

# The Beauvii



A newsletter published by the  
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**

**April, 2023 Edition**

## Ramblings from the presidential suite . . .

I hope you share my perception that the Sarasota Shell Club has had a good year. While we have had the normal ebb and flow of triumphs (e.g., the Shell Show with record income, a really good set of programs) and frustrations (e.g., no spring picnic, no Secretary nominee), it has been overall a gratifying winter of enjoying shells and interacting with folks who share our interest. Incidentally we can even remove the aforementioned frustrations if we get a Secretary nominee and volunteers to plan a picnic!



Unfortunately, given our demographic profile, many of our number have encountered health issues ranging from minor to major. I have been impressed with how many Club members stay in touch with each other, expressing concern, offering support, and proving acts of care. I give mental thanks often that we live in the context of a scientific ethos that continues to find new understanding of health issues etiology, treatment strategies, and medications. While not all health issues can be alleviated, we can all give thanks we live in 2023 and not 1918.

To all those Club members leaving for cooler climates for the summer, I wish you safe travels and an enjoyable few months north. For year round Floridians, I wish you reliable air conditioners, appropriate amounts of rain, and no hurricanes.

Duane Kauffmann  
President

## Nominees for 2023-24

Although our nominating process was a bit unusual, as those at the March regular meeting learned, we do have an almost full slate of persons willing to serve if voted for by the membership. It is important to note that at the April meeting there will be a call for other nominees, in which case a ballot will be used to determine the outcome.

The nominees are:

President: Duane Kauffmann  
Vice President: Ron Bopp  
Treasurer: Allan Banko  
Secretary:

Board Members:

Three Years: Nancy Cadieux  
Amy Bentley  
Two Years: Sally Peppitoni  
Karen Huether  
One Year: Donna Krusenoski  
Debbie Alexander\*

\* The one year term noted above is due to a resignation.



**April's Meeting: "Shell and Tell" . . . see page 6 (& 12) for more details**

### Officers & Board Members

President	Duane Kauffmann
Vice-President	Carol Mae
Treasurer	Alan Banko
Recording Secretary	<b>open*</b>

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

### Committee Chairmen

Artisans	<b>tba</b>
<i>The Beauii</i>	Ron Bopp
Historian	<b>open*</b>
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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### 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.

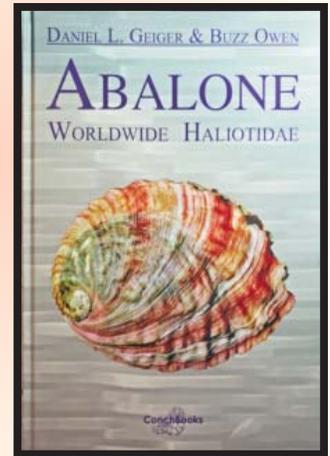
**A 2022-2023  
Membership application is  
attached to this Newsletter**

### 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](http://www.sarasotashellclub.com). For more info on some of our books, go to [www.mdmshellbooks.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:duanerk@goshen.edu) for more information.**



## Artisans

Congratulations to the Artisans for a very successful event at the Sarasota County Fair. Accolades to all for their hard work and dedication. The Artisans will continue to meet this summer at Bee Ridge Church, 10:00 AM on Thursdays and newcomers are welcome to join them. Their beautiful items will continue to be sold at Coastal Flow.

### March Meeting Presentation

Steve Koski's interactive presentation generated much interest in his artifacts. Members were gathered around with additional inquires.

Steve has other presentations and would be willing to come back to our club.



### April's Cartoon

(courtesy of Sally Peppitoni)



"To hear the ocean in English, press one. Para Espanol...."

### The Chilean Abalone has been named Mollusk of the Year.

The Chilean Abalone or *Concholepas concholepas* (Bruguière, 1789) recently was named the Mollusk of the year. Not an abalone but rather a murex the shell often has been used by natives as an ashtray. The International Mollusc of the Year competition was started in 2020 by the Senckenberg Society for Nature Research, LOEWE TBG and the International Society for Mollusc Research to raise awareness and protect the rich diversity of molluscs around the world. Photos below detail the animal as seen alive and on the right is an example in the Editor's recent Abalone display.



