

The Beauvii



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Sarasota Shell Club

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(September to April)
at Fire Station #2,
2070 Waldemere St.,
Sarasota, FL

March, 2018 Edition

From the Prez



Hello Sarasota Shellers!

Don't forget our trip planned for this coming Saturday, March 3rd, to Fort DeSoto Park on the south end of Pinellas County. ANY ONE can come! I didn't have a sign-up for this one at the January meeting because I forgot it. If you wish to go, just meet

me there at 8:00 am at the park gate. I believe the cost will be \$8 per vehicle to enter the park. Bring your towel, shelling gear and water shoes.

Directions: Take I-275 North across the Skyway Bridge, (the toll is \$1.50 now!) to 54th Ave S/Pinellas Bayway. This exit is on the LEFT side of the highway so make sure you are in the LEFT lane! Go left at the end of the exit and follow the Bayway until it turns left at a red light. (There will be signs for the park). You will have to go through two small toll booths between the exit and the park so have change handy. Follow Pinellas Bayway right into Fort DeSoto Park and when you get to a stop with only a left or right, GO RIGHT. Keep following it until it dead ends in a round about. Park in the last parking area by the round about. We will be able to reach both the Gulf and Bay sides of the island from this point. We can also back track a couple of lots and go to a large Gulf side area.

Hope to see you there!

Respectfully,
Sally Peppitoni, President

We had our
Shell Show
See pages 6 to 14
for a photo display

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**Check out page 5
for the
results given by the
Nominating Committee!
We need a Treasurer . . .
will you help?**

Your 2018-2019 Membership Renewal Form is on page 15 - Renew Now!

Olivancillaria urceus (Röding, 1798)

March's Featured Shell

Our recent shell show held many surprises as I toured the exhibits and dealer tables spanning three days. A “FLS” (funny looking shell) caught my eye on SSC member's (Paul Lamb) table—it was this squatty-looking shell that fell in the olive family. Originally described as *Porphyria urceus* Röding, 1798 it is now known as *Olivancillaria urceus* (Röding, 1798). It is, of course, in the Olividae family.

This shell is known as the Pitcher Olive (Eddie Hardy in his *Internet Guide to Marine Gastropods* calls it the Bear Ancilla). I also



A historic rendering of the Pitcher Olive.



found it listed as *Oliva cónica*. It is indigenous to Brazil and Argentina. This shell measured 50 mm (it rarely gets any bigger than 60 mm). It lives its life on sandy bottoms.

A part of the physical description in *Guide to Seashells of the World* notes: “Solid and squat. Almost flat, broad, callous spire with sharp, pointed apex and wide, deep suture. Swollen just below the suture then narrowing sharply.” This certainly describes my FLS.



A fossil example was found on Ebay—it came from the Pleistocene Querandino Formation in Uruguay.

An artist rendering of a live Pitcher Olive.

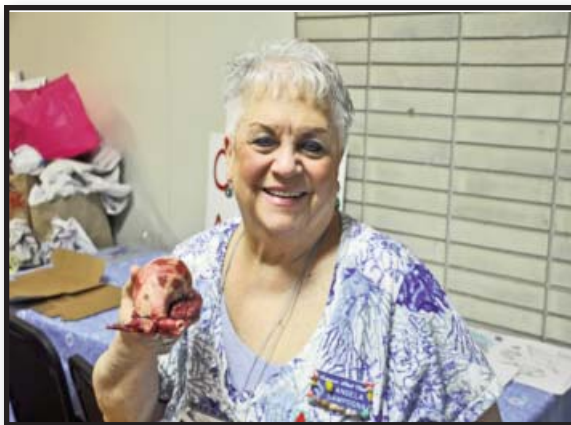
The March Cartoon



Meet Your Member—Angela Sampogna

I was born and raised in the New York suburbs. I lived in Congers, NY for 51 years. I am a 45-year life member of the Congers Fire Departments Ladies Auxiliary. I now live in Suffern, New York.

I have four grown children and nine grandchildren ages 15 to 35. My husband and I came to Sarasota in 1956 on our honeymoon and stayed on Lido Beach. Now for the last 14 years I have been teaching children on this same beach and I am known as “The Shell lady.” I am always in the same spot ready to help them learn the names of the shells they find. I have seen many of them grow up.



