



From the Prez

Hello to all my fellow quarantined shellers!

Due to the current situation. There will be no April meeting, no end of year picnic/party, and no more field trips this season. It's sad, but we do what we must to stay safe. Also, please note the artisan's facility at Bee Ridge Presbyterian is off limits. The church has shut down their cam-

pus to everyone until further notice. No one should be in the artisans' room or the adjoining storage rooms.

As for our annual election, we are going to do this by email. Monday, April 6, I will send out an email to the membership with our list of candidates for the new board. I will ask if there are any further nominations from the "efloor" or any discussion about names on the list. You will have three days to reply with any nomination to a position (the nominee must give his/her consent first!) or any discussion/question about those on the list. Thursday morning (April 9), assuming there are no nominations, I will close the "e-floor" to nominations and discussion. If there any more nominations to any position(s) we will have to have "ballots" and vote on those positions that have more than one nominee. If there are no more nominees, then at that time, I will ask our secretary Jeanne Dimmick to send out ONE email to the entire membership casting her vote for the presented slate. The board will then be duly elected. This is how we would have physically done it in an actual face-to-face meeting.

We're all having a hard time dealing with our situation. Let's all just take a deep breath...let it out and reorganize our shells! I don't know about you but playing with my shell collection helps me forget about all the problems out there. Find something you love to do at home and do it. Stay safe, stay healthy and hope to see you next September.

Sally Peppitoni, President

A newsletter published by the Sarasota Shell Club

Look for us at www.Sarasotashellclub.com

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

April, 2020 Edition

Field Trips

Because of the Corona virus pandemic, there will be no more field trips this season. We'll try to make up for it next season.

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Membership Meeting CANCELED!

Club Picnic CANCELED!

Field Trips CANCELED!

Fun with your own shells NOT CANCELED!



A Postcard from the Past ...



This attractive, turn-of-the-century postcard features a scene from The Parade, Margate nicely inserted into a drawing of a *Lambis lambis* (Linnaeus, 1758) shell which is commonly known as a "Spider Conch." The Parade, Margate is a touristy shopping area near Kent, England. A vintage photograph of the same area can be viewed below.



Historian's Report

April, 2020

50 Years Ago

The handwritten minutes of the April 9, 1970 meeting of the Sarasota Shell Club indicate that 27 members were in attendance.

Two notes of appreciation for shell show were received. Announcement of first summer meeting in June. Elections of officers followed.

No mention of a program.

25 Years Ago

The Sarasota Shell Club meeting of April 13, 1995 was held in the Mote Marine Science Center. No treasurer's report. (Minutes of an April 27 board meeting show a balance of \$4634 in the treasury and a profit of \$482 on the shell show.)

Peggy Williams announced (a) a club field trip to the scallop dumps in the Panhandle, and (b) a five day trip to Key West. It was also noted she won the Dupont at the Naples Shell Show and Randy Allemand won the COA at Treasure Coast.

Officers for the following year were elected. Pat Amsel was selected as president.

Earlene Mitchell gave "an excellent and most interesting" program on "fossils."

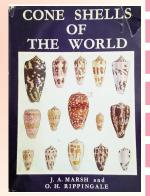
Library Notes

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 your-

self 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 ...

Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time, because then you don't have a leg to stand on!

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

SSC Members winners at the Sanibel Shell Show



The Sanibel COA trophy went to Bob & Pat Linn for their "Abalones from Around the World."



Ron Bopp won the DuPont award for "Gastropods of the Bermont Formation." Pictured also are Jerry Harasewych and Harry Lee.



Cheryl Whitten won the Best Flower Exhibit (Professional) for her "Spring Vortex" display.



Donna Timmermann was given the Best Jewelry Hobbiest award for her display of shell jewelry.

Miscellaneous April Photos



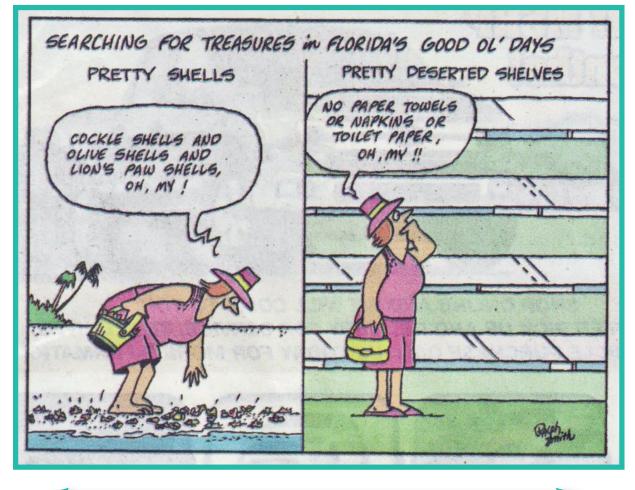
Gordon Fushikoshi giving his second shell talk (in as many months) at the March membership meeting.