*Concholepas concholepas*  
(Bruguière, 1789)  
A MUREX—NOT AN ABALONE  
Common name: Chilean Abalone

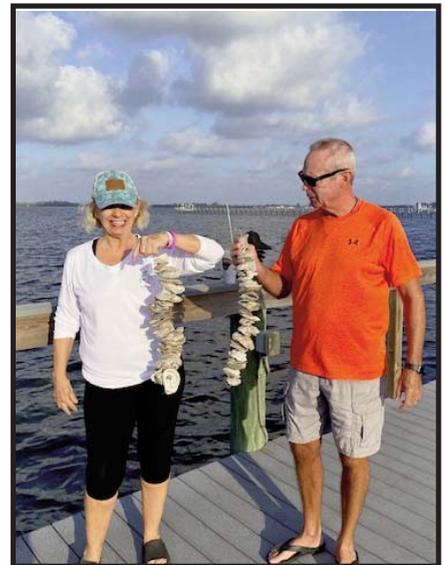
## OYSTERS, OYSTERS, OYSTERS or Vertical Oyster Gardens (VOG)

by Carol Mae

Yes, oysters do provide us with shells but how else do they relate to the shell environment? Oysters naturally filter the water, cleaning it of pollutants, which includes red tide.

Spearheaded by Christine, another Wisconsinite and in our Wisconsin tradition of John Muir, Aldo Leopold, and Gaylord Nelson, our Palma Sola Shores community has partnered with Robison Preserve, area restaurants, and Sarasota Bay Watch to hang oysters from our dock to help clean our bay and hopefully prevent red tide. The restaurants donated the shells and Robinson Preserve had the oysters all strung on wire for us. Palma Sola Shores residents put the screws in our dock and hung the oysters. Photos depict the end of the project. Oysters will be monitored once a month.

Accolades to Christine for her organizing the project, to our board for their approval, and the volunteers that helped. We hope that by publishing this, other communities or private homes along our bay will join in this effort.



Top left: Oyster promotional poster

Top middle: Measuring

Top right: Christine and Chris with oysters

Left: Hanging the oysters

Middle: Oysters ready to be hung

## Just for Fun (April and May)

The birth shell for April is the wentletrap. It is a symbol of eternity and people with this birth shell are supposed to be dynamic, and quick-witted.

Not to miss out is May's ever-elusive junonia. Junonia's creates change healing, happiness, and success. The happiness and success are in FINALLY finding one!



April's wentletrap



May's junonia

### Shell & Tell

by Carol Mae

Do you remember in former years we began our meetings with people sharing the shells they had found? Well, this year we are ending our meetings with a Shell and Tell. Bring your favorite shell you found on one of our field trips, not only this year but prior years. This will be a “hands on” interactive meeting.

Do you have a shell you have not been able to identify? Bring it and hopefully our expert marine science people can help. Frankie Grover, our librarian, is bringing some shell identification books from our library on hand to use. I am bringing one shell I cannot identify and one that has been identified but I think is an error.

There will also be a “surprise” presentation by a member on a very current topic.

Our last meeting for the season is Thursday, April 13th. at 7:00PM in the Albritton building, Room 206, Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church, 4826 McIntosh Road, Sarasota. **SEE PAGE 12 FOR “DINING”!**



**Figure 2.** Range monument R-137, Treasure Island in Pinellas County, Fl.

## Florida's Beach Restoration Program

Gary Martinez

Florida's Beach Replenishment program is meant to counteract the effects of beach erosion. Erosion is a natural process which has been enhanced by coastal development. Florida has 825 miles of sandy beaches. Beaches exposed to open water and which are not protected by coastal barrier islands are included in studies for beach replenishment. The state produces a "critically eroded beaches" report, updated annually. Roughly half of these are currently managed. Eroded areas in which "public or private interests" are not threatened are designated as "non-critically eroded."

Beginning in the early 1940's, survey points were established and marked with "monuments." These are used to measure erosion.

