

The Beauvi



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Sarasota Shell Club

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We meet on the 2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm
(September to April)

Room 206, Albritton Center
Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church
4826 McIntosh Rd
Sarasota, FL

March, 2023 Edition

Ramblings from the presidential suite . . .

Our SHELL SHOW!

Members of the Sarasota Shell Club owe themselves a corporate group pat on the back for the hard work that went in to generating what was one of the best shell shows ever held in this city. Guests, vendors, club members, and exhibitors expressed appreciation for a shell event of high quality and smooth operation. Special thanks are also due to our exhibitors whose outstanding efforts provided high quality for our show attendees. And a special word of thanks to our judges who had the challenging task of awarding recognition to exhibits of special note.

Volunteers. You deserve a separate paragraph. The show would not happen without you. So thanks. Please treat yourself to whatever reward will provide you the reinforcement you deserve. Heath bar blizzard and banana split, here I come.

After enjoying the just reward mentioned in the previous paragraph, please note. The shell club requires year round personnel to function effectively. Needed urgently: volunteers for nominating committee. Also let a current board member know if you are interested in serving on SSC Board. If no volunteers, calls will be made!!

Long time member June Bailey recently passed away at age 98. Celebration of her life on March 9, Desoto Park, Pavilion 2 at 3:30 p.m. RSVP to 727 243 9371 with number attending.



Also, I should mention that the following are needed for the next year's club table due to low inventory: worm shells (genus *Vermicularia*), coquinas (genus *Donax*), jingles (genus *Anomia*), lightning whelks (genus *Sinistrofulgur*), and kitten paws (genus *Plicatella*).

Hope to see you all at March 9 meeting.

Duane Kauffmann
President



Wanna be part of the team? Consider volunteering for a position!

Officers & Board Members

President	Duane Kauffmann
Vice-President	Carol Mae
Treasurer	Alan Banko
Recording Secretary	open*

Board Members: Sally Peppitoni (3); Karen Huether (2); Donna Krusenoski (2); Rich Cirrantano (2); Ron Bopp (1); Nancy Cadieux (1);

Committee Chairmen

Artisans	tba
<i>The Beauii</i>	Ron Bopp
Historian	open*
Field Trips	Gary Martinez
Librarian	Frankie Grover
Membership	Lisa Kinney
Shell Show	Sally Peppitoni
Sunshine	Frankie Grover
Webmaster	Bruce Paulsen

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- * **Meetings** are held on the second Thursday of September through April at 7:00 pm.
 - * **Dues** are \$30.00 for new single members and \$40.00 for family members (at the same address).
 - * **Renewals** are \$25.00 for single and \$30.00 for family.
- * If you want *The Beauii* printed and mailed it is an extra \$15.00 to your dues.
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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*.

Important . . . Same Location New Building

Yes, we are still meeting at Bee Ridge Church at 4826 McIntosh Road, Sarasota. However, our meetings will be in the Albritton Center, Room 206. This is the administration building for the church, and there is ample parking.

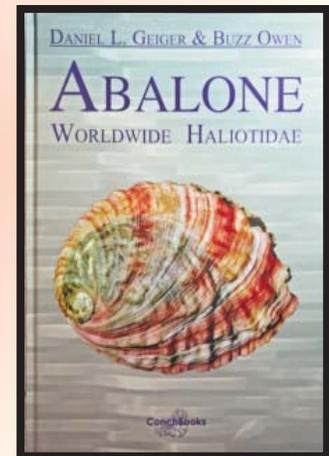
**A 2022-2023
Membership application is
attached to this Newsletter**

Library Notes

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

Books in the Sarasota Shell Club Library can be accessed by contacting Frankie Grover at 952-250-1481 or frankiejogro@gmail.com In addition persons needing information about shells and shelling can be assisted in contacting club members with relevant expertise.

There is a whole world of seashells and marine life out there!



Frankie Grover

Positions Needed

Our Shell Club needs members to fill the following important positions. Please consider volunteering for one of these: SECRETARY & HISTORIAN
Contact President Duane Kauffmann at duanerk@goshen.edu for more information.

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.

