

The Beauii



A newsletter published by the
Sarasota Shell Club

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We meet on the 2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm
(September to April)
at Fire Station #2,
2070 Waldemere St.,
Sarasota, FL

March, 2020 Edition

From the Prez

Hello Fellow Shellers!



We can now step back and take a breath. We survived this year's show and I believe it was a great one. Now the board can think about what changes we might like to make to improve our show and its attendance. Please email me with any ideas you

might like the board to think about.

The April meeting is the election of the 2021 Board of Officers and Directors. This issue of the Beauii has the list of those who have volunteered their time and energy to continue spear-heading the work of this club. Please put the April meeting on the list so you can have your say.

Also, in April is our end-of-year party. This year, Beverly Root has kindly volunteered to allow the club to use the clubhouse where she lives on the north end of Longboat Key. There will be good food, fellowship and of course, shelling! Please make it known to Carol Mae if you wish to attend so that the food can be ordered.

We have a field trip to Boca Grande to shell on March 8th and I am happy to announce that our last field trip will be to the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum, Sanibel, on Saturday, April 25th. We will take a tour of the new areas, which includes aquaria of live mollusks. I am going to request that we also be able to tour the back rooms where the shells are kept, and the work of the malacologists takes place. You will need your current 2019-20 membership card for this trip!

See you at the March meeting!

Sally Peppitoni, President

Field Trips, 2020

Information on field trips may be found on page 2.

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Nominations**

**Club Picnic
April 18, 2020**

A 2020 Membership Form is on the back page—Give one to a Friend!

Field Trip information and updates:

***Always make sure I have your cell phone number when you sign up for a trip!

Sunday, March 8th: **BOCA GRANDE**. In order to make up for the canceled trip to Boca last November, I've rescheduled this new date. Low tide is at 7:02 AM and -0.5 ft. The winter tides and storms have been pushing lots of stuff up onto the beaches so this should be good shelling.

Saturday, April 25th: Sanibel and Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum. We should plan to arrive just before 10 AM when they open. The address is 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road, Sanibel, FL. The museum has pretty much finished their renovations and we want to see what they've done. An aquarium with live Junonias is a must see. I am going to try to get us a tour of the new parts of the museum and a revisit of the back rooms where all the shells are kept and all the work is done. We can lunch at the Island Cow. I will have a sign-up sheet at the March meeting for those who are interested. I will need a firm number before we go so they will know how many people to expect.

PICNIC TIME, PARTY TIME

The end of our season is here and let's celebrate with friends, sun, beach, and great food! We have ordered from Sonny's catering again. The menu is pulled pork, BBQ chicken, coleslaw, baked beans, and potato salad. We will provide water, soda, sweet and unsweetened tea. It is BYOB. Anyone have a recipe for a seashell martini? Cost is \$10.50 for members and \$12.50 for non-members. Checks only made out to Sarasota Shell Club. We will have sign up sheets at the meetings in March and April. Payment is required at that time. Cut-off date is Saturday, April 11th. Checks may be mailed to;

Carol Mae
2107 Palma Sola Blvd. Unit 75
Bradenton, Florida 34209

LOCATION

Spanish Main Clubhouse on Longboat Key.
See Beverly Root's article for direction. Party is April 18th. From 10:00 am to 4:00 pm..

More on the Picnic

Place: Spanish Main Yacht Club (SMYC)
5700 Gulf of Mexico Drive
Longboat Key (LBK)

Entrance is approximately 8 miles north once across bridge onto LBK, or 2 miles south if entering from the north.

There are two blinking lights at the fire stations. From the south, we are after the 2nd blinking light.

Upon entering SMYC, bear left around lake and park at the marina. The clubhouse is the large building on the marina.

Carol Mae plans to walk members to the beach. Depending upon weather, my husband Cliff, will take some members to the sand bar or Beer Can Island beach. He'll return for another group. When he drops them off, he'll return the first group to the club house and then return for second group.

WANT TO BE A KID AGAIN?

