

# 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)

Room 206, Albritton Center  
Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church  
4826 McIntosh Rd  
Sarasota, FL

December, 2023 Edition

Greetings to all SSC folks . . .

December. As I write this, it is cold outside. Nevertheless, you will not want to miss the WEDNESDAY Dec. 13 bonus meeting where the business portion will be a very miniscule part of the evening. Vice President Ron Bopp is taking the lead in planning an evening of activities fitting to the season (including the ability to buy some Christmas gifts for those important someones in your life (including yourself).



You will also want to check your calendars and interests concerning Club activities. A field trip on the Carefree Learner is scheduled for Dec. 14. And make sure the Holiday party (Dec 9) and Shell Show (Feb. 10 and 11) are on your schedule.

It is probably also time to admit, your club president, while not completely technologically inept, is well behind the cultural norm. Not only is he still using a “flip phone,” his ties to this fossil device are intermittent at best. Consequently response times to calls, texts, and e-mails fall several standard deviations below the mean. But somehow I still feel fully in step with our Club name; it seems only fitting to move and respond at the pace of a snail!

Indeed such a snail-like pace may be useful to all of us as we make our way through the month of December. Amidst the giving and receiving, traveling to or hosting family and friends, and listing to music of the season on your favorite electronic device, let us not forget the community, nation, and world in which we have the privilege to live. Perhaps some of you may wish to join me in pledging to give an amount equal to 15% of what I spend on gifts to a deserving charity.

Duane K



This *Composodrilli drewi* Gardner, 1948 makes a perfect background for our 2023 Holiday Tree.

## From The Artisans . . .

The artisans would like to invite the Shell Club members to come and “shop the shelves” and meet the artists at the artisan craft room on Thursdays from 10 to 1. Someone will be here the 14th and the 21st to help them with their Christmas shopping purchases.

Christmas ornaments will be available for sale at the meeting on Wednesday the 13 th.

**SEE MOST IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ON PAGE 6**

### Officers & Board Members

|                     |                 |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| President           | Duane Kauffmann |
| Vice-President      | Ron Bopp        |
| Treasurer           | Alan Banko      |
| Recording Secretary | <b>open*</b>    |

Board Members: Nancy Cadieux (3); Amy Bentley (2); Sally Peppitoni (2); Karen Huether (2); Donna Krusenoski (1); Debbie Alexander (1);

### Committee Chairmen

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Artisans          | tba              |
| <i>The Beauii</i> | Ron Bopp         |
| Historian         | <b>open*</b>     |
| Field Trips       | Gary Martinez    |
| Librarian         | Debbie McDermott |
| Membership        | Lisa Kinney      |
| Shell Show        | Ron/MaryJo Bopp  |
| Sunshine          | Debbie McDermott |
| 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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**Contact the Editor** - email Ron Bopp at [rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com) or call at 918-527-0589 if you have something to include in *The Beauii*.

### 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 2023—2024  
Membership application is  
attached to this Newsletter**

### Library Notes

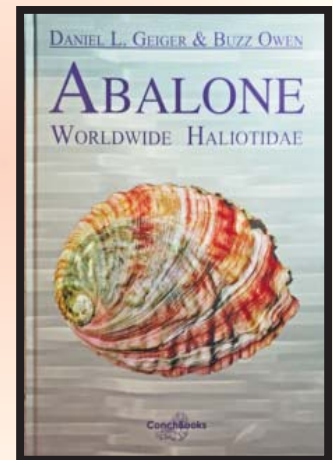
Our Sarasota Shell Club library is located at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church in Sarasota. A list of our books is on our website [www.sarasotashellclub.com](http://www.sarasotashellclub.com). For more info on some of our books, go to [www.mdmshellbooks.com](http://www.mdmshellbooks.com)

Books in the Sarasota Shell Club Library can be accessed by contacting Debbie McDermott at [washashore76@yahoo.com](mailto:washashore76@yahoo.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!

