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We meet on the 2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm (September to April) Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church 4826 McIntosh Rd Sarasota, FL

February, 2022 Edition



Greetings Shellinators!

In two weeks is our annual shell show! I hope everyone is ready to pitch in and make this year a big success. We still need a few volunteers. Please call Nancy Cadieux to sign up to help. You can also check with Carol Mae

about food. Set up for exhibits and displays is on Thursday, February 10. There will be donuts and coffee available. I can't wait to get started and have fun seeing all our friends and having a great time helping with the show! It's always a real treat!

We will NOT have a general membership meeting this month because of the show set up on that Thursday. I think we will all be too tired for that.

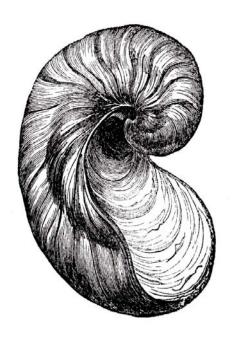
It looks like the Cayo Costa trip will be cancelled because of timing with the boat but the Peanut Island trip is still on, however, it has been moved to March 2nd. The last Carefree Learner trip is Tuesday Feb 1 and it will be chilly out there folks so wrap up!

On another note, please remember to pay respects to John Roble after the passing of his wife and our dear friend Roseann who loved our club. She always did a fabulous job with the artisans' exhibits at the show and was very generous. She was such a big help to our club and we will miss terribly!

Sincerely Sally Peppitoni President

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Fiji & Vanuatu—Trip to Paradise

Presented by Karen Huether

















Keywaden Field Trip



Carefree Learner Trip reveals Stunning Boring Sponges and Much More!

On a chilly Friday morning, January 21st, sixteen Sarasota Shell Club members sailed on the Carefree Learner with Captain Randell and his assistant Sue Forest, a marine biologist. We had many opportunities to observe interesting sea life.



The seabed was a minefield of sea urchins covered by shells that they attach to them using their five rows of paired tube feet acting as suction. This camouflage is for their protection against predators which include seabirds. One of our members, Amy Bentley, even saw one with a beer bottle cap!







Bright yellow boring sponges (*Cliona celata* (Grant, 1826)) of various forms were lying here and there in the sandy bottom. Sue had never seen this species in her 30 years of exploring Sarasota Bay. Boring sponges usually live in lagoons or on reefs.



Pen Shells (Pinnidae), anchored deeply and vertically in the seabed, were hardly noticeable as they were covered with seagrasses and algae.

Unfortunately, we also witnessed an overabundance of brownish macroalgae covering the seagrasses, thus preventing beneficial sunrays from reaching them. The release in the Bay of nitrogen from fertilizers causes this plethora.

Another beautiful day in Paradise!

Nancy Cadieux

Shelling Trip Instructions

- 1. Review list of trips below.
- 2. Sign up for trips at the next membership meeting on the provided sign-up sheets
- 3. If you can't attend a meeting then contact one of the following to have your name placed on the sign-up sheets:

Gary Martinez at yonsider@msn.com or Karen Huether at khuether7@gmail.com

Cayo Costa State Park - Tuesday, February 1, 2022



Carefree Learner Trip - Tuesday, February 1, 2022 7:00 am

Peanut Island - Sunday, March 2, 2022 (Please note this was changed from March 20th!)

Peanut Island is a unique location on Florida's Atlantic Coast. The island is operated as a city park by Palm Beach and is accessible by ferry. Many species found here are uncommon on the Gulf Coast, or anywhere else in Florida for that matter, including Caribbean Fighting Conchs, Partridge Tuns, and Distorsios. Wading and snorkeling increase your chances of locating rare finds. The negative tide is at 4:33 pm, so you may want to bring your tent and reserve a camping spot, allowing you to take advantage of the 5:05 am negative tide on Monday. Don't miss the nearby Flagler Museum if you have the chance. **See more information on pages 6 and 7**

Fossil Trip - Silent Auction at the Schmelz's Saturday, March 12, 2022

In leu of a fossil pit exploration this trip offers a chance to acquire choice fossil specimens from the collection of pale-ontologist, Gary Schmelz (Naples, FL). We will meet at a predetermined place and move onto Gary's home where the silent auction will be held. After that we will have chance to move on to the new Marco Island Museum and then for a neat lunch at the Little Bar restaurant in Goodland. There is no cost to the trip (except the fuel). Since we need to know how many are going a sign-up is necessary. If you would like to attend let the Editor know at rbopp1@tam-pabay.rr.com . Contact Ron soon as only 20 spots are available and 11 of them are spoken for.