Traditionally, members have brought desserts to the picnic. However, in the Spanish Main Clubhouse, there is a freezer. Beverly and I were wondering, if instead of the baked goods, you were prefer popsicles, ice cream bars, drumsticks, etc. This is not included in the picnic price. Would you prefer to have this type of dessert? Please let Beverly Root or Carol Mae know your preference. If you are donating, please let one of us know what and how many are in your box of goodies. Thanks!

Recent Transmissions, Comments, Etc.

A big THANK YOU goes out to all our raffle sponsors!

Thank you to; the Nancy Dodson Estate, Carol Mae, the Nancy Marini Estate, Ron & Mary Jo Bopp, Tricia Latva, Nancy Cadieux, Donna Cassin, Beverly Root, the Timmermann Family, the Shell Club Artisans, Donna Bartels, Susan Dietsch, the Wedge Family, Sue Hobbs, Susan McNichol along with a few “silent gifters”. To all who donated we are grateful to have your support and thrilled to have done so well for the club!

The Sarasota Shell Club has a NEW Facebook Page, which is named 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

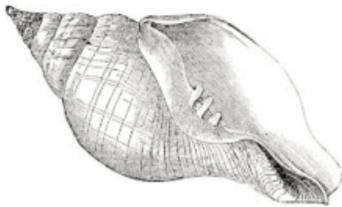


Sarasota Shell Club member, Duane Kauffmann, won the coveted COA trophy at the Astronaut Trail Shell Show in January, 2020. His exhibit, “Malacocrusin’,” was an excellent display of miniature shells obtained while on various Caribbean cruises. Pictured here with Duane is judge, John Slapcinsky, who is Collection Manager of Invertebrate Zoology at the University of Florida, Gainesville.

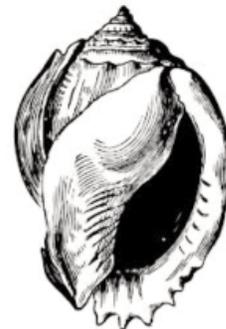
A Postcard from the Past . . .



This postcard is from the 1900s and is typical of those seen at that time in America. Although printed in English it was made in Germany. A neat feature of cards of that time was the through-the-card embossing; this can be seen on the reverse side where the outline of the shell, along with the other items on the table can be appreciated. A stamp to send this card would put you back one cent!



The March Cartoon . . .



Cartoon contributed by Sally Peppitoni

Sarasota Shell Club Treasurer's Report

February 13, 2020 Meeting

Reconciled Balance as of January 31, 2020 – \$19,380.05

Account Balance as of February 12, 2020 - \$22,497.00

January Income: \$1,624.16

Items Include: Membership Dues, Shell Show Dealer Fees – 13 total dealers - \$5,500, Shell Show Award Donations, Interest

January Expenses: \$5,162.35

Items Include: Bee Ridge Rent (\$547.50), COA Dues Refunds for Keewaydin Field Trip, Shuttle for Keewaydin Field Trip, 2020 Shell Show Potter Building Final Payment (\$3,420), Shell Show Rental Depot Table Set-up Deposit (\$230), CNA Surety President & Treasurer Insurance Bond (\$187)

Activities Completed

- Potter Building for Shell Show Paid in Full - \$3,800
- COA Annual Dues Paid
- State of Florida Annual Report Filed (\$61.25)
- Dealers for Shell Show – 13 total dealers paid in full \$5,550

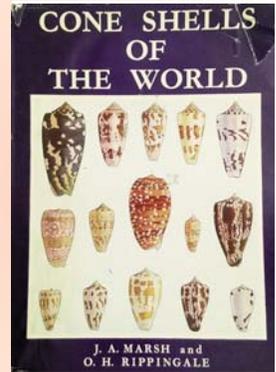
Additional Info:

Preliminary Shell Show Income for 2020: \$21, 970.46

Library Notes

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

You may want a book to help with your scientific or artistic exhibit at our SSC Shell Show or just educate yourself about shells and marine life, as well as helping you identify shells you find.



Call me at 941-993-5161 or email me (Linda) at luvseashells@gmail.com to arrange an appointment for browsing our library or just talk about our exciting library books. There is a whole world of seashells and marine life out there!

