

The Beauui



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Sarasota Shell Club

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(September to April)
at Fire Station #2,
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Sarasota, FL

January 2021 Edition

From the Prez



Hello Shell-a-holics:

Well another Holiday season is almost over. I hope everyone has had the best holiday possible under the circumstances. I also hope you have all had a chance to review the draft of the updates

to our by-laws and are ready to voice your opinion at our next meeting. Carol Mae and the rest of the By-Laws committee have worked very hard to bring our by-laws up to date. If you see any major problems that should be addressed, please make sure you email her with your concerns.

Our next Zoom meeting is coming up and we haven't been able to get someone to do a presentation so...I am going to try to put together something for us all to enjoy. I hope you will join us so that my efforts won't be in vain.

It feels strange sending such a short message at this time of the year when we would normally be gearing up for the shell show in February. But, sacrifices have to be made for us all to stay as safe as possible. Let us hope that this new year brings improved conditions and a chance for us all to return to some sort of normalcy at some point. Then next season we can return, I hope, better than ever! See you in a couple of weeks on Zoom!

Stay safe, stay well!

Sally Peppitoni
President

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Happy New Year!

A Membership Application is attached to the last page!

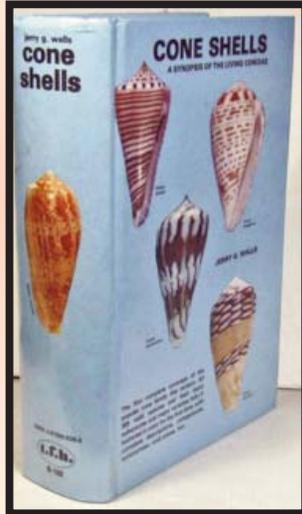
Library Notes

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.mdmshell-books.com

The Sarasota Shell Club library will be closed until further notice due to the pandemic

Please feel free to call me at 941-993-5161 to talk about our exciting shells. I can also direct you to someone who knows more about a particular shell family or they can answer your questions.

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



Linda Greiner
& Duane Kauffmann

Historian's Report

50 Years Ago

Thirty-six members and guests attended the January 14, 1971 meeting of the Sarasota Shell Club. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$972.91.

Among items in the minutes:

1. Visits to the hospital are going well and members are urged to participate.
2. Shell show is coming up and volunteers are needed. Publicity flyers are ready for distribution.
3. Girl scouts wearing their uniforms will be allowed in free to the shell show.

Roger Dunn of St. Petersburg gave the program on cones. Slides of many unusual and rare species were included.

25 Years Ago

The meeting room at Mote Marine hosted "40-45" members and guests for the January 11, 1996 meeting of the SSC.

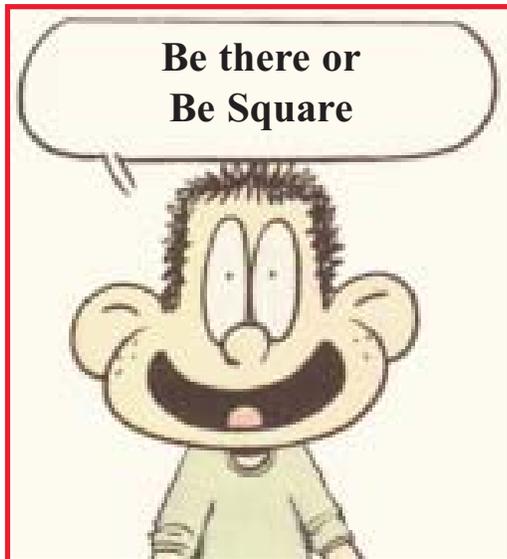
Elsie Doyle and Barbara Myers noted that they have formed a shell club in Englewood.

Rob Masino of Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum gave the program describing his work studying marine habitats. His photographs and commentary were "fantastic." He stressed that we need to take actions to preserve these ecosystems. [Editorial note: 25 years ago—have we listened?]

The raffle prizes were ammonites.

