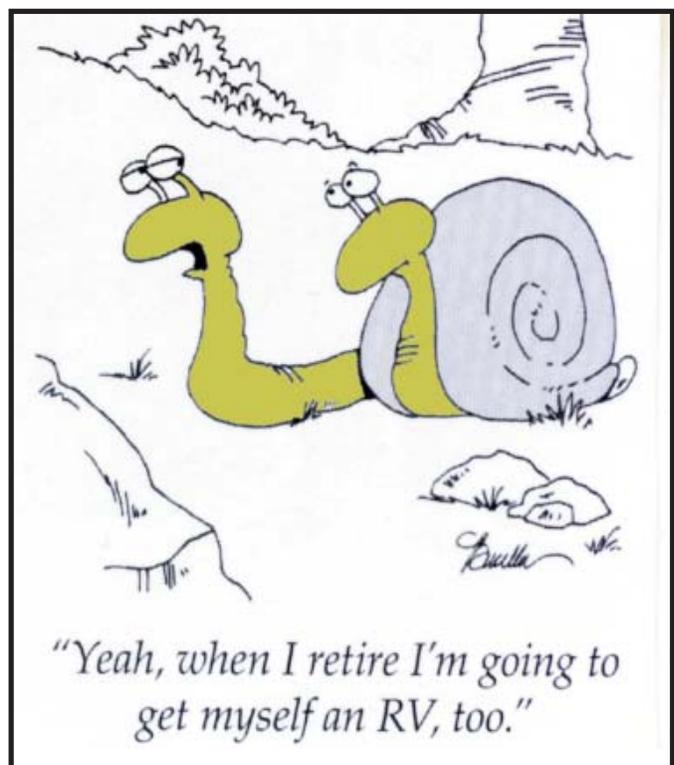
Above is a postcard mailed from Ireland on December 12, 2014. Below is the written content on the back from, obviously, a seashell lover.



Editor's Thoughts . . .

- What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary?
A thesaurus!

October's Cartoon . . .