Debbie



### 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.**



**November Speaker**

**Our speaker for the November meeting was John Jacobs who gave an interesting talk on the family Strombidae.**

**John is pictured here on the left.**

**Bopp-Timmerman Scholarship Fund**

**Because of the generosity of those who responded to the unfortunate passing of Mary Jo Bopp and David Timmermann, a significant amount of money has accumulated in their memory.**

**The SSC Board has approved setting up a Scholarship Fund in their memory. The purpose of the fund is to award a yearly amount to a student in the Marine Sciences, particularly to those with an interest in mollusks.**

**Pictured on the left are Donna Timmermann and Ron Bopp.**



***Sometimes I talk to Myself . . . Then we both laugh and laugh!***

**DONATIONS NEEDED**

In the past years, monetary donations were always made to cover the cost of cleaning the kitchen, bathrooms, and foyer in the Potter Building. Total cost last year was \$240.00. Funds are needed for this year. Donations can be made in cash, or a check made out to Sarasota Shell Club with cleaning as a notation. Checks may be mailed to;

Al Banko, Treasurer  
12930 Basilica Drive  
Venice, Florida 34293

Checks can also be given to Al at a meeting. Please email or call Dona Bigham, Food Chair, at 941-932-2167 or email her at bighamde@gmail.com to inform her of your donation.

**WATER, WATER, WATER**

Needed for the Shell Show are eight large (48 bottles) cases of water for volunteers and dealers. A sign-up sheet is at the meeting. The cases of water may be brought to the Potter Building on Wednesday or Thursday.

Signup sheet (right) will be at the next two membership meetings.

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| <b>Cases of Water Donations</b>                          |       |
| Sign with name and email address                         |       |
| 1.   | _____ |
| 2.   | _____ |
| 3.   | _____ |
| 4.   | _____ |
| 5.   | _____ |
| 6.   | _____ |
| 7.   | _____ |
| 8.   | _____ |
| <small>Bring to Potter Building Wed/Thur of Show</small> |       |

**Mark Your Calendars — — — Save The Dates**

We look forward to seeing you at all our events. “Eyeball” this space in each issue for additions, more information or changes.

- December 9 **Holiday Party:** Bird Key Yacht Club  
Luncheon, Auction and Merriment  
Time: 11:30 am to 3:30 pm
- December 13 Membership Meeting (Bee Ridge Church, Room 206) - **-This is a Wednesday**  
Speaker: **Ron Bopp:** “Mollusk Caricatures, Then & Now”  
Time: 7:00 pm
- December 14 Shelling Trip: Carefree Learner  
Low Tide (-0.75) at 7:30 am  
Time: to be announced
- December 16 Shelling Trip: Keewaydin Island  
Low Tide (-0.6) at 9:34 am  
Time: to be announced
- January 9 Shelling Trip: Kice Island (see page 16 for details)
- January 11 Membership Meeting (Bee Ridge Church, Room 206)  
Speaker: **Clair Beckman:** “Shells Around the World”  
Time: 7:00 pm
- January 11 Shelling Trip: Carefree Learner  
Low tide (-0.98)  
Time to be announced
- January 16 Shelling Trip: Kice Island  
Low tide (-1.1) at 7:20 am  
Time: to be announced
- January 23 Shelling Trip: Carefree Learner  
Low Tide (-0.7)  
Time: to be announced
- February 8 No meeting — **Shell Show** (February 9 & 10)  
Potter Building (Robarts Arena complex)
- February 17 Fossil Silent Auction Field Trip plus Collier Co. Museum plus lunch  
Place; Gary Schmelz’s home, Naples  
Time: 9:30 am
- March 9 Shelling Trip: Missouri Key  
Low Tide (-0.73) at 6:47 am

Time to be announced

- March 14      Membership Meeting (Bee Ridge Church, Room 206)  
Speaker: **Dennis Sargent**: “My Life with Seashells”  
Time: 7:00 pm
- April 11      Membership Meeting (Bee Ridge Church, Room 206)  
Speaker: **Ron Bopp**: “A Tale of Two Trips”  
Time: 7:00 pm
- April 13      Annual Sarasota Shell Club **Picnic** (Coquina Gulfside North Pavilion)  
Details to follow in future newsletters  
Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
- April ?      Vieques, Puerto Rico  
Details: The Puerto Rico triphas been dropped. The SSC cannot sponsor trips  
outside the continental US.
- June 11-16    **Conchologist of America Convention**  
Melbourne, Florida  
Convention Chair: Alan Gettleman

To attend the convention and participate in the presentations, field trips, and silent auctions, you must be registered. Registration forms will be available soon on the COA web site **conchologistsofamerica.org**.