December's ZOOM Meeting

We will have our 5th Membership Meeting via ZOOM on Thursday, January 14th at 7:00 pm. Many new things are on our horizon so tune in with Sally's instructions. As my German friend said to me:



BEACH PICNIC

Remember those days when we ended our shelling with a picnic at Coquina Beach? MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We have a picnic scheduled for Coquina Beach on Saturday, April 17th, 2021. There will be more details to follow as we become closer to the date.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

I realize this is months away but I adhere to "Murphy's Law" and prefer to accomplish advance planning. The date for our picnic occurs when I will be on a long awaited and planned vacation. I will need two volunteers to set up at Coquina Beach and one or two volunteers to take charge of our food order and collect funds. I have information packets prepared for those who volunteer to make it easier. Please contact Carol Mae by email (carolmmae@gmail.com) or text 608-692-9985. Many thanks.

Siratus Beauii (Fischer & Bernardi, 1857)

Lynn Gaulin

Sarasota Shell Club’s logo was chosen January 10, 1969. At that time our logo was known as *Chicoreus beauii* or *Beau’s Murex*. It was reported local captains dredging in the Gulf of Mexico brought up a beautiful specimen that attracted some club members attention. This specimen was *Chicoreus beauii* and was chosen to be our club’s logo. A few years ago it’s Latin name was changed to *Siratus beauii* from *Chicoreus beauii*.

Siratus beauii is a specimen we can’t find walking our local beaches. It can only be found by dredging in moderately deep waters 200-400 fathoms (660 to 1315 ft. deep) along the west coast of Florida in Tampa Bay, Gulf of Mexico, southern Bahamian Islands, and in southern Atlantic Ocean waters off southern Brazil. A few specimens have been found in the deep waters of near Guadeloupe, French Guiana and Venezuela.

dark bands along the body whorl of the shell. Occasionally a white or very pale specimen also has been dredged. This species shows variations in the size of its spines and webbed varices (its wing-like expansions). This Muricid family member is a predator eating bivalves and other marine snails it comes in contact with.



Figure 1. Photo courtesy *Gastropods.com*

Siratus beauii is a gastropod belonging to the Muricidae Family. Specimens dredged range in length from 60 to 90 mm (about 3.5 inches). Many specimens show variations in color with various shades of brown or tan on their shells. Some with



Figure 2. Photo courtesy *Gastropods.com*

There are two forms of this shell. Each form has different variations in color. One form has sharp spines along its body whorl (**Figure 1**) and the second form has webbed wing-like protrusions along its body. **Figure 2** Our club chose this “winged” form for our club’s logo.

References:

- Abbott, R. Tucker, *American Seashells* 2nd Edition, Van Nostrand Reinhold, Co, NY, 1974
- Abbott, R. Tucker, *Seashells*, Ridge Press Publications, NY, 19760
- Abbott, R. Tucker *Seashells of North America: A Field Guide to Identification*, Golden Press, NY, 1986

Postcards from the Past . . .

For this month we do not have a postcard but rather, a trade card that would have been popular at the turn of last century. “Mama washes me with Ideal Quinine and Sulphur Soap” . . . all the time while I am languishing in a pecten shell.

Egads, not only do they recommend you wash with this combination but they want you to brush your teeth with the same stuff but in powder form: it will “keep the Breath Sweet to an old age.”

(Not over my dead body—ED)

Needless to say, nothing else is said about the shell—just the image of it should instill confidence of the product being promoted.



