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Newsletter of the Sarasota Shell Club

www.Sarasotashellclub.com

Meetings 2nd Thursdays, September-April at Fire Station #2, 2070 Waldemere St Sarasota.



From the Prez

Hello Sarasota Shell Club!

It is February and time for our annual shell show.

We will need "all hands

on deck" this year!

We cannot get into the convention center to set up until **Thursday** morning because of a group that will be there on Wednesday. We will need lots of volunteers to help set up the tables with table cloths and to make sure they are arranged appropriately before vendors and exhibitors arrive. We will be able to get in at 5 am to start set up. Yes, I know, this is VERY early but we really have no choice and it IS just ONE day out of our lives so I know we can do this!

Once we set up, if you are not volunteering for a shift for a particular job until later that day or even the next, you can always go home and nap.

Please, everyone, remember the jobs and shifts for which you signed up and try to be there a little early. Don't forget to bring any items you signed up to donate such as water or sodas.

If we will pull together we will have a smashing show of which we can be proud! See you there!

Sally Peppitoni, President

Next meeting

**NO MEETING IN FEBRUARY,
SINCE THE MEETING DATE IS THE
EVE OF THE SHELL SHOW!**

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Shell Show Feb. 11-13

For the Shell Show We Need:

Surprise! **SHELLS!** The Club Sales Table is low on shells this year, so bring all the extras you have as soon as you can, beginning on Thursday, so the volunteers can sort and price them for sale. The Club Table at the shell show is a source of income for the club, so it is important that have a good supply of shells to sell.

Many thanks,
Duane Kauffmann,
Club Table Chair

I was at the Broward shell show, and they had some fantastic bargain shells to sell. I know they made over \$2000 just on that table (some of it from me! I even got some specimen shells I didn't already have!)

Peggy Williams

More Shell Show Needs:

We need **able-bodied helpers** to unload the truck at the venue at 6:00 am Thursday. Yes, it's early, but you can go home afterwards and take a nap!

We also need you to help load the truck again at 4:00 on Saturday.

And...

We need PACKAGED **soda, bottles of water, small bags of chips, and donuts** for the workers and dealers.

At The Show:

- We have a **Childrens Activity Section** run by Angela Sampogna. The children love her and the activities she offers them.
- Angela also sells booklets of **How to Make Shell Flowers** for \$5 - a bargain!
- The **Artisans' offerings** are more spectacular than ever!
- The other half of the Convention Center will have a Quilters' Show beginning on Friday. They set up on Thursday, so maybe some will come to our show!

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 before the trip goes.

Note corrected times for Carefree Learner trips!

NO FIELDTRIPS IN FEBRUARY DUE TO SHELL SHOW!

March 19th(Sat) – 8 am arrival, Sanibel Island. We can decide if we want to do Lighthouse Beach or Blind Pass. Low tide 9:22am, -.1'

April 8th(Fri) – 12 Noon arrival, Peanut Island on east coast, you can snorkel here too! Low tide 3:56pm, -1.0'!!!

Videos, pics

Check out the videos of Cone shells eating by stabbing their prey



at <http://biology.burke.washington.edu/conus/videos/index.php> . I couldn't open most of them (you need Adobe Quicktime) but I could open the last two on the page. Amazing!

and more videos of cone snails eating fish, worms, and snails: <http://www.theconesnail.com/videos>.

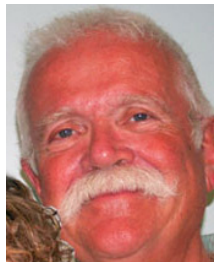
There's a great closeup look at a 12 foot giant squid at <http://www.nytimes.com/video/science/100000004117604/a-giant-from-the-deep-spotted-in-japan.html>.

February, 2016

Successful Fossil Trip

text and photos by Ron Bopp

Twenty-four members of the SSC traveled to Williams Shell Pit (just north of the Caloosahatchee River) for a fossil dig on Saturday, January 9, 2016. Our leader was Gary Schmelz and with the help of Glen Stacell, we scoured the pit for many fossil prizes. The sky was overcast and the temperature was in the 70s affording an enjoyable shelling experience



Glenn & Gary giving instructions

Afterwards we enjoyed a country lunch and took advantage of Gary and Glen's shell give-aways



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Calendar

Please note dates on your own calendars!
Feb 20 FL United Malacologists Sanib
Feb 27-28 St Petersburg Shell Show
March 2-4 Sanibel Shell Show
March 10 **Shell Club meeting**
April 14 **Last Shell Club mt of season**

Shell Show Details

The show is at the Bradenton Area Convention Center, One Haben Blvd, Palmetto FL (just north of the US 301 bridge from Bradenton. Setup is Thursday Feb. 11 from 7:30 to noon and the show is open Thursday, 12:30-5:00, Friday, Feb 12, 10:00-5:00 and Saturday, Feb 13 10:00-4:00.

Rosters Available Now!

Go to the membership table at the shell show to pick up your Shell Club membership rosters, which are done at last!

Meetings on the

2nd Thursday
of Sept
through April
at 7:00 p.m.,
at
Waldemere
Fire Station, 2071
Waldemere St. in
Sarasota. Park in small
lot on the right or in
nursing home lot across
the street.



The Annual **Shell Show** is February 1-3, 2013 at the Bradenton Area Convention Ctr.

Dues: New members \$21.50 New Family members (2+ at same address) \$33.00.

Renewals: \$15.00 for Single, \$20.00 for Family (two+ at same address).

If you want your newsletter printed and mailed add \$15.00.

To Find Sarasota Tides

<http://tbone.biol.sc.edu/tide/tideshow.cgi?site=Sarasota%2C+Sarasota+Bay%2C+Florida+%282%29>

Site will show the week's tides. Go to prediction options below for one-month calendar.

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