- March 9 General meeting; 7:00 P.M. Guest speaker: Steve Koski
 Sarasota archaeologist
- March 17-26 Sarasota County Fair
- April 13 7:00 pm General meeting, Guest speaker TBA
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Cheering our Shell Show Volunteers

Thank you so much to all our wonderful volunteers! The 59th Sarasota Shell Club Shell Show was again a great success because of all of you!!! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Thank you Chairman for being there from Wednesday through Sunday: Sally Peppitoni, Duane Kauffmann, Deb Alexander, Ron Bopp, Donna Krusenoski, Lisa Kinney and Carol Mae! Thank you Linda & *Greiner, Ken Alexander, Audrey Freeman, Richard & Barbara Evans, Rich & Lou Cirrintano, Judy Herman, Beverly Snyder,

Marilyn Parker, Brenda Werely, Jeannette Dalton, Richard & Sandy Smyser, Debbie Smith, Mary Hansher, Debbie & Ken Alexander, Frankie & Jim Grover, Brenda Webb, Bradford Andrews, Donna Cassin, Mark Dullea, Chris & Julie McDevitt, Gelda & Rickey Wooldridge, Amy Bentley, Gary Martinez, Gordon Fushikoshi, Bradford Andrews, Bernie Hillgemann, Sandi Samuel, Donna Timmermann, Conne McClure, Jennifer Marlow, Gail Hall, Margo Heck, Cindy Boyd, Karen Saar, Dona Bigham, Lynn Collins, Chris Moore, JoAnn Mancuso, Donna Bartels, Karen Huether, Judy Van Patten, Claire Beckman and former students of Sally Peppitoni.

Thank you Mary Jo Bopp & Marcia Glenwright who had signed up and could not make it due to illness. We send you positive thoughts for a full recovery.

Thank you to all others who came to load the truck at the Church on Wednesday and whose names may not appear above because I was not able to be there at that time. I beg for forgiveness on my knees if I forgot anyone but those that were there saw you and we appreciate you!

Nancy Cadieux * Dan

Historian’s Report for February, 2023

50 Years Ago

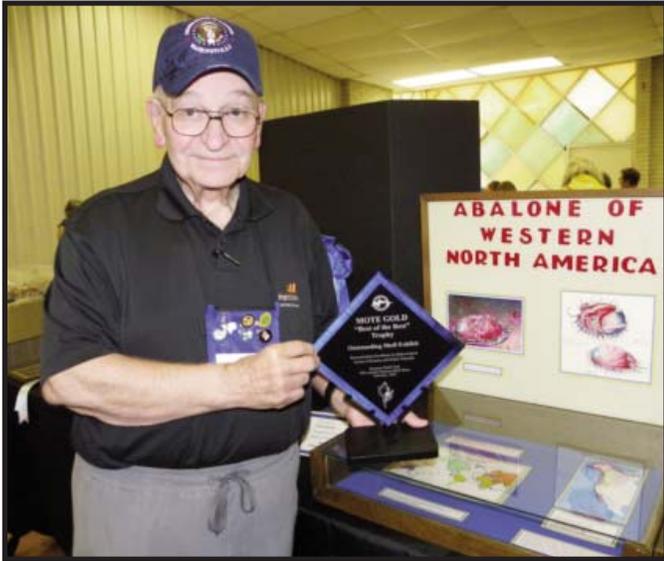
For reasons unknown, the Club archives have no minutes for March, 1973.

25 Years Ago

For reasons unknown, the Club archives have no minutes for March, 1998.