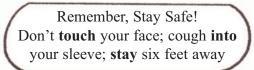


Ron Bopp leading a shell discussion at the Beach University at Siesta Key in March.

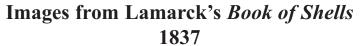
The April Cartoon . . .

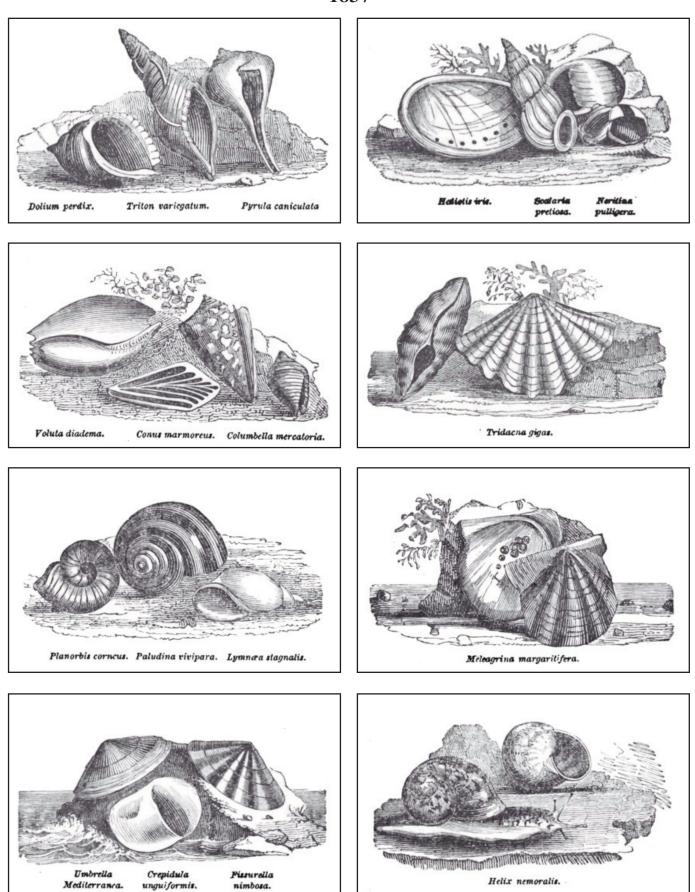
I am sure many of you saw this cartoon in a recent (Sunday, March 29) Herald Tribune page but the Editor thought it was pertinent enough to our collecting hobby that it should be repeated here! Like President Sally says in her current message, "go play with your shells" . . . I know I am as I am working on my shell show entry for next year . . . Ron











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 |
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| Historian | Duane Kauffmann |
| Field Trips | Sally Peppitoni |
| Librarian | Linda Greiner |
| Membership | Donna Krusenoski |
| Shell Show | Board |
| Sunshine | Frankie Grover |
| Webmaster | Bruce Paulsen |
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| June 15-21, 2020 | COA International, |
| | Melbourne, FL |
| September 10, 2020 | Membership Meeting |

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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 2020-21 Membership Application will accompany the next edition of *The Beauii*



Past Presidents of the Sarasota Shell Club

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 Joanne Chmielewski: 2007-2010 Ron Bopp: 2010-2012 Dennis Sargent: 2012-2014 Sally Peppitoni: 2014-2020

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| Renewal/New A | Renewal/New Application Membership |
| Note: Dues include newsletters (<i>The Beauii</i>) via email, September through April. If no email address is available, <i>add \$15 to your yearly dues if you want to receive the newsletters by mail.</i> | 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? |
| 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 | If so, they are: |
| Renewal Dues: \$15 single and \$20 family (living at the same address). If no email address add \$15 to your yearly dues. | Our Insurance Kequires 1 nis: Liability Kelease I agree that I am individually responsible for my safety and my per- |
| To join, send checks only (no cash) made out to SSC to Donna Krusenoski, Membership Chairman 3250 Ringwood Mdw Sarasota, F1 34235 | sonal property. I will not hold the Sarasota Shell Club, its officers, field trip leader(s), or property owner liable for any damage or in- jury to me or my property that should occur. Signature required for each member joining: |
| Please print legibly to help us correctly spell your name: | 1. |
| Date: | 2. |
| Name(s): | e. |
| Local Address: | |
| City, State, Zip: | 4. |
| Phone: | The SSC publishes a roster with names, address and emails for our member use only. Please check one: |
| Cell: | it is OK to publish my information in the roster it is Not OK to publish my information in the roster |
| Email address(s): | |
| Other address & phone: | 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. |
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