I was always fascinated by shells and set out to collect, learn and read all I could about these gifts from the sea. After my husband's death 15 years ago I came back to Sarasota as a snowbird. I joined the Sarasota Shell Club 10 years ago and as a member have won numerous awards for fossils and artistic entries. My pas-

sion for shells and the love of children led me to take on The Children's Corner at our show for the last eight years.

The best people in the world are the Sarasota Shell Club members and I am proud to be an artisan.

Members—want your shell story published? Send your information and photo to the editor at rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com and it will appear in a future issue of *The Beauii*.

Historian's Report

Duane Kauffmann

50 Years ago

There are no minutes from March 1968 in the Club archives. The reason, as noted in the February 1968 minutes, was that the date for the March meeting was also the date for the beginning of the Shell Show.

25 Years Ago

The regular business of the March 11, 1993 SSC meeting began with a treasurer's report that showed a balance of \$6169.32

In anticipation of a field trip to Peanut Island, it was noted that low tides were in early May.

The mini educational report was on the APAC fossil site.

The program was entitled “Miracles of the Sea.”

(Note: the notes above reflect the historian's best effort to interpret a one-page, scribbled, hand-written set of “minutes.”—Duane)

A Shell Show “Thank You” & A Plea for Help

A thank you of *Triplofusus* magnitude is due to all those who assisted in setting up, selling at, and taking down the Club table at the shell show. Your work was very much appreciated.

The down side for the Club table was the “lack of inventory” of several popular items. Kitten's paws (*Plicatula*), augers (*Terebra*), coquinas (*Donax*), shark eyes (*Niverita*), spiny jewelboxes (*Arcinella*), jingles (*Anomia*), and bubbles (*Bulla*) were in short supply. So as you beach comb in the coming months, pick up nice shells for donation to the Club table! We also cherish donations of large showy shells you may no longer want.

Patrons to the Club table also like urchin tests, broken pieces of coral, beached egg cases, crab molts, and other treasures from beach drift.

Duane Kauffmann

Interesting Items in the *New York Times*

Below are a pair of capsule readings on articles that have appeared in the *New York Times*. Both dealing with marine invertebrates and their “eyes.” Your Editor thought you might enjoy these tidbits . . .

Scallop Eyes

Do the scallops have eyes? Sort of—*The New York Times* (11/30/17) ran a story by Carl Zimmer entitled: “The Scallop Sees with Space-Age Eyes—Hundreds of them.” The story goes to say:

It's hard to see what's so special about a scallop. It looks a lot like a clam, mussel or any other bivalve. Inside its hinged shell lurks a musclebound creature that's best enjoyed seared in butter. But there's something more to this ubiquitous entree: the scallop sees its world with hundreds of eyes. And so on . . .



It is important to know that the scallop eyes detect motion and light changes but are not eyes like we have/know them. Attached is a screenshot that details the many eyes of the scallop.

“Starfish See Pretty Well in Deep Ocean

By the Way, Starfish Have Eyes

In the February 7, 2018 edition of the *New York Times*, Joanna Klein authored an article dealing with the way starfish (*sea stars*—ED) can see, deep in the ocean.

Hundreds of feet below the ocean's surface, some starfish make their own light. And they can look right back at you too, with a teeny eye on the tip of each bendy starfish arm.

The article went on to say that scientists:

sampled 13 species of starfish, which were representative of the diverse ecologies of under-water life. They found that all but one species that burrows in the ocean's sediments had eyes. Two from the deep glowed in the dark. One, “Novodinia americana,” had a whole body that lit up when stimulated, and its eyes, with bigger pupils, were capable of detecting even sharper images than their shallow water relatives.

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.mdmsellbooks.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 at lurvseashells@gmail.com to arrange an appointment for browsing our library or requesting books you would like me to bring to our SSC meetings or just talk about our exciting library books.

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

Linda Greiner

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President	Sally Peppitoni
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Recording Secretary	Jeanne Corbin

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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*.

Calendar

March 8	SSC Membership Meeting
March 30-31	Field trip to Peanut Island on Lake Worth Lagoon, West Palm Beach. More info at meeting
April 7	SSC Club Picnic
April 12	SSC Membership Meeting

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 2018-2019 Membership Application is Attached

You may renew your membership
now - fill out and sign!