Duane Kauffmann

Scientific Awards



Mote Gold—Dave Green



COA—Linda Greiner



Dupont—Vicky Wall



Best Small Scientific & Best Self-Collected—Duane Kauffmann



Herweck Fossil—John Jacobs



Young Scientist—Dominic Baker

Scientific Awards



SSC Members Award—Ron & Mary Jo Bopp



Shell of the Show—Mary Jo Bopp

Artistic Awards



Schlusemann Best of Shell Art—Donna Timmermann



Baily Best of Members Art—Kathy Hofstad



Schlusemann Award—Jeanette Bruck



Professional-Commercial Artistic Award—Jane Santini

Artistic Awards



Best of Art with Shell Motif—Sandra Powell



Snail Parade-Most Beautiful—Donna Timmermann

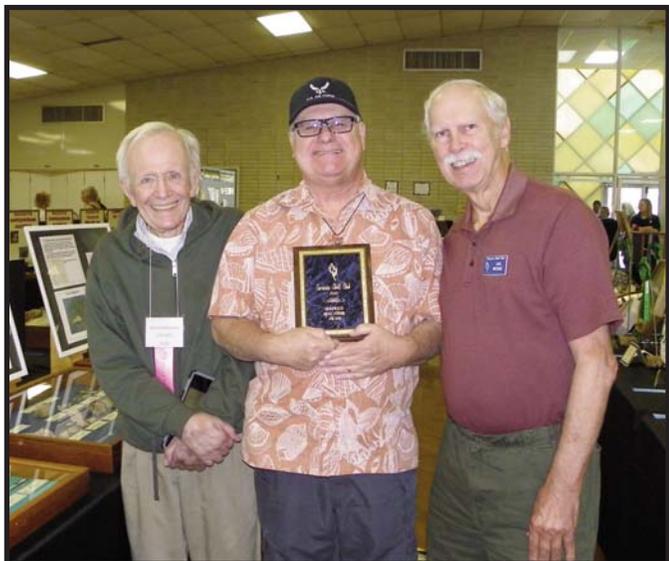


Snail Parade-Most Unique—Marilyn Parker



Snail Parade-Most Useful—Donna Cassin

Judges



Scientific—Alan Gettleman (left) & Jim Wedge (right)

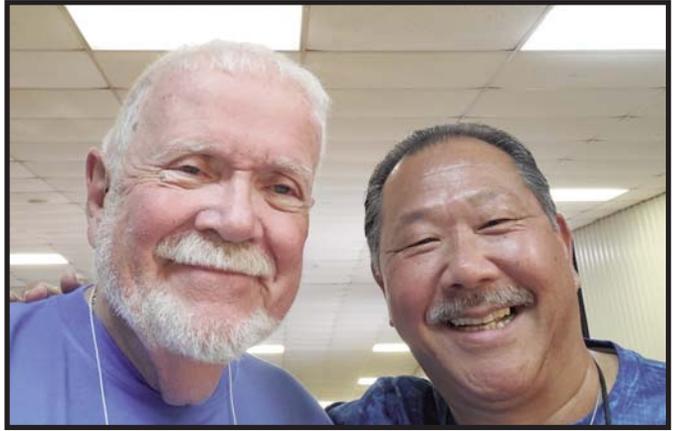


Artistic—Judy Wedge & Phyllis Gray

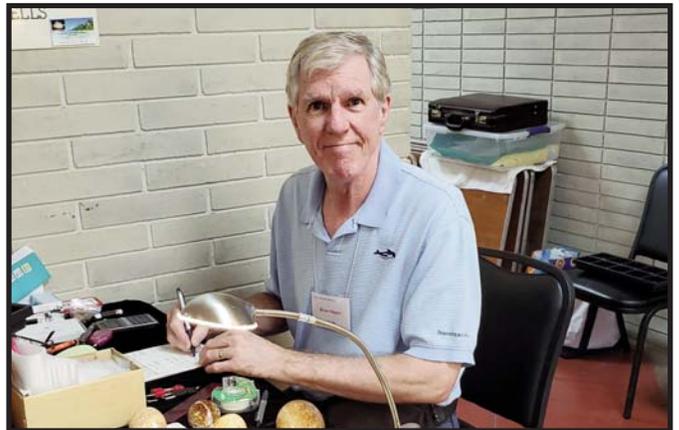
Members



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Dealers



Miscellaneous



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From the Membership Table

Lisa Kinney, Membership Chair

We had quite a few people join the Sarasota Shell club at our latest shell show. Thank you for joining us and welcome to the club. Here is a list of our new members:

Judith Loveland	Karin Ehlers	Kristin Markey	Gail Saraceno
Diane Casey	Michelle Gowland	Ann Muentes	Laura Thomas
Mark Casey	John Hashim	Cliff Ondercin	Debbie McDermott
Trisha Guarnieri	George Griffin	Brie Ondercin	Debbie Carboni
Conne McClure	Kathryn Griffin	Cole Peterson	Garth Bilodeau
Terry Childress	Marlene Durgin	Carolyn Robinette	Marlene Durgin
Mary Breece	Michelle Horner	Mike Saraceno	



And the Winner is

Jennifer Marlowe came the closest to guessing the number of coquinas in the jar. The “magic number” was 939 coquinas. Jennifer’s guess was only 61 high. Great job-she wins a cowrie!

Just for fun . . .

When you observe closely, olives have some of the most varied designs and even colors. Olives are the birth shell for the month of March. People with the olive as their birth shell are suppose to be courageous, healthy, perceptive, and very kind people.



March Meeting Guest Speaker: Steve Koski

Our guest speaker for March is Steve Koski. He is an archaeologist with Sarasota County. The topic is “The Use of Shell in Florida Through Time: Food, Tools, Trade, and Ceremony.”