The Convention consists of several pre-convention field trips; a Welcome Party, Presentations, Silent Auctions, the Banquet, an oral Auction, and the Dealers Bourse. No registration is required to attend the oral auction and the bourse. The bourse can consist of up to 10,000 square feet of space for dealers from around the world displaying a huge variety of shells and shell-related items.

### Comments from Gary Martinez

The Sarasota Shell Club announces its January trip to Kice Island. Please read the attached flier for further information (page 16).

If you are interested in this trip, time is of the essence, and we've actually been announcing it since September. If you have not already done so, please send me your check for the boat as soon as possible.

Additionally, if you are planning to go on the December trip to Keewaydin, I need the checks right away. If I have already received your payment, I have notified you. This trip will not happen if all those who signed up do not get the payment to me.

I have just used the information from the latest membership list to update the e-mail. I know many of you have not been getting messages from me about the trips. If you would like to know more about our trips, please review previous issues of the Beauii, or contact me by phone, text, or email.

This week we conducted a field trip to Sanibel Island. Despite the cold, by all reports we had a fine time and came away with some treasures (see report on page 14).

## The December, 2023 Membership Meeting

1. The meeting will be on a Wednesday night, not the usual Thursday night. December 13th!
2. President Duane has given me free range to do whatever I wish with the meeting . . .

**SO**

3. There will be the following fun events . . .
  - a. A chance to buy your significant other or friend a gift from the Artisan table
  - b. A 22-position Silent Auction of fossil seashells and other items (including a nice shark's tooth)
  - c. An absolutely wonderful, best-ever audio-visual presentation titled:  
"Mollusk Caricatures. . . Then & Now"
  - d. White Elephant gift exchange to be managed by Karin Ehlers:
    - 1). Suggested limit is \$10
    - 2). No name on wrapped gift
    - 3). Suggested: gag, food, shell or other gifts
    - 4). No obligation to participate but. . . in order to receive a gift, you need to bring one.
4. There will be no business meeting!

**So**

5. See ya there!

V.P. Ron

### A Note from the Membership Chair

Thank you to all of you that have paid your club dues for this 2023/2024 season. There are still quite a few people that have not paid dues for this season yet. Please be aware that you will not be able to participate in any of the trips and you will no longer receive the electronic newsletter if your dues are not paid by December 15th. Feel free to contact me if you are not sure if your dues were paid for this season. There is a membership form at the end of this newsletter for you to print and mail in with a check. Thanks for your support of the Sarasota Shell Club. My email is [purplesurfseashells@gmail.com](mailto:purplesurfseashells@gmail.com).

Lisa Kinney  
Membership Chair

### April 13, 2024 End-of-the-year Picnic

Yes, on April 13th, 2024 (that is a Saturday) the Sarasota Shell Club will have it's annual picnic. It will be at the same pavilion that we have used in the past at Coquina Beach Park. The picnic will be catered as before with members providing their favorite deserts. More details are forthcoming but now you know and set the date aside for a really great time. As a good friend has often said:

**Be there, or be square!**

### Kice Island Shelling Trip

The Kice Island trip is currently scheduled for January 10. This is a great opportunity to visit Kice during a super low tide. We have selected a new provider, Florida Adventures, to ensure we get the kind of experience we are looking for. We would like to go for six hours this time so we're not rushed to get back. We need to make the deposit as soon as possible to reserve the boat for this date.

The cost for this trip is \$170 per person, which is in line with current prices in the industry. It also includes a newly instituted fee of between \$5 and \$15 (in this case \$7) to provide an insurance subsidy for the club. The gratuity is not included and is up to each participant to decide.

If you would like to reserve a spot, please send to me a check made out to Sarasota Shell Club. My address is 1061 Euclid Ave. #102, Miami Beach, FL 33139. Write in the memo section "2024 Kice Trip". Anyone planning to go on the trip must be a member in good standing or must join the club in advance of the trip.