Nominating Committee Search Results for 2018-2019

President:	Sally Peppitoni
V. President:	Nancy Marini
Corr. Secretary:	Duane Kauffmann
Rec. Secretary:	Donna Cassin
Treasurer:	unfilled

Board Member Candidates	
3 year term - Rich Cirrintano	Donna Krusenowski
2 year term - Jenny Folden	
1 year term - Pete Steelman	

The following Board Members have been contacted and agree to fulfill their term of office as previously elected: 2-year term - Donna Timmermann
1-year term - JoAnn Mancuso

Respectfully Submitted, Lou Cirrintano, Duane Kauffmann & Lynn Gaulin

Thank You!

I want to send out a special *Thank You* to all the Club members for your thoughts, prayers, cards and more during my hospitalization and now, recovery. A special thank you to my fellow Artisans who helped to cover my hours at the shell show and the FAB show.

I am grateful for all . . . Donna Bartels

A Pictorial Survey of the Sarasota Shell Club's Shell Show February 9-11, 2018

We moved to central Sarasota this year, having our shell show at the Potter Building (adjacent to Robart's Arena). The exhibit space was smaller but we saw an increase in attendance and sales. Many long time exhibitors felt this show was more intimate. Below and on the following pages are photos documenting the wonderful time we had at our shell show. Enjoy!

Ron Bopp, Editor



The Potter Building



Artistic Awards

As with every year, awards were given for artistic displays—this year many were earned by our own club members. Below are a capsule of those awards and the members that won them.



Donna Timmermann holding her duo club awards: "Best of Art with Shell Motif" and "Best of Member's Art". Her sailor's valentine is on the right.



The Hank Schlusemann Memorial Award went to Cheryl Whitten for the miniature artistic creation.



The Judge's Special Merit Award went to Linda Foreman for her artistic flower.



Donna Krusenowski receiving the Judges Special Merit Award from Bruce Paulson for her Dragon Fly Dreams entry.



The June Bailey Best of Member's Art was awarded to Donna Timmermann for multiple jewelry.



Best of Commercial Professional Art was won by Cheryl Whitten.



The Fran Schlusemann award went to Fran Schlusemann for her artistic display.



This sailor's valentine won Best of Art with Shell Motif by Donna Timmermann.

Scientific Awards

As with the Artistic awards, many of the scientific awards were won by SSC members. There were a wide variety of displays olives to cones to limpets to, yes, even abalones.



Bob & Pat Linn won the COA Award for their olive display.



Ron Bopp was awarded the du Pont for his cone display.



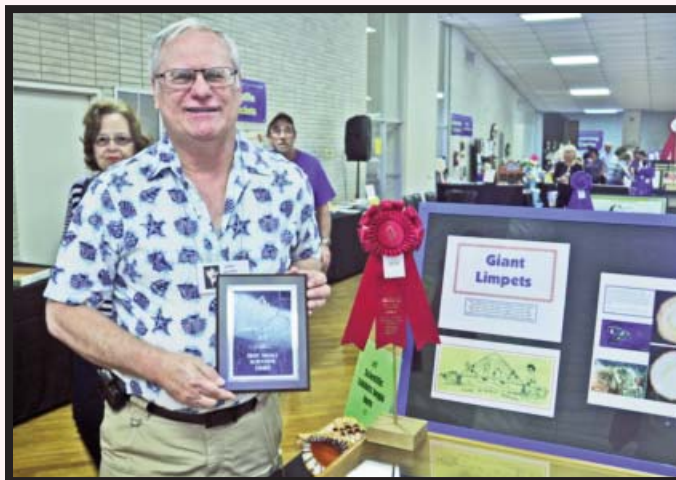
Mary Jo Bopp won the Hertweck award for her single fossil shell.



Bob & Pat Linn won the coveted Mote Gold Award for their Cassidae display.



Duane Kauffmann won the SSC Members Award for his display of beach life.



John Jacobs won the Best Small Scientific award for his entry of large limpets.



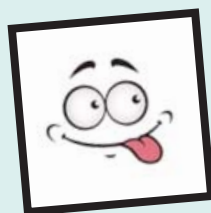
Lynn Gaulin won the Peggy Williams Memorial Award.



The Phyllis Hicks Memorial Award was given to Joyce Matthys from Sanibel.



A Special Recognition Award was given to Linda Greiner for all her hard work in setting up the shell show. Nancy Marini handed her the award while Sally Peppitoni looks on.