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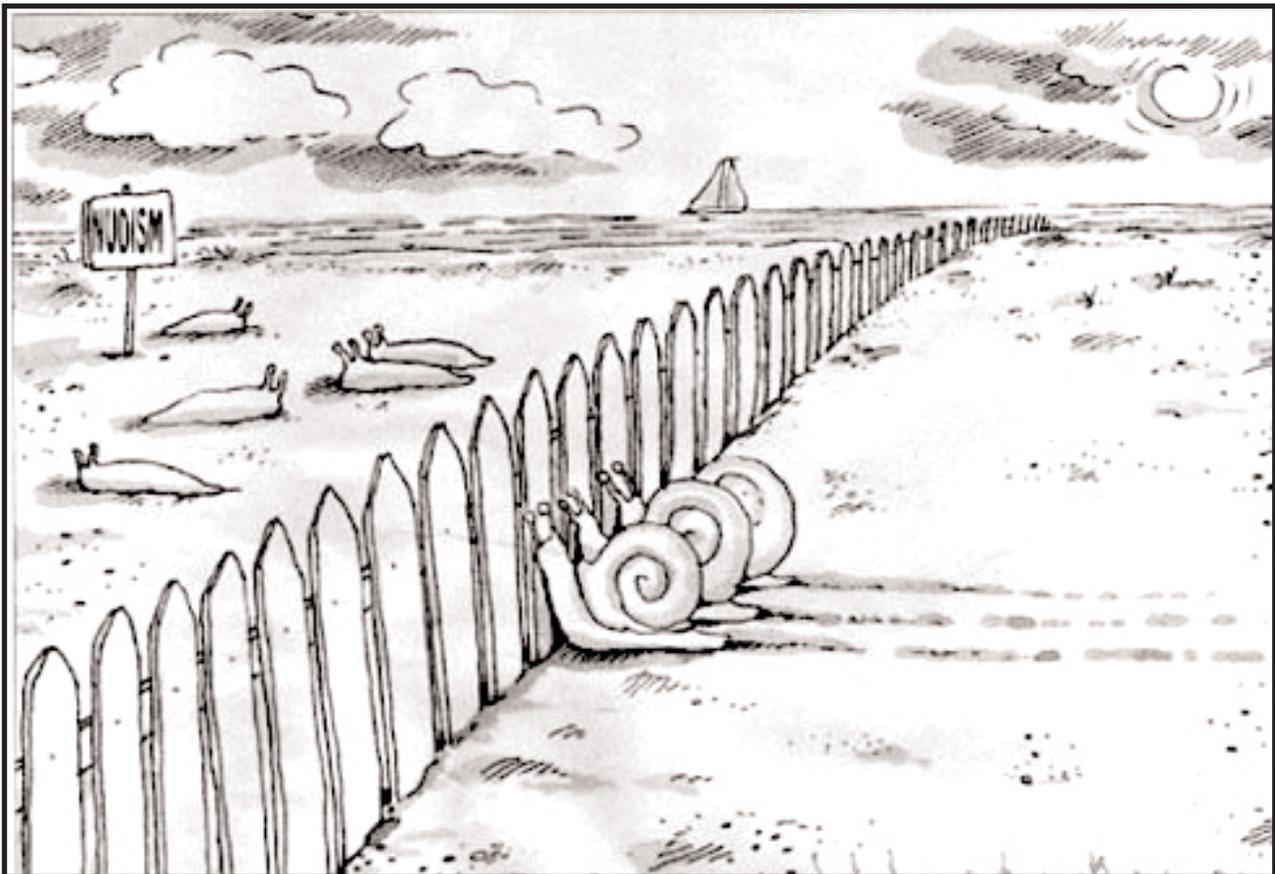
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Editor's Thoughts . . .

**What does a clock do when it's hungry?
It goes back four seconds.**

January's Cartoon . . .



Lace Murex Hotel - only a few rooms left - reserve now!



Island View



Ocean View

Submitted by Nancy Cadieux - specimen found on Kice Island

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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.

Wanted: Your ad!

For Sale: Your ad!

Effects of Virus

Zoom meetings. Diminished membership. No Shell Show. Budget woe.

So to my fellow SSCers—a challenge! Let us raise \$5000 (100 gifts x \$50 average) by including a check to SSC in our year end giving.

So give what you can, some more, some less. I hereby pledge to heed my own call. Duane K

Silent Auction

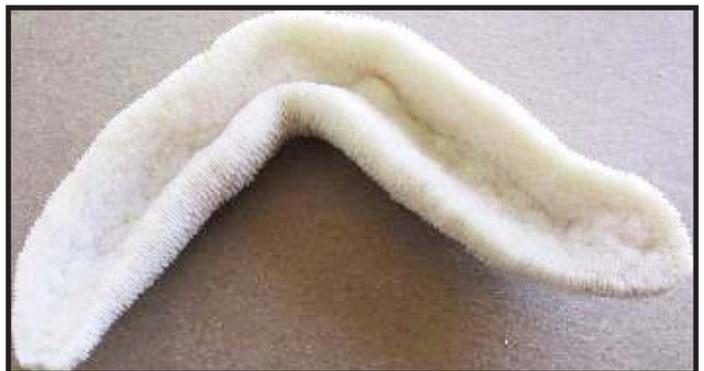
Since we are currently not meeting in person, and there is no shell show, we have not been able to make shells from our club inventory available for sale. So let us try an on-line silent auction. I have selected 5 items for this first sale. Photos and text accompany each item along with information about the minimum bid.