Topic brief: The use of shells in the archaeological record extends through millennia evidenced as a stable food source along the coast and river systems. In the manufacture of a variety of tools and ornamentation; through local and regional transport of shell material; and by exchange networks extending over much of the eastern United States and Southern Canada. Interesting, central and southwest Florida appears to have been an important source for types of marine shell which was utilized for ornamentation and ceremony along an expansive trade and influence network. This discussion will cover the use of shell from its earliest discovery in Florida, more than 10,000 years ago, to European contact, and its perennial importance to the people of Florida and to the greater Southeast.

For those of you that have read Cynthia Barnett’s book “The Sound of the Sea”, this is a more in depth discussion of information that was presented in her book.

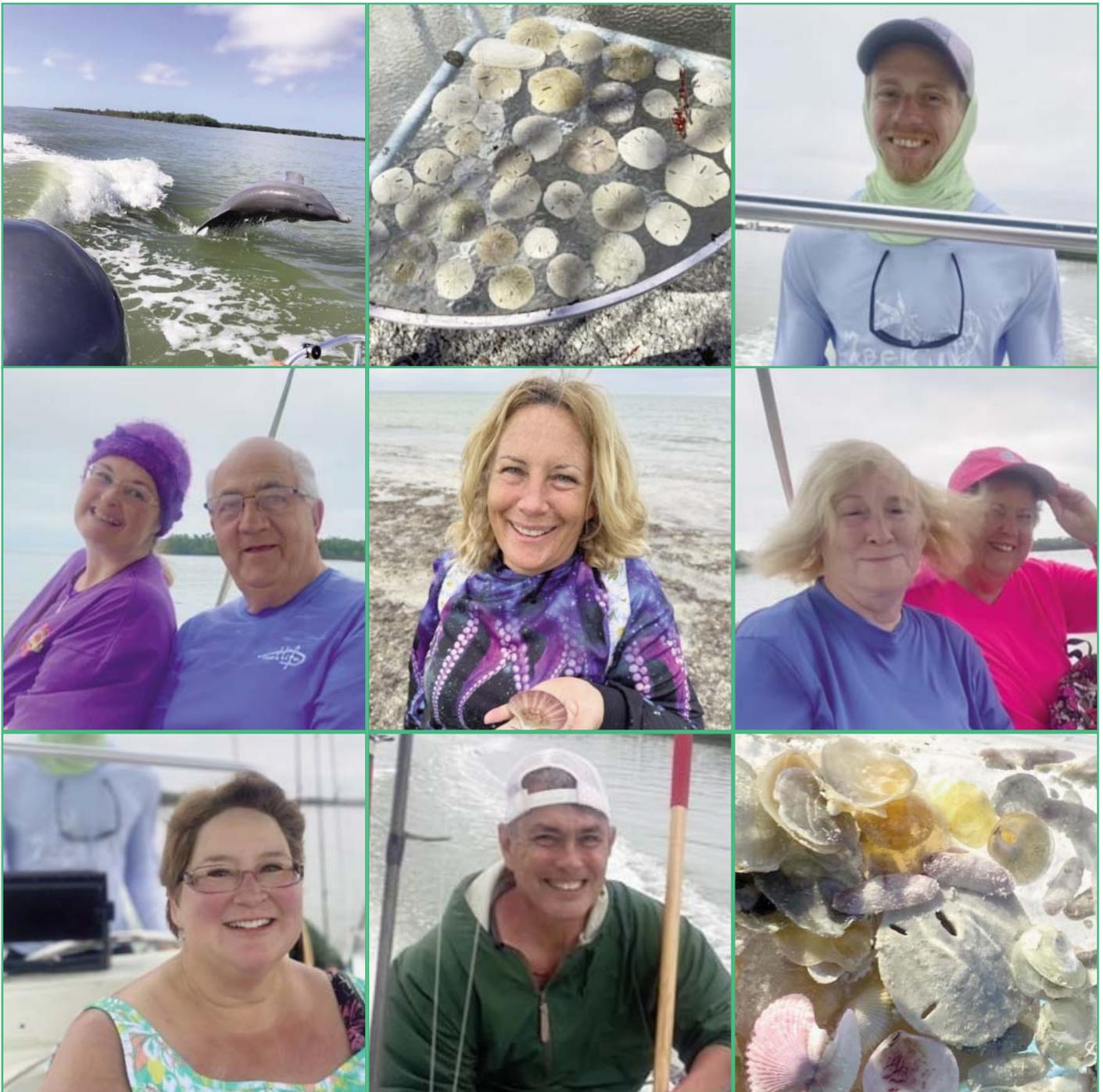


Dickman Field Trip

We started out at sunrise on a beautiful morning with Captain Cole. Dickman was once a part of Kice Island until a hurricane split them apart. It's called "shelling the flats". The beach was sandy and the sand bars were all exposed.