Sarasota Shell Club January 24, 2022

SARASOTA SHELL CLUB ANNOUNCES FIELD TRIP TO

PEANUT ISLAND

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022







Unique Variety of Marine Species

Situated in Lake Worth Lagoon, and surrounded by Greater Palm Beach, Peanut Island offers a variety of marine species which is to be found nowhere else in Florida.

The Experience



- With easy access from I-95, and conveniently located in the Riviera Beach Marina at the Port of Palm Beach, abundant free parking is provided for those using the ferry.
- Transportation to and from the island is provided by Peanut Island Shuttle Boat. Arrive at the ferry by 9:45 am to purchase tickets for the tenminute ride. Rides leave and return every 20 minutes. The ferry costs \$15 per person for the round trip. The last trip back is at 5:00 pm
- A negative low tide will occur at approximately 2:00 pm.
- 5hells may be found by beachcombing and wading in the shallow water.
- Snorkeling around the rocks in the sheltered snorkeling area as well as in the channel is also recommended. Visibility may be best before the low tide.
- Flease notify Gary Martinez at (310) 347-8942 or yonsider@msn.com if you are interested in joining this trip, or if you have any questions. You may also contact Karen Huether at (941) 257-8357 or khuether@comcast.net.

January 24, 2022

Options

- Camping is available for those wishing to experience the negative low tide around midnight the night of March 1st.
 Reservations may be made through the Palm Beach City Parks website at <u>discover.pbcgox.org</u>. The cost of a camp site begins at \$28.00 per night for a 6-person site.
- •Anyone wishing to extend their stay for local scuba diving may book a trip through Narcosis Dive Company located near the ferry shuttle. The cost for a 2-dive trip is \$115.00 plus tax and equipment rental if needed. A number of other dive companies are also to be found in the area.



Unique Variety of Marine Species



HUNGRY?

Volunteering at the Shell Show certainly "works up" an appetite and even if not volunteering, who wants to make dinner on a Friday night? Join us on Feb.11th., Friday, for the Awards Dinner at Bangkok Thai Restaurant, 4791 Swift Road, Sarasota, a unique Thai atmosphere and delicious food. The food and drink prices are very reasonable and you pay for your own at the restaurant. There will be a sign-up sheet in the kitchen at the shell show plus directions to the restaurant. It is very convenient to sign-up as you stop by for morning coffee or lunch. If you have any questions, contact Beverly Root at bevroot2@msn.com or call 941-383-1269.

Trophy Sponsorships Filled Up!
Thanks, SSC Members You are GREAT!

THANKS! GRACIAS! MERCI! DANKE!

Below are the items still needed for the Shellabrate Shell Show. Items can be brought to our January meeting or you can email me at carolmmae@gmail.com (or call: 608-692-9985)to inform me what you would be bringing. Any donations are deeply appreciated.

- 1. Bottled water (3 cases)
- 2. Halo oranges (2 boxes)
- 3. Two Boxes of cookies, snack bars (all individually wrapped)
- 4. Coca Cola (3 cases); Diet Pepsi, Lemonade, Root Beer and Ginger Ale (2 cases each)



Shell Show Advertising

One-quarter page advertising/promotional leaflets (example above) may be picked obtained for distribution. You may obtain as many as you wish.

Full-sheet promotionals are also available.

Contact Lynn Gaulin for a supply of these at 941-755-1270 or shellhunter@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS CORNER SHELL SHOW VOLUNTEERS UPDATE

62 of 66 opened positions are now filled with volunteer members. Thank You!