Our Judges (left to right): Phyllis Gray and Linda Green (artistic); and Dave Green and Bernie Peterson (scientific).



Sarasota Shell Club Members (& others)

This show would not have been possible without the help of these members. Thanks to them we had a very successful show. Just wait till next year!



Angela Sampogna



Bev Snyder



Sally Peppitoni



Carol Johnson



Carol Mae & Nancy Marini



Delores Elsasser



Donna Bartels and John Stunkel



Donna Cassin



Mary Jo Bopp & Donna Timmermann



Duane Kauffmann



Fran Schlusemann



Frank Peppitoni



Rae Potter & Nancy Marini



Gail Ruzich



Gary & Linda Ervin



Judy & Jim Wedge



June Bailey



Karen Ehlers



Karen Paulsen



Liz Murray & Peg Steneck



Marcia Glenwright



Marilyn Parker



Nancy Cadieux



Donna Krusenowski, Linda Freeman and
Gary Krusenowski



John & Sandy Colegrande



Karen Huether



Suzanne Dietsch



Bernie Peterson



Rosanne Roble



Sandi Samuel & Janice Nelson

Our Shell Show Dealers

Our Dealers help in many ways with our show—dealer tables help finance our endeavor; they provide shells and shell-related items for us (and the public) to buy; and they have become our friends.



Bob Janowsky and Juying Janowsky



Carol Johnston & Ed Brown



Cheryl Simonds



Donald Dan



Genie O'Brien



Joan Haughawout & Mary Jo Bopp



Katrina Meyer



Kelly Kirchner



Paul Lamb



Peter Murfitt & Pedro Levaque



Phil Dietz



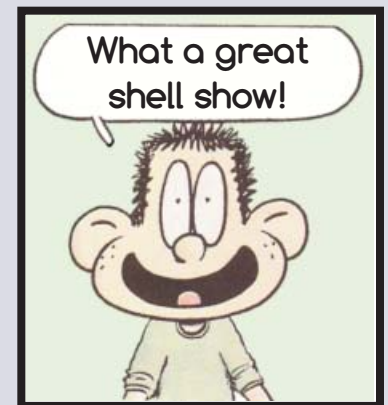
Randy Allamand



Susan McNichol



Suzanne Dietsch



Parting Shots

Donna Timmermann is interviewed by Linda Carson, a co-host of channel 7's (ABC) "Suncoast View."





Angela's story



Fascination



The Show



Scientific display



Polished shells



Judges—Dave & Linda Green



Artistic display



Peggy Williams Memorial Display



Single Shell



Young Scientist entry



Scientific display



Artistic display

Shell Show Wrapup

Wow! Thank you to everyone who helped make the show a huge success. Bruce and I couldn't have done this without all the help and support of some very special people including **Dave & Donna Timmermann, Ron, Duane, Rosanne, the Artisans, Linda, Peg and Liz, Gus, Don** as well as all of the volunteers. Hats off to all of you!

I've been asked by Sue Hobbs and Phil Dietz to thank all the volunteers who came to help him, the three days of the show. He couldn't have done it by himself. Sue is still not fully recovered and will be in touch, when she's feeling better.

Bruce and I are asking the people involved with the show to please come to the meeting at 6:00 pm on March 8th so we can get some feedback, while it's still fresh in everyone's mind. Please bring any bills that you have relating to the show.

The owner of Darlene's Shells not only donated that beautiful clock for our raffle but he also donated the shelled coffee table which brought in \$750.00.

I've just been told that Rory, the CEO of Robarts Arena, is giving the artisans ten days up the center aisle of Robarts in two booths for the entire run of the Sarasota County Fair. OMG—what great luck we're having. We might need some help from club members to pull this off. I'll know more by the March meeting.

Please mark on your calendar our picnic, which is booked for April 7, 10 am to 7 pm at the Coquina Beach Pavilion. Please bring a comfortable chair, a drink, a game if you have one and if you'd like to donate a dessert it would be greatly appreciated. The cost is only \$8.00. For that you get pulled pork, barbecued chicken, potato salad, cole slaw, baked beans, tossed salad (with dressing), buns and corn bread. Plus, some great desserts. You can sign up at our March meeting.

Regards, Nancy.

Sarasota Shell Club 2018 - 2019 Renewal/New Application Membership

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

We require you to sign this Liability Release if you are interested in participating in our field trips. Every member must sign below:

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 _____ / _____