Linda Greiner
& Duane Kauffmann

Editor's Thoughts . . .

I used to be a banker,
but then I lost interest!

Historian's Report

50 Years Historian's Report to March, 2020 SSC meeting

50 Years Ago

The March 12, 1970 meeting of the Club was held with 20 members in attendance. Members thanked the Chair and Co-chair of the Shell Show. The Treasurer reported Show expenses totaled \$1319.80 (including \$260 rent for the Armory, \$299.76 judge's expenses, and \$46.18 for ribbons and badges). Income totaled \$1368.92 and thus a profit of \$49.12.

After an extensive discussion it was decided to take advantage of an opportunity to have a display, provide information about shells, and have shells for sale at the Gulf Gate Shopping Center Mall.

25 Years Ago

The Club meeting on March 9, 1995 was called to order by President Peggy Williams. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$4235.35, and indicated the Shell Show had a "slight profit."

Donations of \$500 to the Carefree Learner, \$500 to Mote Marine, and \$100 to the Sanibel Shell Museum were approved.

The nominating committee indicated the same officers have agreed to serve another year.

2020 Shell Show Photos - Scientific Award Winners



The COA award was given to Greg Curry for his extensive collection and entry of the Genus *Melo*.



Bob & Pat Linn won the DuPont award for their "Abalones from Around the World" display.



Duane Kauffmann won both the Best Small Scientific Exhibit and the Best Self-Collected Exhibit awards for his "Malacocrusin" display.



The Mote Gold award was given to Ron Bopp for his Cone display.



Lynn Gaulin won the Sarasota Shell Club Member's award for her educational "The Secret Code of Patterns."



The Hertweck fossil plaque was awarded to June Bailey for her museum-quality Madagascar fossil cluster. She was also awarded the Fossil Shell of the Show ribbon.

2020 Shell Show Photos - Scientific Award Winners



Linda Greiner won a Judges Special Merit ribbon for her display of “Gems of the Sea: *Cymbiola*.”



The Shell of the Show was awarded to Greg Curry for his *Melo umbilicatus*, a very, very large shell.



Lynn Gauilin won the Most Beautiful Exhibit ribbon for her display of *Janthina janthina*.



Bob & Pat Linn also won the People’s Choice ribbon for their *Haliotis* exhibit.



The Self-Collected Shell of the Show was awarded to Andrea Hutchinson for her display of a *Crucibulum ramosum* (Conrad, 1842) specimen, a Miocene Gastropod.



The Nancy Dodson award for most unusual shell went to Greg Curry for his *Melo broderipil* gastropod.

2020 Shell Show Photos - Artistic Award Winners



The Best of Art with Shell Motif awarded to Donna Bartels for her "Driftwood Base."



The Donna & Tom Cassin award for the Most Creative in the Artistic Entry was given to Frankie Grover for her "Sea Bird."



Donna Timmermann won the June Bailey Best of Member's Art award for her "Multiple Pieces of Jewelry."



Donna Bartels won again a trophy, the Fran Schlusemann Best of Shell Art, for her "Orchid" creation.



The People's Choice award was given to Caryl Renz. Caryl also won the Judges Special Merit Award ribbon. Her entry: "My Home in PA of Gardens in Cape Cod in Shells on a Trunk."



Karen Paulsen won the Nancy and Armand Marini award for the Most Unique Use of Fossil Shells in the Artistic Entry for her "Everything Old is New Again."

2020 Shell Show Photos - Artistic Award Winners



Cheryl Witten won a Judge's Special Merit Award for her "Festival of Flowers" exhibit.



The Best of Commercial Professional Art ribbon was awarded to Suzanne Dietsch for her "Claws" sailor valentine.



The Snail Parade's Most Beautiful entry went to Angela Sampogna for her "Snail Parade" entry.



Marilyn Parker won the Most Useful ribbon for her "Snappy Snail" entry in the Snail Parade.