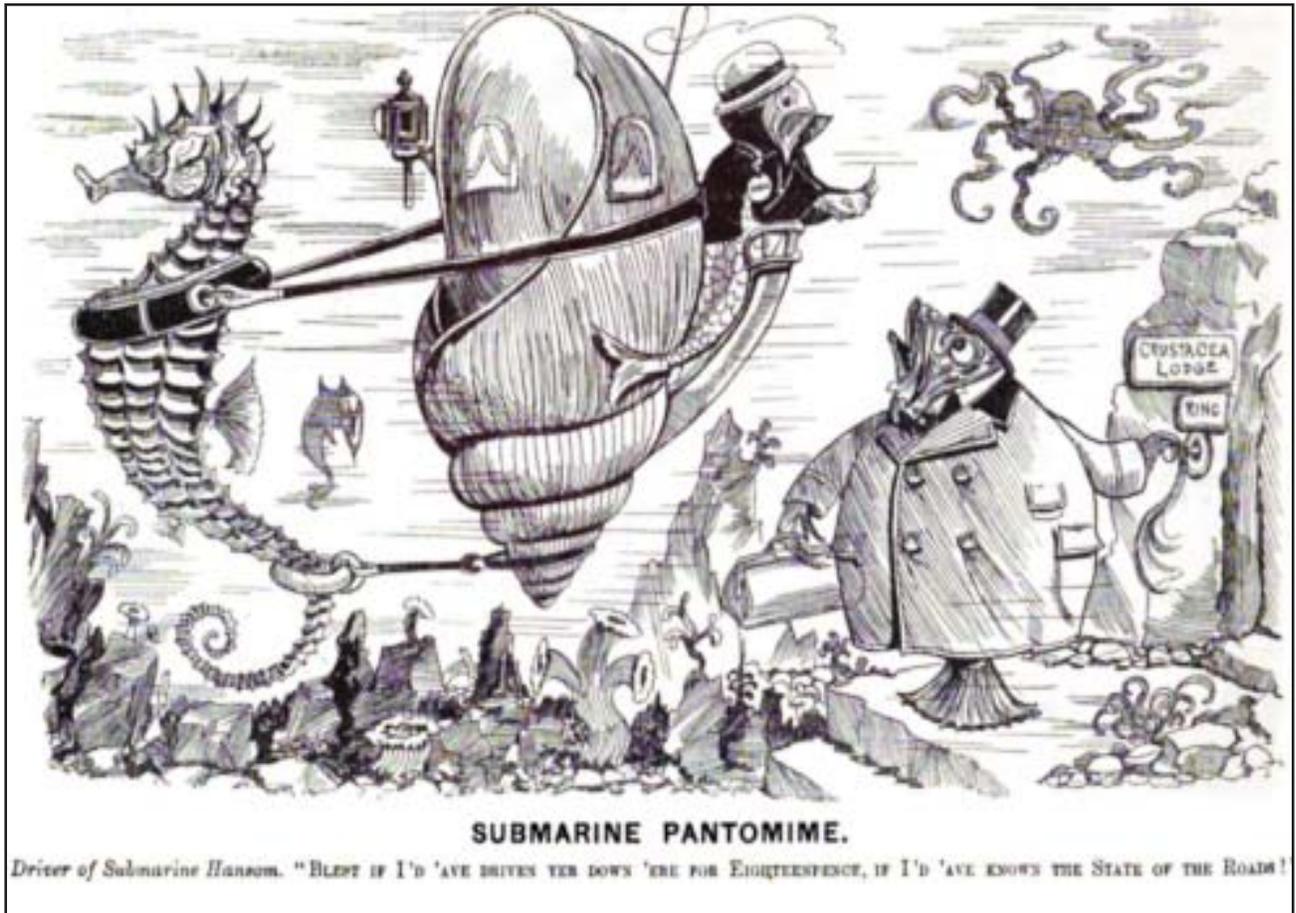


Note: The Membership Drive is in Progress!

The renewal form is at the end of this issue of *The Beauii*.

Fill it out and send it to Donna Krusenoski at
3250 Ringwood Meadow, Sarasota FL 34235

A Vintage Caricature . . .



This illustration was found in an December 24th, 1902 issue of *Punch* magazine. The inverted snail makes a nice carriage for the seahorse to pull.

Shellabrate Getting Back Together (The Sarasota's 2022 Shell Show)

Let's all come together to celebrate and to put on a wonderful Shell Show in February, 2022

- * Dates: February 10th (set-up and judging)
February 11 - 12th (Shell Show)
February 13th (remove and unload)
- * Where: Potter Building (Sarasota Fair Grounds)
- * What: Scientific Displays
Artistic Displays
Dealer Tables
Club Table
Raffle Table
- * Ways to help . . . members are needed for many of the following categories . . . step forward and let Donna Cassin (show coordinator) know that you can help . . . if we all pitch in it will be fun and we will have a great show
- * Categories: Artistic, Scientific, Food, Raffles, Admissions, Publicity, Admissions, Publicity plus many other positions.

Remember . . . we are

Shellabrating
Getting Back Together

For more information, see "Volunteer's Corner" on next page!

VOLUNTEERS CORNER

You're needed! No work is too small! Volunteers are extremely valuable resources for your Sarasota Shell Club! For most, volunteering does not involve a long-term commitment or take a huge amount of their time. Seasoned club members will teach and guide you. You will not be left without guidance and support.

If you are a relatively new member, volunteering will allow you to connect with other club members who, though they come from all walks of life, all love shells, like you! Finally, volunteering at our Shell Show is a unique and most rewarding experience!

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES THE ARTISANS (ongoing)

The Artisan group is asking for a few volunteers who would like to sort and organize some of our items. Our group is much smaller than it used to be due to illness and attrition. There are many other chores that go along with all of the varied items we need to produce. We meet EVERY Thursday on the campus of the Bee Ridge Presbyterian church (Proctor & McIntosh) from 10a.m. to around 1p.m., we would be so happy to have your help. Please consider giving us a few hours sometime. Just show up!

SHELL SHOW (February 11 & 12, 2021)

There are two shifts each day (about 3 1/2 hours each). Please ponder on these opportunities to help your club succeed in this much anticipated Sarasota yearly event. Sign-up sheet will be available at each monthly meeting (we are starting early—can you tell we are excited!).

Admission Entrance Table

Two volunteers per shift sell the admission tickets, give a little bag of shells and maintain a log of how visitors learned about the show. Time flies at this table!

Membership Table

Two 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

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

Artisans table

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

Guard of the artisans exhibits

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

The Infamous Duane Kauffman's Table

Two volunteers per shift sell the shells that were donated to our club by private collectors. Incredible finds are possible at discounted prices for the treasure hunters.