I have never seen so many live shells! There were arks, cockles, prickly cockles, natica, tulips, horse conchs cones and of course, fighting conchs. Audrey found double hinged jingle shells and Richard found a crucifix shell. Carol found LOTS of sand dollars! This bodes well for future shelling!

The "magic part" of our shelling trip came at the end as we were boating back to the pier. A large pod (6) of dolphins decided to join us. They were jumping in the boat wake just like you see in the movies! We could almost reach out and touch them. This experience alone made the trip well worth it and it was thanks to our wonderful Captain Cole.





The Board of the Sarasota Shell Club would like the opinion of its members. Results will be shared with all the members. The Board will attempt to make changes or improvements that fall into majority opinions. Please understand that any change is a process that may be lengthy or very challenging at times, we cannot promise you that we will succeed all the time.

The survey consists of less than 10 choice questions and will be sent to you via email during the week following this March Beauii. Thank you for participating!

Nancy Cadieux



Want to learn more about the plant and animal populations in SW Florida? Join a Museum educator on a guided Snail Search and Biodiversity Walk! And learn how to use iNaturalist, a free citizen science app that allows anyone to contribute to biological studies going on anywhere in the world.

To sign up for a Bioversity Walk, contact Jorden Falker at jfalker@shellmuseum.org or 239-347-5119.

**January 23rd, 2023 at 3pm:
Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve, Fort Myers**

**February 20th, 2023 at 10am:
Four Mile Cove Ecological Preserve, Cape Coral**

**March 13th, 2023 at 1pm:
Koreshan State Park, Estero**

**April 26th, 2023 at 10am:
Estero Bay Preserve State Park, Estero**

**May 24th, 2023 at 2pm:
Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve, Fort Myers**

*A Sand Dollar**

A sand dollar is a type of flattened, burrowing sea urchin that is commonly found in shallow, sandy marine environments. They are typically about the size of a human palm, although larger specimens can also be found.

Sand dollars are known for their distinctive circular shape and the presence of a pattern of five-part radial symmetry on their upper surface. This pattern is formed by a series of small, interconnected pores that are used by the sand dollar to breathe, filter food, and move across the ocean floor.

When alive, sand dollars are covered in small, hair-like structures called cilia, which help them to move and collect food. They are also a popular item for collectors and beachcombers, although it is important to note that collecting live sand dollars can harm or kill them, and is often illegal.

From “ChatGPT”, an artificial intelligence chatbot on the internet. It is possible to write an entire article using this program without research.

Past Presidents of the Sarasota Shell Club

Jack Oberle: 1963-1965,
1968-1968, 1972-1974
Louise Danforth: 1965-1967
Franck Rinck: 1967-1968
Thomas Robertson: 1969-1970
Evelyn Bradley: 1970-1972
Charles Hertweck: 1974-1979
Peggy Williams: 1980-1982,
1988-1989, 1992-1994,
2001-2002, 2005-2007

Vi Hertweck: 1982-1984
Richard Forbush: 1984-1985
June Bailey: 1985-1987,
1995-1997, 2002-2003
Bob Hansen: 1987-1988
Beverly Chouinard: 1989-1991
Bonnie Christophel: 1990-1992
Pat Amsel: 1994-1995
Debra Ingrao: 1997-1998
Cathy Aschliman: 1998-1999

Cathy Hollar: 1999-2001
2003-2004
Bob Horton 2004-2005
Joanne Chmielewski: 2007-2010
Ron Bopp: 2010-2012
Dennis Sargent: 2012-2014
Sally Peppitoni: 2014-2022
Duane Kauffmann: 2022-2023

Sarasota Shell Club — 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 Georgetowne 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

**We are newly located at Room 206, Albritton Center,
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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.cm

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sarasotafloridashellclub>

Contact us: sarsotashellclub@gmail.com

(To be filled in by the Membership Committee)

Renewal New Member

Amount paid _____ Date _____

Check # _____ Cash

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