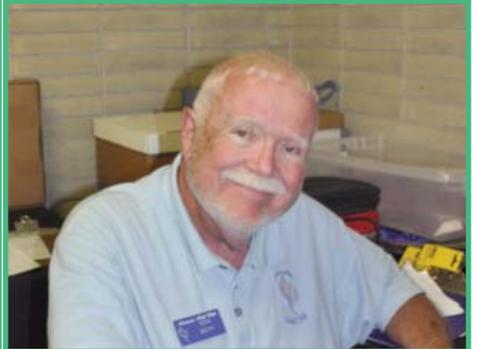


Donna Timmermann accepting her award from Sally Peppitoni at the judge's Dinner.

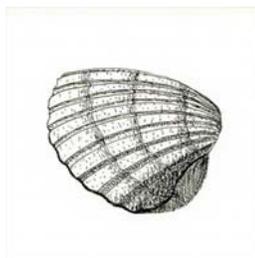


The Awards table at the "Judge's" Dinner.

Club Members Participating at the Shell Show



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Our Judges



Our scientific judges were Gary Schmelz and Alan Gettleman



The artistic judges were Phyllis Gray and Marci Chamberlain.

**Sarasota Shell Club Meeting Minutes
February 13th, 2020**

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:55 P.M. by the President, Sally Peppitoni.
2. Introduction and Welcome: Sally welcomed everyone including four visitors, Debbie Steffy and Linda Longstreth from Michigan, and Amy and Alan Reisfield from New Jersey. Amy is Nancy Marini's daughter and talked about how much The Sarasota Shell Club had meant to her mother. She presented a \$5000 check, as her mother had wished, to the club. It was turned over to the Treasurer.
3. Program: There was no program. Instead it was proposed that we be brought up-to-date about The Shell Show. Angela Sampogna presented a motion to bring us up-to-date and Lynn Gaulin seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously.
4. Secretary's Report: Everyone received a copy of minutes from January 09, 2020 and members reviewed and made corrections. A motion was made to accept the minutes and it was seconded. This was unanimously passed.
5. Treasurer's Report: Karen Huether presented the financial report for February, 2020 (see page 5 in this issue of *The Beauii*). This was unanimously passed. Karen made remarks that personally thanked and acknowledged all the people and volunteers that helped make the Shell Show a success. She also discussed the preliminary expenses in comparison to last year.

6. Corresponding Secretary's Report: Duane Kauffmann reported there was no information to report.

7. Committee Reports:

- A. Shell Show: Donna Krusenoski was in charge of admissions, raffles and membership. She personally acknowledged and thanked all raffle sponsors, all who donated, and all volunteers who worked to make the show successful. Donna submitted charts that broke down the number of adults, students and kids under 11 who attended the show and how much was collected all three days. She also tallied how people heard about the show so we can use the information when making decisions where best to advertise next year.

Angela Sampogna manned the Learning Center. There is a need for people to find unusual things on the beach for next year and she wants to engage adults more. She suggested egg casings, sponges, fossils, and other interesting things that you may find when you are on the beach. The adult connection was great. She thanked personally the people who helped her. She asked for help on how to produce labels for boxes. Lynn Gaulin volunteered.

Carol Mae commented that she has a handle on what the needs are for next year and what budget needs are for refreshments. Carol personally thanked Beverly Root for work setting up the Awards Dinner. She has also made a template/manual for the show for next year. It will help people next year to know the various things that must be done and exactly how to do those tasks.

Duane Kauffmann talked about that there were good donations for the Shell Table. In spite of circumstances that couldn't be anticipated, we did very well. We need to introduce shells to more people to increase interest in the club.

Bruce and Roseanne in charge of the Artistic and Scientific exhibits thanked those who helped. There was more space for demonstrations and education.

Ron Bopp discussed the awards. Several were not given out. He suggested that next year we will have the yearly date on a small plaque on the award instead of inscribed in the award, thus making the award usable for another year in case it wasn't given out.

For the next Board Meeting in March, before the regular meeting, make a list of a few suggestions you may have thought of that we could do better or differently next year. Send in an Email to the Board.