4 Positions are still opened:

Artisans Table on Friday afternoon 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Membership Table on Friday afternoon 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Membership Table on Saturday morning 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Membership Table on Saturday afternoon 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. (1 person)

Table Chairs (Available to volunteers throughout the show)
Overall Chair of the 2022 Shell Show: Donna Cassin (cell: 941-313-1326)
Entrance / Admission Table: Beverly Root (cell:786-390-8002)

Treasurer: Karen Huether (cell: 941-257-8357)

Artisans: Donna Bartels (cell: 941-922-2588)

Club/Duane's Table: Duane Kauffmann (cell:941-879-7933)

Artistic Exhibits:

Membership Table: Donna Krusenoski (cell:630-677-2071)

Raffle Table: Donna Krusenoski (cell:630-677-2071)

Scientific Exhibits: Ron Bopp (cell: 918=527-0589) Education Table: Lynn Gaulin (cell: 585-545-8005)

Lunch area: Carol Mae (cell:608-692=9985)

Tablecloths: refer to each table chairman

Lunch

Lunch will be available to all volunteers including those working in the afternoons. For those working in the afternoon, you may consider arriving around 12:30 Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss further,

Nancy Cadieux cell: 941-228-1758

March 10th SSC Speaker

MEREDITH BAIN SEASHELL PHOTOGRAPHY

Meredith has been a resident of Florida for 12 years. She is a beachcombing ambassador for BIPS (Barrier Island Park Society), and a photographer for a touring company. A self-taught photographer, Meredith has combined her hobbies into award winning canvas artwork. She loves to capture the intricate beauty of seashells using her iPhone. She is currently the President of the Englewood Shell Club.

She combines a scientific knowledge and an artistic mastery in capturing seashells in her photography portfolios

Book review . . .

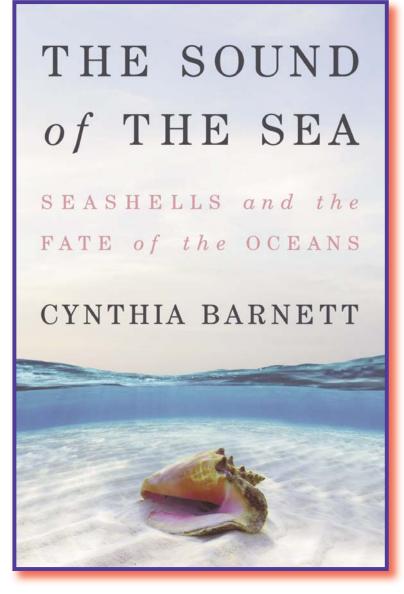
The Sound of the Sea: Seashells and the Fate of the Oceans

by Cynthia Barnett. W. W. Norton, 2021

When the club went to Cedar Key in September, I had a chance to learn how shelling has evolved. As we slogged across that everwidening mud flat, we found lots of shells—lightning whelks, pear whelks, king's crowns, tulips. Most were dead, but nearly all the empty ones were occupied by hermit crabs. When I talked to people in the group, they affirmed they would not take live shells—which was familiar—but now, not even ones with hermit crabs inside.

The same spirit informs this book. Cynthia Barnett, environmental Journalist in residence at the University of Florida, declares that the time has come to stop coveting the beautiful shell for its own sake and pay attention to the mollusk, the animal that inhabits and builds it. These animals are worth protecting. The various chemicals in cone toxins may be sources for painkillers and cancer treatments. The luminous glow of Tridacna, powered by algae that use energy from sunlight, may light the path toward future bio-fuels.

The mollusk absorbs calcium and carbon from seawater to build its shell. "That makes every shell not only a work of art, but a chemical vault;" Barnett writes, "carbon bound up in beauty rather than warming the world." But carbon dioxide is in oversupply in the atmosphere, the oceans can't store it all, and the mollusk population is in danger around the world, due to warming and acidifying seas, industrial development, and over collecting. All reasons, urges Barnett, to step back and let the species replenish themselves.



Part of this book's appeal for me is that much of the story takes place in southwest Florida. The Calusa, whose domain covered the southern part of the peninsula, utilized the incredible abundance of lightning whelks in the Gulf in their daily lives, their ceremonies, and their trade. Some of the lightning whelks they traded possibly ended up as far east as the Cahokia city complex in Illinois. The Calusa dug a canal two miles across Pine Island to paddle their trade goods to the mainland more efficiently. Well over 1,500 years later, the Mackle brothers, developers of Marco Island, dug canals across those small islands to create waterfront lots.