Gary Martinez ([yonsider@msn.com](mailto:yonsider@msn.com) or 310-347-8942)



This interesting postcard was reproduced by Lighthouse publications in 2000. What you see are four socialites in a bowl of oyster stew with a fifth oyster-socialite looking on. The accompanying message (by an 1900s anonymous author) notes:

“Your fate you cannot well foresee, some are the favored few—the epicures. But some must be the oysters in the stew.”

## Frogs & Snails . . . #4



### Fossil Silent Auction Field Trip

Saturday, February 17th we will have a silent auction of shells, bones, shark teeth, and shells at Gary Schmelz's home in Naples, FL. Sign-up begins in January. Limit of 20 members,

See Page 11 for Volunteer Positions for our shell show!

The comment below, aimed at helping our over-burdened President, apparently did not succeed in finding a member to take the Secretary's position so I will repeat it here, in perhaps, slightly less offensive font style:

### **Come-on, you guys!**

**We have 122 paid members - - - certainly someone can step-up and volunteer for the secretary (recorder) position. Many members are doing more than one job to help enhance the club. This is a simple job to accomplish and if you cannot make a meeting or function, others will fill in. The President should not have to take minutes while conducting the meeting . . . Editor Ron**



### Sarasota Shell Club Members at the 2019 Annual Shell Show





## Joining Our Facebook Page is Fun and Informative

The Sarasota Shell Club would like to encourage all members and their families to please use our two Facebook pages and learn more about what's going on with the Shell Club as well as in the shelling/marine/fossil shell world. Our main page and our group page have lots of information about meetings and events as well as posts sharing other fun and interesting shell-related stuff from our members and others in the shelling community. We'd especially encourage our new members to follow these Facebook pages. It's fun to be a part of a like-minded community of shell enthusiasts from Sarasota and all over the world.

Find our main club page here on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sarasotafloridashellclub/> or go on Facebook and search for the Sarasota Florida Shell Club. This is where you will find meeting information.

Our public group page is where members of the public can post their finds and other shelling fun stuff. The group page can be found at this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/353766125615946>, or search Facebook for the Sarasota Florida Shell Club Public Group.



## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON 2023

**Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>,  
11:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.**

We have a record attendance of 45 members and guests!

Please remember that only cash will be accepted for drinks.

**Directions:** Bird Key Yacht Club, 301 Bird Key Dr, Sarasota, FL 34236

- Cross the Ringling Bridge and turn left at the first light exiting the bridge (Bird Key Drive);
- Drive straight until you see a parking in front of the white clubhouse on your left.

Any questions, please call or text Nancy Cadieux 941-228-1758 and leave a message as I might not recognize your number. See you at the Holiday Party Hop!



*Let's Shellabrate*  
 60th ANNUAL SHELL SHOW 2024  
 VOLUNTEERS SIGN-UP SHEETS  
 Available at the December Meeting

*Shell Show Chairman: Ron Bopp, Vice Chairman: Sally Peppitoni, Treasurer: Allan Banko*