The first list was compiled in 1989. There were 217.6 miles of critically eroded beaches and 114.8 miles of non-critically eroded beaches. In 1992, the first beaches were authorized for restoration. Ana Maria Island and Longboat Key were among the first. In 2002, a few areas were considered “recovered” and removed from the list. Areas are also removed if the island disappears. In 2022, there were 426.3 miles of critically eroded beach and 9.1 miles of critically eroded inlet. Sarasota County had 25.8 miles of critically eroded beach and 1.1 miles of critically eroded inlet.

Beach replenishment can have devastating effects upon the marine environment, including mollusk populations. The sand used for replenishment is sometimes mined from inland deposits. Often, however, it is dredged from off-



**Figure 1.** Range monument R-32 on Perdido Key in Escambia County, FL.



**Figure 1.** Statewide areas of critically and non-critically eroded shoreline [Graphic from [ROSSI database](#)]. View an [interactive map](#) with aerial imagery showing R monuments and the critical erosion areas.

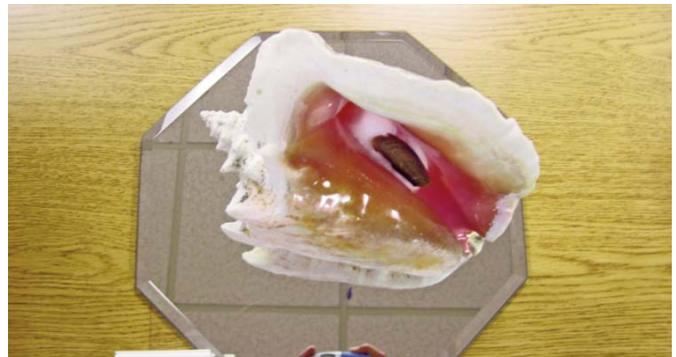
shore. The disruption to the seabed in dredged areas is extremely harmful to many marine organisms. When the sand is subsequently deposited on designated areas, marine organisms are often smothered or negatively affected by the increased turbidity of the seawater. While some species such as sand dollars may benefit from fresh expanses of new sand, this is the exception. Given the extent of beaches designated as critically eroded, Florida's beach replenishment program is bound to have contributed to a decline in populations of shell-bearing mollusks.

Beach replenishment projects are managed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. More information may be found by going to <https://floridadep.gov/rcp/beaches>

## Shoe Box Exhibits

Be prepared for the September 14, 2023 membership meeting as it will feature shoe box exhibits from any member who wishes to show off a small amount of shells. As seen in the photos below, the container can be anything from a simple box to a jewelry chest.

Members will have chance to view all the boxes and vote for the ones they think are best. As mentioned before, this is a good chance to try and prepare for a shell show entry. It is easy and fun . . . just ask those of us who have done it.



## A Couple of Kice Island Shelling Photos



Some of the shells collected by Mary Jo Bopp & the Editor



Lunch after Kice

## Dining with Shell and Tell

Since this is our last meeting of the year, it has been suggested we have some hors d'oeuvres at break time. The club will provide the tablecloths, napkins, paper plates, and utensils. We are asking members to bring the hors d'oeuvres to share. Please email [carolmmae@gmail.com](mailto:carolmmae@gmail.com) or text Carol at 608-692-998 to inform her what you will be bringing. This will be a very casual meeting with lots of camaraderie and of course, food will add to it. Bring your own non-alcoholic beverage.

### Meeting Minutes

Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church

March 9, 2023, 7:06 p.m.