- B. Programs: Ron Bopp will present Shells on Vintage Post Cards in March.
- C. Librarian's Report: Linda Greiner can refer you, given a topic, to books from the library including books about art with shells. She is working on library books and getting them ready for the next show to add to Duane's table.
- D. Historian's Report: All members are referred to the monthly newsletter (*The Beauii*) where the historical report is being published.
- E. Membership: Donna Krusenoski reported we now have 12 new members signed and paid.
- F. Field Trips: The Boca Grande trip is scheduled for March 8 to make up for November. Low tide is at 7:02 am. It was suggested that we look into a trip to The Bailey Matthews Museum.
- G. Web Page: Bruce Paulsen reminded us that if we have pictures from beach walks or field trips that we can send them to SarasotaShellClub@gmail.com. Also, look on Facebook for Sarasota Florida Shell Club.
- H. Newsletter: Ron Bopp also reminded us to send in pictures and stories for the newsletter. Submit pictures and articles you may have to Ron.
- I. Education: Gordon F. presented The Shell of the Month, Lace Murex. Gordon F. volunteered again for next month's Shell of the Month, *Strombus raninus*.
- J. Sunshine: Sally P. will email information to Frankie to try to find out about Linda Ervin.
- K. Artisans: Artisans will be doing Beach University two days a week starting in March. Ron Bopp will be doing one of them.

Old Business: Carol and Bev will need refreshments for April meeting. We will have the end of the year picnic at Spanish Main Yacht Club's clubhouse on Longboat Key thanks to Bev Root. It is April 18th. It is located between Harry's and Cannon's at the north end of Longboat Key. It will be from 10am-3:00pm. There is a two block walk to the beach. Also, there may be boat rides from the yacht club out to the bay.

New Business: Give Board ideas about the Shell Show for next year. It was recommended to have a two day show next year.

Door Prizes: Rich Cirrintano and Sally Peppitoni drew numbers to present door prizes this evening.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss Sally P. adjourned the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeanne Dimmick: Recording Secretary

FUM Meeting Report

The Florida United Malacologists (FUM) met on Saturday, February 15 at the Bailey Mathews Museum in Sanibel. Nearly 90 registered and two SSC members (Duane Kauffmann and Ron Bopp) attended (see those circled in the group photo below).

The meeting consisted of various 20-minute talks dealing with topics including the progress of the museum to cone toxins to micromollusks and many other interesting subjects.

Not only was the meeting interesting but a tour of the Museum renovation was thought provoking with the top atrium being devoted to the impact of the environment on our ocean's sea life.



SSC Speakers for March and April

Ron Bopp will be the speaker for the March membership meeting. His presentation is “**Sea Shells on (Mostly) Vintage Postcards.**” Via Powerpoint a view of several aspects of the mail media will be covered.

For April the club membership will be treated to a presentation by Rebecca Mensch, Curator of Displays at the Sanibel Museum. Her talk is titled “**Beyond Shells: Your Museum Comes Alive.**”

Officers & Board Members

President	Sally Peppitoni
Vice-President	Donna Cassin
Treasurer	Karen Huether
Recording Secretary	Jeanne Dimmick
Corresponding Secretary	Duane Kauffmann

Board Members: Carol Mae (3), Pete Steelman (3), Donna Krusenoski (2), Rich Cirrantano (2), Donna Timmermann (1), and Jenny Folden (1).

Committee Chairmen

Artisans	Open
<i>The Beauii</i>	Ron Bopp
Historian	Duane Kauffmann
Field Trips	Sally Peppitoni
Librarian	Linda Greiner
Membership	Donna Krusenoski
Shell Show	Board
Sunshine	Frankie Grover
Webmaster	Bruce Paulsen

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*.

Calendar

March 12, 2020	Membership Meeting
April 18, 2020	Club Picnic
June 15-21, 2020	COA International, Melbourne, FL

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of September through April at 7:00 pm at Waldemere Fire Station, 2070 Waldemere St. in Sarasota. Park in the small lot on the right or in the nursing home lot across the street.

Dues are \$21.00 for new single members and \$33.00 for family members (at the same address). **Renewals** are \$15.00 for single and \$20.00 for family.