Today, scientists like Stephen Geiger and Gregory Herbert trawl Tampa Bay and the Gulf, monitoring the lightning whelk population and mollusk diversity—along with José Leal, collecting live Junonias. (You can see all three of them on Dr. Leal's blog on the National Shell Museum website.)

In the chapter on Sanibel, Barnett really gives it to us amateur shellers. Sanibel has been the prime destination for generations of shellers, amateur, professional, and commercial alike. But in the 1970s, people started to notice that the shell population was declining. Finally in 1995, Sanibel, and eventually Lee County, imposed a ban on all live shelling.

Barnett runs through all the "received wisdom" that used to justify taking live shells. The "best shells" are the live ones. The colors of the shell are brightest when it's taken live. Mollusks reproduce in quantity; there are thousands more shells out there. If it rolls onto the beach still alive, it probably will die there eventually. (Not necessarily, says Barnett: you can walk it out to deeper water and put it back.) She describes Eugene Bergeron's popular manual on how to clean shells (or as she puts it, "kill mollusks"), different techniques depending on the species. I was taught all of this when I started shelling in Florida with shell clubs in the 1990s. Should I feel guilty now?

There is much more to this book, of course. Barnett takes us to explore the ancient temple of Chavín de Huántar, Peru, where conch trumpet shells served as the voice of the oracle. To a mountainside in the Yukon, where the first microfossil shell was discovered. To the Maldives, where money cowries were shipped out to Ghana to buy enslaved humans for the plantations of the eastern Atlantic and



Caribbean. Back to Florida's west coast and the Big Bend, for stories of scallops and seagrass; and the Keys, the Conch Republic, for efforts to save the queen conch. And other shores around the world.

Reading the book is like riding a huge wave rich in history, biography, science, and personal narrative. It all comes down to the key point: we need to save and protect the life inside the shells, the mollusks, so that the ecosystem can survive. The book really makes a connection, literally from the tideline out, between the lives and habits of the shell animals and the overall threats of pollution and global warming. It is an immersive and persuasive read.

Reviewed by Ellie Lahn January, 2022

Historian's Report

50 Years Ago

The February 17, 1972 meeting of the Sarasota Shell Club was held with 43 members and guests present. The Treasurer's report showed a bank balance of \$1020.29.

Reports indicated the Shell Show went quite well even though attendance was down by 150. It is expected that despite this decline, the Show will break even. [The final figures show an overall loss of \$4.87.] New members were commended for their excellent exhibits. It was suggested that next year's show be held during the time when the Nationwide Airstream Trailer Rally is to be held in Sarasota.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lipe gave the program. The focus was colored slides of living snails from Tampa Bay. There was special focus on the trails made by snails moving through the habitat. The minutes describe it as an "extremely interesting" program.

25 Years Ago

The Club archives have no minutes for a meeting in February 1997

Duane Kauffmann

Sponsorships Available for 2022 Shell Show's Awards

Each year our club askes for volunteers to sponsor our Major and Special Awards along with the Rosettes to be won by that year's Scientific, Artistic and Commercial/Professional exhibits winners. These awards are made available through the generosity of club members who sponsor these awards. Again, this year we have sponsorships at \$50 each for the Major Scientific Awards, and Artistic Awards. You can sponsor a Special Award with a rosette for \$25.

club Nembers fill stepped up to fill stepped up to fill stepped up to ships! All Sponsorships! Thank You! A sponsorship sheet will be available at the January membership meeting on Lynn's table where you can sign up to sponsor an award. Payment is expected at that time. Checks should be made out to Sarasota Shell Club. Full explanations of these awards can be found on

Available Sponsorships

The \$50 Major Scientific Awards still available are: Sarasota Shell Club Members Best of Scientific

Exhibit

Best Small Scientific **Exhibit Trophy** Herwick Fossil Trophy

Best of Artistic with Shell Motif Best of Shell Art Best of Shell Flower Art Sarasota Shell Club Members Best Artistic Exhibit

The \$25 Special Award (rosettes) sponsorships are:

Shell of the Show Self-Collected Shell of the Show Fossil Shell of the Show Most Beautiful Exhibit

The \$50 Artistic Award sponsorships available are: 4-Judges Special Merit Awards



Bon appetit Buon appetite Meshigare Guten appetit

A first for Sarasota Shell Club and the gourmands in our group. On March 22, 2022, we will host a gourmet, "hands on" cooking class at Publix Aprons Cooking School, located at Publix Supermarket, 2875 University Pkwy, Sarasota. Class will begin at 2:00P.M. as an interactive learning environment. Due to this, space will be limited, so sign up early. Sign-ups are all online. Type in Publix Aprons Cooking School, click on Sarasota, a calendar will pop-up, go to March 22nd, click, and sign up. Payment is made on line directly to Publix Aprons Cooking School with an event fee. The cost includes all instruction, food, wine, and equipment needed.

Our menu is;

Bacon-Porcini Pate Crostini with Apricot Chutney Oysters-we will be shocking Duck Breast Roulades with Fig and Port Reduction and Grilled Asparagus Classic Chocolate Mousse

Wines will be served with each course, so everyone MUST be over the age of 21.

Cost is \$60.00pp plus an event fee is \$3.99 for a total of \$63.99.

Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be a sign-up sheet at our meetings, simply for a reminder email to be sent. Cancellations must be made 72 hours in advance of the class for a refund. If you have any questions, contact Carol Mae at carolmmae@gmail.com



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Welcome Party & Banquet

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Registration Forms

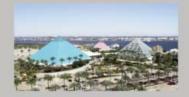
Future posting of 2022 COA Convention registration forms will be available at: www.conchologistsofamerica.com

Welcome to the Lone Star State



May 31 - June 4, 2022

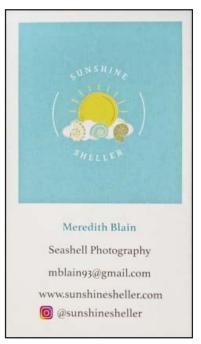




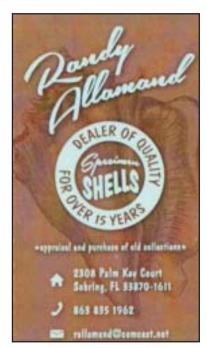




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Business Card Advertisements

Business cards (shell-related) may be used as advertising at a rate of \$25.00 per club year (up to nine issues). If you wish your business card to appear in each issue of The Beauii, please send it, along with a check (for \$25.00), made out to the Sarasota Shell Club, to the Editor, 2608 67th St. W, Bradenton, FL 34209.

To clarify, the \$25.00 pays for your card to appear in each issue of the 2021 - 2022 The Beauii.

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.



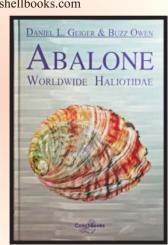
Library Notes

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.mdmshellbooks.com

Books in the Sarasota Shell Club Library can be accessed by contacting Duane Kauffmann at 574-238-4554 duanerk@goshen.edu. 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!



Duane Kauffmann (Senior Librarian)

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Calendar

2022 SSC Shell Show Feb 11-12, 2022 SSC Membership Meeting Mar. 10, 2022 COA Convention May 31 - June 4, 2022

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.

A 2021—2022
Membership
application
is attached to
this
Newsletter

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 2003-2004

Bob Horton 2004-2005 Joanne Chmielewski: 2007-2010

Ron Bopp: 2010-2012 Dennis Sargent: 2012-2014 Sally Peppitoni: 2014-2022

TBA: 2022-2023

Nominating Committee Wants You!

The Nominating Committee (Gordon Fushikoshi, Sally Peppitoni, and Karen Huether) is looking for members to fill several positions—be a good SSC member and volunteer for the club's future!

Sarasota Shell Club — 2021-2022 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 (shell show participants only

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 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:
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Email address(s):
Other address & phone:
Emergency contact & phone:
Birthday 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.

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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

We are **newly located at the Bee Ridge Church Community Room** 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

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/sarasotafloridashell club

Contact us: sarasotashellclub@gmail.com

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