1. The meeting was called to order by President Duane Kauffmann at 7:06 p.m. Thirty-three members and two guests were present.
2. The program was given by Steve Koski, Sarasota County archeologist, who reported on his work studying the history of mollusk shell use in traditional cultures. A major focus was on lightning whelks (*Sinistrofulgur sinistrum*). A number of artefacts were available for demonstration purposes.
3. No additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting were noted.
4. The President noted that efforts to secure a nominating committee were unsuccessful. Fortunately, several persons stepped forward for nomination for the vacant board positions. Still needed as of the end of the meeting are a vice president and a secretary. A slate of nominees will be published in the next *Beauii*.
5. Treasurer Allan Banko reported the current checking account balance is \$11,477 (while emphasizing that \$12,000 has transferred to a Money Market account at 2.96% interest and \$8,000 to a 9 month CD at 4.23%). He also reported total Shell Show income of \$21372 and expenses of \$9320, yielding a profit of \$12052.
6. Planned field trips for this year are completed. Gary Martinez noted that a trip to Puerto Rico is being explored for next year.
7. The artisans are focused on the upcoming fair, March 17 to 26.
8. There was no education report as no shell had been distributed.
9. The Interview was with Joanne Walsh, a retired flight attendant. She identified the family Muricidae as her favorite.
10. The science report concerned attempts to deal with water issues in Sarasota Bay. A *Science* report on the use of lime to reduce acidity, and a Sarasota Bay Estuary Program report on a planned use of ozone to control *Karenia brevis* (red-tide) were noted.
11. It was announced that the Board is considering an invitation to host the 2026 COA. A final decision awaits further information from, and discussion with, COA personnel.
12. New members introduced themselves and were reinforced by a round of applause.
13. It was announced that the Englewood Shell Club is hosting author Cynthia Barnett, March 21. Sarasota Club members may attend at no charge.
14. The raffle concluded the meeting.
15. Adjourned.

Duane Kauffmann, Recorder



## REPORT

In order for the Survey Monkey to be free, it could not be sent in one batch to all the members. Therefore, the same survey was emailed 5 times to different groups in order to cover the entire membership.

Number of persons included in the emailed surveys: 156

Number of persons included that had not renewed their membership: 14

Number of couples who use the same email address: 2

Number of permanent out of state members\*: 15

\* A separate email was sent by courtesy asking not to respond but since the surveys are anonymous, I cannot know if they responded or not.

**Number of surveys completed: 59 of estimated 127 (156 – (12 + 2 + 15)) = 46.46%**

**Question 1: How often do you attend our monthly meetings?**

Responses	Total
Always	12
Usually	14
Sometime	13
Rarely	12
Never	7

**Question 2: How often would you attend our monthly meetings if they were held in the afternoon on weekdays?**

Responses	Total
Always	11
Usually	19
Sometime	18
Rarely	7
Never	4

**Question 3: How often would you attend our monthly meetings if they were held on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon?**

Responses	Total
Always	4
Usually	10
Sometime	17
Rarely	14
Never	14

**Question 4: Which aspects of your Sarasota Shell Club membership are most appealing to you? Please check all that applies.**

Responses	Total
Monthly meetings	28
Speakers/Presentations	40
Socialization with other members	45
Opportunity to buy shells from vendors	19
Field trips opportunities to sign-up at mo. mtgs	45
Crafting with the artisans	26
Silent shells auction	16
Door prize	15
Annual Shell Show	42
Holiday Dinner	31
Annual Picnic	23

**Question 5: Please check any of the activities listed below that you would like for the Sarasota Shell Club members on a monthly basis between September & April. Please check all that applies.**

Responses	Total
Beach walks	37
Shell studies	28
Specific craft workshop	25



## REPORT

### Comments to Question 5:

1. crafts participation would depend on cost and time (not dark)
2. Field trips to shell :D
3. Only in Sarasota during February
4. These are great ideas. I'd love to craft but can't do it every week! Love the idea of beach walks. Also you forgot Carefree learner... love that! I think Englewood Shell club does beach walks and sometimes shell craft workshops. Let's add these.
5. None
6. Great club!

### Comments to Question 4:

1. More trips or get togethers
2. I just joined so i will only make your last meeting.
3. Day trips to more local locations
4. Field trips opps to sign up via email
5. The Beauii
6. The Wonderful, delightful Beauii, of course!
7. Won't be joining again
8. Meeting people

### Question 6: Would you be able and willing to volunteer to help with some activities of our Shell Club?

Responses	Total
Always	5
Usually	20
Sometime	25
Rarely	7
Never	2

As explained in the emails and in the March Beauii, the Board will attempt to make gradual changes or improvements, as much as feasible, when they fall into majority opinions.  
Thank you so much for participating in the survey!

Nancy Cadieux

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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

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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](http://www.Sarsotashellclub.cm)

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

Contact us: [sarasotashellclub@gmail.com](mailto:sarasotashellclub@gmail.com)

(To be filled in by the Membership Committee)

Renewal  New Member

Amount paid \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Card  Badge  info. filed