Item 1 *Lambis scorpius* 16.5 (6.5 inches); minimum bid \$4
(on right)



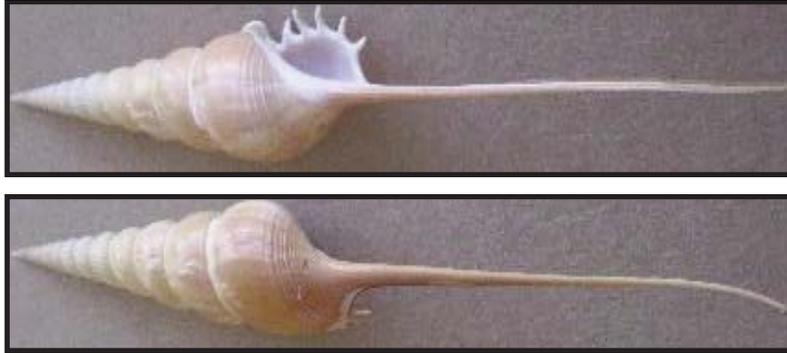
Item 2 Star Shell Polished, 9 cm (3.5 inches); minimum bid \$2
(above)

Item 3 Coral 18 cm (7 inches); minimum bid \$9
(below)



More auction items next page 

Item 4 *Tibia fusus* 20 cm (8 inches); minimum bid \$7
(below)



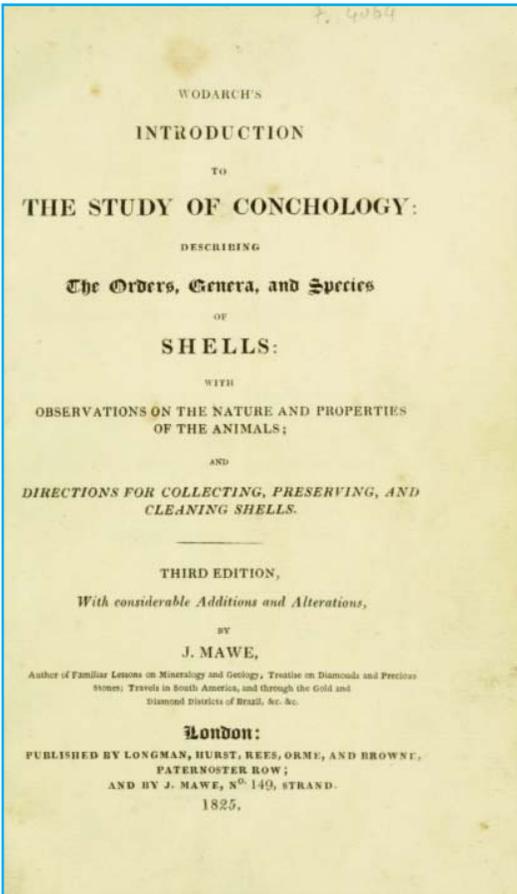
Item 5 Spondylus 4.5 cm (1.75 inches); minimum bid \$3
(below)