Lunch area for volunteers

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

Loading & unloading the truck

The more per day, the easier!

- (1) Load on Wednesday 2/09/21 at the Artisans room (Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church) corner PROCTOR & McIntosh
- (2) Unload at the Show on Thursday 2/10 after the tablecloth are set-up
- (3) Load from the Show on Sunday 2/13/21 and unload at the Artisans' room.

Tablecloths

On Thursday morning, at least 10 persons are needed to cover each table with a tablecloth and secure it with large safety pins.

The Recent Cedar Key Trip



Shell finds of the trip.



Just a few scallop!



Anela & Connie on the boat on Crystal River.



Group dinner at Steamers.

SSC's Donated Shell Display to Riverview High School



The "Local Beaches" shell display completed by SSC members, Lynn Gaulin and Ron Bopp, was transferred to the Riverview High School Marine Science Department. Accepting was Katrin Rudge, class teacher.

Historian's Report

50 Years Ago

Twenty-four members attended the October 13, 1971 meeting of the Sarasota Shell Club.

Several members who had agreed (as a one time trial) to provide a "therapy" program at Memorial Hospital gave a very positive report as their efforts were much appreciated. "They [the club members] are to be commended for giving of their time in an effort to help these unfortunately beings." More volunteers would be welcome.

The Christmas dinner will be at the Plaza Restaurant on First Street on Dec. 16.

The program was given by club member Selma Lawson on the shells of Australia. A fine program of colored slides and commentary was "gratefully appreciated."

25 Years Ago

June Bailey called the October 10, 1996 meeting of the Sarasota Shell Club to order at 7:30 in the Mote Marine Science Center. Fourteen members and several guests were present. The treasurer reported a balance of \$3400.21.

The educational talk on urchins was accompanied by examples from several parts of the world. For the program, Pat Amsel introduced a National Geographic video entitled "Life's a Beach" showing life and perils of sea life on and near the beach.

Duane Kauffmann

Business Cards: placing a business card in *The Beauii* for a mere \$25 for 9-10 issues not only puts your name in front of members but helps the club!

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.

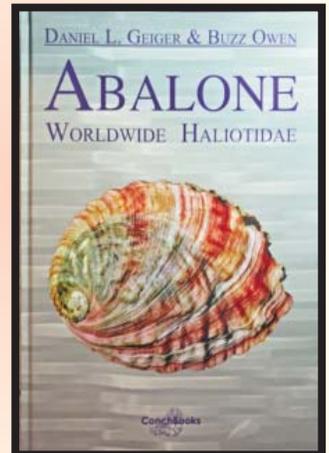
All classified ad material plus payment (a check made out to Sarasota Shell Club) should be mailed two weeks before the upcoming issue (to be sure it is included in that issue) to the Editor at 2608 67th St. W, Bradenton, FL 34209.

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
Linda Greiner (librarian Emeritus/summer contact)

Schedule of Events



Tuesday May 31	Opening Ceremonies COA Board Meeting Programs Silent Auctions Welcome Party
Wednesday June 1	Programs Silent Auctions Oral Auction
Thursday June 2	Programs Silent Auctions Banquet
Friday June 3	Club Rep Breakfast Programs Silent Auction Bourse
Saturday June 4	Bourse

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Registration Forms

Future posting of 2022 COA Convention registration forms will be available at:
www.conchologistsofamerica.com

Welcome to the Lone Star State



May 31 - June 4, 2022

Moody Garden Hotel, Spa, & Convention Center

One Hope Boulevard
Galveston, Texas 77554

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Convention Hotel

Moody Gardens
Galveston, Texas



Standard Room
Rates - \$179 plus
15% tax
(1-4 guests)

The contemporary architectural design of Moody Gardens is visible throughout the hotel, combined with lush flowering plants, cascading waterfalls and natural lagoons setting the tone for an unforgettable experience. The resort is equipped with 428 luxurious guest rooms, 15,180 sqft ballroom, 60,000 sqft exhibit hall, complimentary onsite garage parking, complimentary WiFi, fully equipped business center, and a variety of on site restaurants and bars.



Enjoy the Rainforest and Aquarium Pyramids, MG 3D and 4D Theaters, Discovery Museum, 20,000 Leagues Interactive Adventure, and the Colonel Paddlewheel Boat all located on site at Moody Gardens.

As part of your registration you will have the option to purchase discounted tickets for unlimited visits to all of Moody Gardens' on site attractions.