If you want *The Beauii* printed and mailed it is an extra \$15.00 to your dues.

**The 2019-2020
Membership Application
is Attached
Do it!**

Past Presidents of the Sarasota Shell Club

Jack Oberle: 1963-1965, 1968-1968, 1972-1974	Vi Hertweck: 1982-1984	Cathy Hollar: 1999-2001
Louise Danforth: 1965-1967	Richard Forbush: 1984-1985	Joanne Chmielewski: 2007-2010
Franck Rinck: 1967-1968	June Bailey: 1985-1987, 1995-1997, 2002-2003	Ron Bopp: 2010-2012
Thomas Robertson: 1969-1970	Bob Hansen: 1987-1988	Dennis Sargent: 2012-2014
Evelyn Bradley: 1970-1972	Beverly Chouinard: 1989-1991	Sally Peppitoni: 2014-2020
Charles Hertweck: 1974-1979	Bonnie Christophel: 1990-1992	
Peggy Williams: 1980-1982, 1988-1989, 1992-1994, 2001-2002, 2005-2007	Pat Amsel: 1994-1995	
	Debra Ingrao: 1997-1998	
	Cathy Aschliman: 1998-1999	

**SARASOTA SHELL CLUB
NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

Date: 2/24/2020

RE: Slate for the annual election of officers and of two Directors-at-large, Year 2020-2021

Chairman: Glenda Kaufman Kantor

Other member(s): Lou Cirrintano

**2020-2021 Nominations
Officers**

(All to be elected each year)

Title	Term 2020-2021	Name	Nomination Accepted
President	1 year	Sally Peppitoni	Y
Vice President	1 year	Duane Kauffmann	Y
Treasurer	1 year	Karen Huether	Y
Recording Secretary	1 year	Jeanne Dimmick	Y
Corresponding Secretary	1 year	Marilyn Parker	Y

**6 Directors serving on the Board for 3 years
(2 Directors-at-large to be elected each year)**

NAME	Term for 2020-2021	To be elected 2020-2021	Confirmed Status or Accepted Nomination?
Donna Krusenoski	1 years	N/A	Y
Rich Cirrintano	1 years	N/A	Y
Ron Bopp	3 year	Y	Y
Nancy Cadieux	3 year	Y	Y
Carol Mae	2 years	Y	Y
Pete Steelman	2 years	Y	Y

Director At Large

NAME	Term for 2020-2021	To be elected 2020-2021	Confirmed Status or Accepted Nomination?
Bruce Paulsen			Y



SSC Member wins at St. Pete

Sarasota Shell Club member, Lynn Gaulin, won the COA trophy at the St. Pete Shell Show for her display “Secret Code of Patterns.” She also won the “Sammy Lawson Award” for the most beautiful exhibit (for her Janthina exhibit).

Sarasota Shell Club Renewal/New Application Membership

Note: Dues include newsletters (*The Beautif*) via email, September through April. If no email address is available, add \$15 to your yearly dues if you want to receive the newsletters by mail.

Initial Dues: include cost of membership name tag:

\$21.50 single and \$33 family (living at the same address)

If no email address, add \$15 to your yearly dues

Renewal Dues: \$15 single and \$20 family (living at the same address).

If no email address add \$15 to your yearly dues.

To join, send checks only (no cash) made out to SSC to

Donna Krusenoski, Membership Chairman
3250 Ringwood Mdw

Sarasota, FL 34235

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: _____

Birthday day & month: _____

We offer field trips to our membership and would like you to attend. Times and places will be announced at meetings or in our newsletter.

Are you interested in field trips? _____

Do you know of any good field trip location(s)? _____

If so, they are: _____

Our Insurance Requires This: 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. _____

3. _____

4. _____

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

You will be sent monthly newsletters starting in September through April informing you of the date and time of the next meeting held the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Waldemere Fire Station off US 41 (behind Wendy's near Sarasota Memorial Hospital). Name badges can be picked up approximately 4 weeks after they are ordered.

To be filled in by the Membership Committee

Renewal _____ New Member _____

Amount paid & date _____ / _____