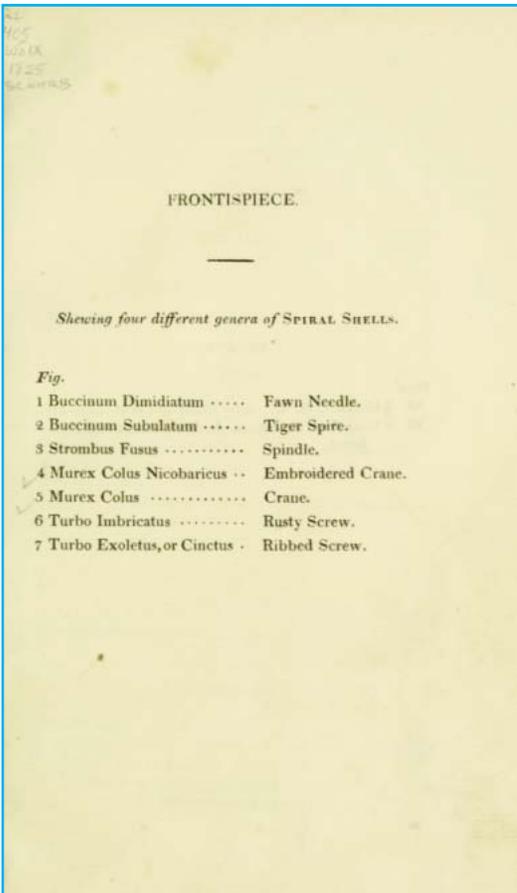
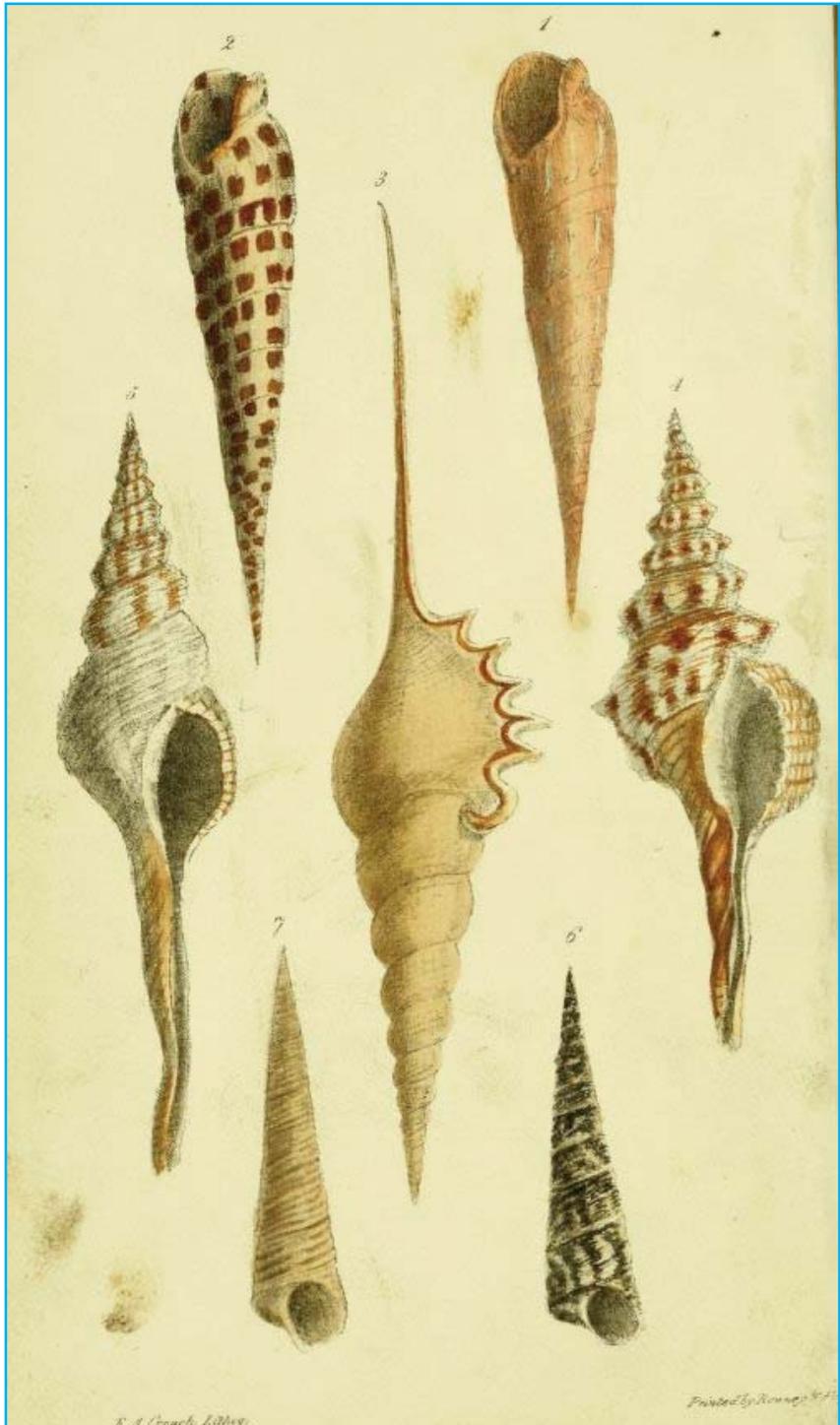
E-mail your bid to duanerk@goshen.edu clearly indicating item and amount. I will wait 4 or 5 days and then indicate the top bid for each item to each person who submitted a bid for that item. You will again have 4 or 5 days. I will repeat that process a second time. The person with the resulting top bid will be notified (other bidders will be notified of the amount of the top bid, but not the name of the individual).