| <i>Day/Date</i>    | <i>Time</i>     | <i>Table/Activity</i>                 | <i>Chair</i>            |
|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>Wed. 2/07</i>   | <i>10:00 AM</i> | <i>Loading truck</i>                  | <i>Gordon F</i>         |
| <i>Wed. 2/07</i>   | <i>12 noon</i>  | <i>Tablecloths</i>                    | <i>Sally Peppitoni</i>  |
| <i>Wed. 2/07</i>   | <i>12 noon</i>  | <i>Unloading the truck</i>            | <i>Gordon F/Duane</i>   |
| <i>Wed. 2/07</i>   | <i>12 noon</i>  | <i>Lunch Area</i>                     | <i>Dona Bigham</i>      |
| <i>Thurs. 2/08</i> | <i>9:00 AM</i>  | <i>Unloading truck</i>                | <i>All</i>              |
| <i>Thurs. 2/08</i> | <i>9:00 AM</i>  | <i>Awards Table Set-up</i>            | <i>Ron Bopp/Linda G</i> |
| <i>Thurs. 2/08</i> | <i>9:00 AM</i>  | <i>Lunch Area</i>                     | <i>Dona Bigham</i>      |
| <i>Fri. 2/09</i>   | <i>9:00 AM</i>  | <i>Entrance/Admission</i>             | <i>Beverly Root</i>     |
|                    | <i>1:00 PM</i>  |                                       |                         |
| <i>Sat. 2/10</i>   | <i>9:00 AM</i>  | <i>Entrance/Admission</i>             | <i>Beverly Root</i>     |
|                    | <i>1:00 PM</i>  |                                       |                         |
| <i>Fri. 2/09</i>   | <i>9:00 AM</i>  | <i>Artisans</i>                       | <i>Debby Alexander</i>  |
| <i>Sat. 2/10</i>   | <i>1:00 PM</i>  |                                       |                         |
| <i>Fri. 2/09</i>   | <i>9:00 AM</i>  | <i>Guard of the Artistic Exhibits</i> | <i>Sally Peppitoni</i>  |
| <i>Sat. 2/10</i>   | <i>1:00 PM</i>  |                                       |                         |
| <i>Fri. 2/09</i>   | <i>9:00 AM</i>  | <i>Club Table</i>                     | <i>Duane K</i>          |
|                    | <i>1:00 PM</i>  |                                       |                         |
| <i>Sat. 2/10</i>   | <i>9:00 AM</i>  |                                       |                         |
|                    | <i>1:00 PM</i>  |                                       |                         |
| <i>Fri. 2/09</i>   | <i>9:00 AM</i>  | <i>Membership</i>                     | <i>Lisa Kinney</i>      |
| <i>Sat. 2/10</i>   | <i>1:00 PM</i>  |                                       |                         |
| <i>Fri. 2/09</i>   | <i>9:00 AM</i>  | <i>Raffle</i>                         | <i>Donna K</i>          |
|                    | <i>1:00 PM</i>  |                                       |                         |
| <i>Sat. 2/10</i>   | <i>9:00 AM</i>  |                                       |                         |
|                    | <i>1:00 PM</i>  |                                       |                         |
|                    | <i>3:00 PM</i>  |                                       |                         |
| <i>Fri. 2/09</i>   | <i>9:00 AM</i>  | <i>Lunch Area</i>                     | <i>Dona Bigham</i>      |
| <i>Sat. 2/10</i>   | <i>1:00 PM</i>  |                                       |                         |
| <i>Sat. 2/10</i>   | <i>3:45 PM</i>  | <i>Awards Table Breakdown</i>         | <i>Ron Bopp/Linda G</i> |
| <i>Fri. 2/09</i>   | <i>9:00 AM</i>  | <i>Volunteers at large</i>            | <i>Nancy Cadieux</i>    |
|                    | <i>1:00 PM</i>  |                                       |                         |
| <i>Sun. 2/11</i>   |                 | <i>Lunch Area Breakdown</i>           | <i>Dona Bigham</i>      |
| <i>Sun. 2/11</i>   | <i>9:00 AM</i>  | <i>Loading truck at the show</i>      | <i>Gordon F</i>         |
| <i>Sun. 2/11</i>   | <i>11:00 AM</i> | <i>Unloading truck at church</i>      | <i>Gordon F</i>         |

*Please contact appropriate chairman if you have specific questions about your role. Overview of the positions on the sign-in forms. Welcome new members, it's a lot of fun, no sweat, as you will be part of a team that includes other experienced volunteers.*

*Please call/text Nancy Cadieux 941-228-1758 if you want to participate and cannot attend the monthly meetings to sign-up.*

**Notice to shell club members:  
The cut-off date for entering scientific  
entries to our shell show is  
December 18, 2023  
So . . . be sure and have your entry forms  
sent to  
Ron Bopp, Scientific Chair  
at  
rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com**

**Sarasota Shell Club Past Presidents**

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: 2022-2024

## **Sarasota Shell Club Minutes**

### **November 8, 2023**

1. Thirty-one members and 3 guests were in attendance at Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church.
2. The Treasurer's report showed a Sept. 30 balance of \$6472.43 in the checking account, \$12134.04 in the money market account, and \$8000 in the CD. Report was approved.
3. Ron Bopp introduced John Jacobs as guest speaker. His program focused on the family Strombidae. He showed photos of various diverse members of this family and discussed the considerable change taking place in its taxonomy.
4. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
5. The artisans reported on their participation In the Scarecrow Festival at the church. The event was enjoyable, but few sales occurred.
6. There was no mini-ed report. A shell was provided for a report at next meeting.
7. The "science in the news minute" highlighted advances in coral genetics and the amazing strength inherent in limpet teeth.
8. Ron B reported that plans for the shell show are well underway. As usual volunteers will be needed and Nancy C gave a detailed explanation of sign-up options and procedures.
9. Sally P highlighted the planned field trips, in particular the three trips on the Carefree Learner.
10. Ten raffle items were given to fortunate winners.
11. Adjourned.