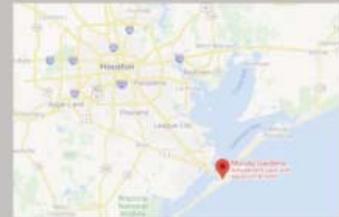
Exploring Galveston Island



Hop on the Galveston Island Trolley at the Moody Gardens' stop to explore sites along Seawall Boulevard or Historic Downtown.

Visit Galveston's 32 miles of sandy beaches, the Mary Moody Northern Mansion, Bishop's Palace, the Tall Ship Elissa, and the Railroad Museum. The Strand Historic District offers an array of retail shops, restaurants, pubs, and art galleries in a Victorian setting. For the adventure seekers, stop by Schlitterbahn, the world's most popular water park.

Transportation



Airports

(No direct air service into Galveston Island)

William P. Hobby Airport (HOU)
(Closest major airport to Galveston Island)
Allegiant, American Airlines, Delta, & Southwest

George Bush Intercontinental Airport (IAH)

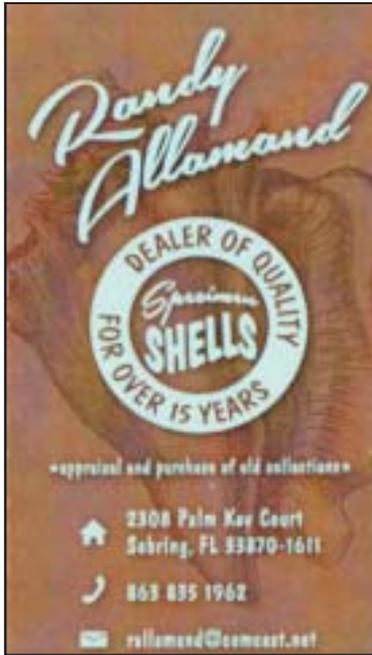
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Artisans Accomplishing Projects for the Shellabration

Joan is happily completing a project for our shelltastic show! The Artisans meet every Thursday, at 10 A.M. at the Presbyterian Church at the corner of Proctor and Swift in the smaller building. Come out and join them! The Artisans are very willing to teach, and if not of an artistic bent (like me) there are other projects to complete. Contact Donna Bartels, bartels-dj@comcast.net, or 941-922-2588, 941-544-4817 (cell) See you out there!

Officers & Board Members

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Calendar

Club Meeting	Oct. 14, 2021
COA Convention	May 31 - June 4, 2022
See page 16 for details	

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.

Committee Chairmen

Artisans	Open
<i>The Beauii</i>	Ron Bopp
Historian	Duane Kauffmann
Field Trips	Sally Peppitoni
Librarian	Duane Kauffmann
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Shell Show	Board
Sunshine	Frankie Grover
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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 2021—2022
Membership
application
is attached to
this
Newsletter**

Past Presidents of the Sarasota Shell Club

Jack Oberle: 1963-1965, 1968-1968, 1972-1974	Vi Hertweck: 1982-1984	Cathy Hollar: 1999-2001
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	Debra Ingraio: 1997-1998	
	Cathy Aschliman: 1998-1999	

WANTED!

Any activity, show-and-tell, or anything else you would like to share for members. Since we can't get together in person, perhaps we can do it via "*The Beauii*," your favorite club newsletter. Send in your stories, photos or what-have-you to the Editor at rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com. We look forward to your submission!

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The Family Conidae
Part II
Cone Shells of North America and the Florida Coasts

Reverences

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The Sarasota Shell Club has a NEW Facebook Page (Sarasota Florida Shell Club)

- We need you to go to Facebook and “like” the page. Please go to Facebook and hit this link: <https://www.facebook.com/sarasotafloridashellclub>. Once you are on the page please “like” the page and then click on “follow.” Would you please go do this today?
 - When you “follow” our club’s page you’ll be able to see notices about upcoming meetings and events. The more likes we have, the more the page will get seen on Facebook. If you know people who would like to know about shelling you can tag them and invite them to also like the page.
 - We can post pictures and shell information on this page to share with each other, too.
 - Remember, please go to Facebook and “like” and “follow” today.
- Thank you . . . Sue Painter

SSC Club Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2021

I. Call to order:

Sally called this meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. She asked if there were any guests present and Sandy Smyster and Mary Hamela were introduced.