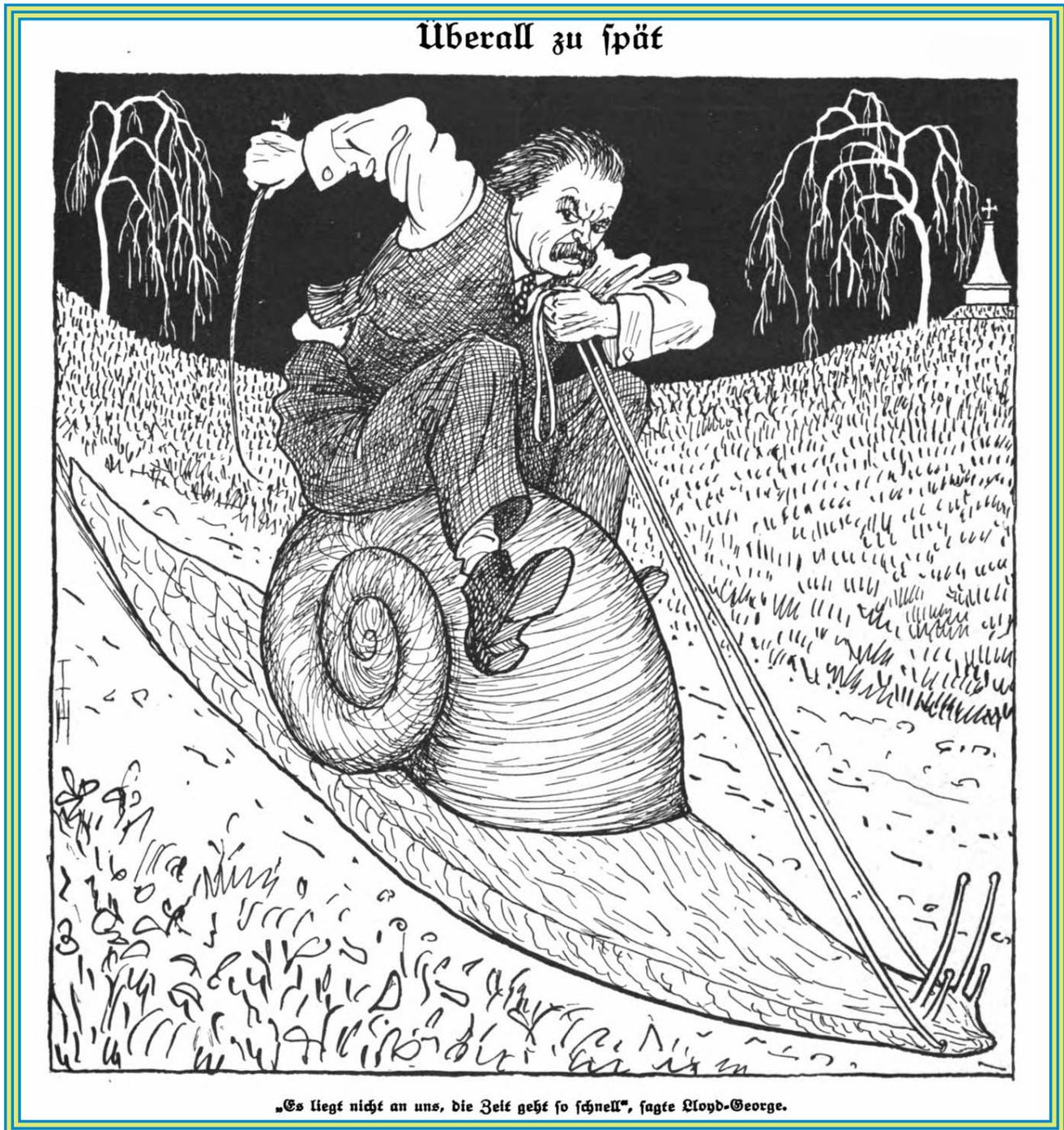
Winning bidders will be contacted to arrange for some type of pick-up plan at which time payment will be due.