Duane Kauffmann, Recorder

## Shell Club Field Trip Updates

### Sanibel

On Wednesday, November 29, seven shell club members braved the 51 degree temperatures to head onto Bowman Beach. There were not vast numbers of live shells, but lightning whelks, pear whelks, and crown conchs did present themselves.



Everyone was able to bring home some very nice specimens for their collections.

### Upcoming Trips

The next scheduled trip is on December 16 to Keewaydin Island. I have notified those whose checks I received. If you haven't sent me your payment yet, please do so without delay.

I sent out the information on the January 10 trip scheduled to Kice Island on and I need those checks as well.

Information about other upcoming trips will be forthcoming. The trip we were considering to Puerto Rico has been discontinued.

Gary Martinez



***Santa says: You had better be good or no seashells for you!***

*(Any idea on who this might be?)*

SARASOTA SHELL CLUB ANNOUNCES MEMBER TRIP TO

# KICE ISLAND

**The early bird catches the worm in the 10,000 islands.**

**This trip leaves at 6:45 am for the amazing -1.1 negative low tide at 7:20.**

- Florida Adventures leaves from the Goodland Marina at 750 Palm Point Dr., Goodland, FL.
- Once we know who has committed to the trip we will make recommendations for lodging in the area so car-pooling will be possible.
- Sturdy footwear is needed for walking on sharp broken shells.
- Insects may or may not be an issue, so bring some effective repellent.
- Bring water to avoid dehydration.
- Following the trip we can meet at The Crabby Lady or other local venue for brunch and to swap shelling tales



## Florida Adventures

- Thursday, January 10, 2024
- Leave dock at Goodland at 6:45 am
- **Six hour** trip to location based on conditions that day for the best shelling opportunities.
- The cost for this trip is **\$170 per person**. Make check payable to Sarasota Shell Club and mail it to Gary Martinez, 1061 Euclid Avenue, #210. Miami Beach, FL 33139. **Checks must be received before I make a deposit on the boat. This trip is very popular. Time is of the essence so please don't delay. There will be no refunds unless the trip cancels.** Contact Gary Martinez at [yonsider@msn.com](mailto:yonsider@msn.com) or (310)347-8942 to sign up or if you have questions.



Kice Island Trip





## Part of Southwest Florida's 10,000 Islands

Kice Island is a premiere location for collecting iconic Gulf Coast species. Shells less common elsewhere, such as the Rose Murex, Scotch Bonnet and Wentletraps are often found there.



# Sarasota Shell Club 2023/2024 Membership Application

**New Member: Individual \$30 - Family \$40**

(Includes a membership name tag)

**Renewal Member: Individual \$25 - Family \$30**

(Add \$15 to receive newsletter by mail instead of email)

**Join the Sarasota Shell Club by mailing a  
check, made out to SSC to:**

**Lisa Kinney  
17052 Coral Key Dr  
Nokomis, FL 34275**

All new and renewed memberships will receive their  
membershipcards/badges at the monthly meetings.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Local Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address(s): \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional) Other address & phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact & phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Month & Day of your Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

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 in-jury 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

Meeting Location: **Bee Ridge Church Community Room 206  
4826 McIntosh Rd, Sarasota, FL 34233**

(On the corner of Proctor Road and McIntosh Road)

Club Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month, from September  
through April. Newsletters are sent out monthly.

The Artisan group meets year-round on Thursdays, 10am to 1pm – Feel free to  
join us to make shell art that benefits the club.

Look for us at: [www.Sarasotashellclub.com](http://www.Sarasotashellclub.com)

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 ordered