II. Program:

Due to technical difficulties, not having a screen in this new location, tonight's program "How to Set Up Exhibits by Ron, will be presented next month. Instead of Ron's scheduled program we had a "Show and Tell" by members who shared their new finds since the last meeting. A Scotch Bonnet (Sally), beautiful spiny oyster (Karen H.), and an Easter Basket of cowries (Debbie L.) were shown by members. New member Amy Bently showed a topiary tree she made from beach shells. Gary Martinez had shells that could be found on future field trips above the sign-up sheets for field trips he has planned for this year.

III. Secretary's Report:

The minutes were published in the *Beauii* from the April 8, 2021, zoom meeting. Ron Bopp's name needed a mistyping correction. "A motion to accept the April 8, 2021, minutes as printed in the September's issue of the *Beauii*" was made by Ron Bopp and seconded by Gary Martinez. The motion was carried.

IV. Treasurer's Report:

Karen read the financial report for the September 9th meeting which is attached to these minutes.

V. Committee Reports:

A. Shell Show:

1. Chairperson Donna C. restated the dates for the show (February 11-12, 2022). Loading the truck on Wednesday Feb. 9th; Show set up on Wednesday- Feb. 10th; Show Friday and Saturday Feb. 11 & 12 from 10:00 AM to 5 PM; and Sunday the 13th removal of club items and returns to club rooms at the Church. Positions still needed to be filled include Publicity, Demos, Children's area, Computer skills, and Artistic layout.

2. Passing out flyers at the Farmer's Market was discussed and one person offered to pass out flyers at this time at the Farmer's Market.

B. Programs: Duane will be notified of the change for programs for next month.

C. Librarian: Linda Greiner can be available to open the library to anyone interested.

D. Historian: Report in the *Beauii*.

E. Membership: No report given. Membership dues are now due for this year. The form is available on our web site if needed. It is also published in the *Beauii*. Please note the change in membership fees for this year.

F. Field Trips: Sign up sheets are on the front table to sign up for this year's trips. The Cedar Key trip is tomorrow for September; Sanibel is October 9th to shell and includes a visit to museum; November 6th to Venice for shark's teeth; December 5th is a boat trip to Kice Island near Marco Island; January 4th to Keewaydin; February 1st to Cayo Costa State Park; and lastly, March 20th to Peanut Island. Sally also announced the schedule for field trips on the Carefree Learner from

Marina Jack's, December 6th (Mon.) with departure at 8:00 AM, January 21st departure at 8:00 AM, and February 1st with departure at 7:00 AM. Cost of each trip is \$5.00 payable in advance. Not included, but strongly recommended, is a tip for the boat's captain.

- G. Web Page: Bruce was absent so nothing new was mentioned.
- H. Newsletter: Send any articles to Ron to have them included in the Beauii.
- I. Education: Lynn offered a *Conus litoglyphus* shell to a new member who would present their research on this cone at the next club meeting. Presentations should be about 3-5 minutes. The shell is theirs to keep. Amy Bentley, a new member, offered to research this shell.
- J. Sunshine: It was reported that former member and fossil author, Bernie Peterson, is still quite ill. A card has been sent to him on behalf of the club. No other members were reported in need of contact from the Sunshine Committee.
- K. Artisans: Donna B. presented a check for \$1,000 on behalf of the Artisans for their craft items sold at Coastal Flow. She mentioned they were open to new members joining their group in any capacity. No need to know how to make items, they will teach you how to do it. All projects completed remain the property of the Artisans to sell at the show, or at Coastal Flow.

VI. Old Business: No further old business was brought up.

VII. New Business:

- A. Ideas from new members was solicited by Sally.
- B. Our Dec. Christmas party was mentioned. No details were given.

VIII. Door Prizes:

Rich shared free, window clings, for those interested, with Sarasota Shell Club on them are on the desk. Help yourself. He picked individually six tickets for the winners to choose something from the table as our door prizes.

IX. Adjournment:

This meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM by President Sally.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Gaulin
Recording Secretary

Sarasota Shell Club — 2021-2022 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 (shell show participants only)

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
Donna Krusenowski, Membership Chairman
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Sarasota, FL 34235**

Please print legibly to help us correctly spell your name:

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Name(s): _____

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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 the **Bee Ridge Church Community Room** 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: sarasotashellclub@gmail.com

(To be filled in by the Membership Committee)

Renewal New Member

Amount paid _____ Date _____

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