Duane Kauffmann



Interested in the *Tibia fusus* offered in auction on the previous page? It was illustrated in this 1825 publication, *The Study of Conchology*, as the *Strombus fusus* or “Spindle Shell.” Buy the shell and you will have a neat, vintage reference to go along with it . . . perhaps even a shell show entry!





A caricature of a land snail being ridden . . .
from *Simplissimus* (a German monthly publication), January 16, 1916

Title: “Always too late”

Caption: “It’s not up to us – it’s the time running to fast“ said Lloyd-George”

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To clarify, the \$25.00 pays for your card to appear in each issue of the 2020-2021 *The Beauii*.

Dave & Linda Green
 Conchologists

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 dgreen2@entouch.net

Linda: 407-810-8437
 lindakgreen@entouch.net

3522 Bassett Ct.
 Missouri City, TX 77459

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!

Officers & Board Members

President	Sally Peppitoni
Vice-President	Duane Kauffmann
Treasurer	Karen Huether
Recording Secretary	Lynn Gaulin
Corresponding Secretary	Marilyn Parker

Board Members: Ron Bopp (3), Nancy Cadieux (3), Donna Cassin (2), Carol Mae(2), Donna Krusenoski (1), and Rich Cirrantano (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

Club ZOOM Meeting	January 14, 2021
Club Picnic	April 17, 2021
COA Convention (2021)	June 16-20, 2021
Texas Shellers Jamboree	Oct. 15-17, 2021
COA Convention (2022)	June, 2022

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.

**A 2021
Membership Application
is Attached To This
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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: 2014-2021
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 Meeting Minutes
December 10, 2020**

Introductions and Welcome: President Sally Peppitoni called this zoom meeting to order on line at 7:08 PM. Board members present were Sally Peppitoni, Ron Bopp, Rich Cirrantano, Donna Cassin, Nancy Caliduex, Karen Huether, Duane Kauffmann, Carol Mae, and Lynn Gaulin. Absent members were Donna Krusenoski and Marilyn Parker.

Program: Tonight's program was presented by John Jacobs, President of the St. Pete Shell Club. His topic was "The Family Strombidae: An Introduction." John's power-point presentation introduced this family with great photographs and information was given. He took time to answer questions from our members. A great job as always, John. Thanks.

Secretary's report: The November 2020 minutes were published in the December *Beauii*. A motion to accept these minutes as printed were made by Angela Sampogna and seconded by Karen Huether. The motion was approved and the minutes were accepted as printed.

Treasurer's Report: Karen Huether presented a detailed treasurer's report which is attached to these minutes.

Corresponding Secretary: Marilyn was not present for this meeting. No report given

Committee Reports:

Shell Show: No new information given

Program: Ron Bopp reported as Duane was not on line at that time, that he would contact Claire Beckman to see if she is on for the January program.

Librarian: Linda was not present for this meeting. If members want to borrow books contact Donna Cassin or Duane Kauffmann as they have keys and can get books from the library..

Historian: Duane's report was in the December *Beauii*.

Membership: Donna Krusenoski reported to Sally that we have 118 paid members for the 2020-2021 year.

Field Trips: Carefree Learner-nothing scheduled due to the virus. There may be an opportunity to go out on a collecting trip to get specimens for their Sarasota High School tanks. Karen will let us know if and when this is possible.

*A Keewaydin trip may be a possibility also. More details later.

*December 31 good tides on north side of Tampa Bay

*Jan. 12 good tides at Boca Grande

*February 13- good tides at Sanibel

Web Page: No report as Bruce was absent

Education: Lynn will have an education shell in the January *Beauii* on *Siratus beauii*, our club's logo.

Sunshine: No report as Frankie was absent.

Artisan's: Some creations are being sold at a local store. They made \$500 last month in this endeavor.

Old Business:

Sally asked everyone to read the draft By-laws as published in the December *Beauii*. Comments or questions should be sent to Carol Mae for clarification. We will vote at the January zoom meeting on these revised By-laws.

New Business:

A nominating committee is needed to elect officers for 2021-2022 year. Judy Herman offered to be on this committee. We need at least one other person to be on this committee. Preferably two others as per our By-Laws.

Adjournment: No other business to be conducted this meeting was closed at 8:09 PM by President Sally.

Minutes taken by Lynn Gaulin,
Recording Secretary

**SARASOTA SHELL CLUB
FINANCIAL REPORT
DECEMBER 10/2020 MEETING**

SSC RECONCILED ACCOUNT BALANCE as of 11/30/20 = \$25,422.77.
(As of 12/8/20 + \$25,239.77)

MONTHLY INCOME FROM NOVEMBER 2020 - \$625.21

- Artisans Sales/Donations - \$500.00
- Membership Dues - \$125.00
- Account Interest - \$0.21

MONTHLY EXPENSES FOR NOVEMBER 2020 = \$825.50

- SSC Rent at Bee Ridge Church for Artisans and Club Shells
- \$200.00 (negotiated rent decrease due to COVID for 3 months)
- Club General Liability Insurance Renewal - \$574.00
- Membership Supplies - \$22.00
- Membership Overpayment Reimbursement - \$29.50

SSC DONATION CHALLENGE UPDATE

As most of you are aware, Duane Kaufmann challenged the SSC membership to a year-end donation to help support the Club activities and sustainability in the last issue of The Beauui.

So far, a total of \$750.00 in donations have been received and deposited into our SSC account. Special thanks to the following individuals for their contributions –

**Gordon Fushikoshi
Donna and Dave Timmermann
Jeanne Corbin and Edith Morris
Duane Kaufmann
Karen Huether**

If you still want to donate to in response to Duane's challenge, please send your check to the Treasurer Karen Huether at 1735 Creek Nine Drive, North Port, Florida 34291.

Best Regards, Karen

Sarasota Field Trips Update

Karen Huether

We had hoped to schedule a few local field trips starting in January 2021 but it has been very difficult to plan these trips with the COVID pandemic still escalating.

Here are a few possibilities for upcoming trips-

•CareFree Learner Collecting Trips-

Dec 16th trip was canceled due to the Coronavirus as per the direction of the school administration who were not allowing any adult collecting trips.

Trips still scheduled (depends upon the school decision on allowing trips) for Jan. 13th and Jan 29th.

Both dates have good low tides. I will be in contact with Dr. Megan Ehlers who runs the CareFree Learner Program as to when the decision and conditions of the trip will be made.

If you are interested in both/either of the trips, please send ASAP, your response and contact information to Karen Huether at khuether@comcast.net.

The cost is \$5.00 per person. I will create a trip list to give to Megan. We will have to wear masks and seating may be limited if we get to go.

•**Keewaydin Island Trip** – Ferry Shuttle to Keewaydin from Marco Island. If people are interested, we may be able to schedule a Keewaydin Island trip for our club. If we can get 16 to 18 people interested, I might be able to rent the Hemingway Shuttle for Saturday, Jan 30th. The low tide is at 8:36 and at a negative .6. The cost is \$50.00/person (plus a tip for the Captain at your discretion). If members are interested, please contact me at khuether@comcast.net. I will need to determine quickly, if they will rent the boat to us and allows us to go out at 8:00 a.m. (that is earlier than normal departures for them). If we have enough people, I will charge the amount on my credit card and collect the checks from you all as reimbursement. We wear masks on the shuttle and they are limiting the amount of people on the ferry. You can take your beach chairs and coolers. The ramp to get on and off the boat is very accommodating for everyone. Again, please respond ASAP so that I can coordinate it.

•**An additional local trip** may be scheduled for February at Skyway Bridge/Blackthorn park area if any interest. Tides are not that great in March or April but I will keep looking.

In addition, Gary Martinez and I will be putting out a Shelling Survey for our club in January to determine interest and suggestions for future field trips. Please fill out the survey even if you think your beach shelling days are over – we want to collect as much data as possible to provide historical and current information. If you have any questions or comments/suggestions, please contact me. Hope to see you shelling soon.

Sarasota Shell Club Renewal/New Application Membership

Note: Dues include newsletters (*The Beautii*) 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: _____

Birth 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 _____ / _____