

The Beauii



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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

February, 2023 Edition

Ramblings from the presidential suite . . .

SHELL SHOW

I trust that no member of the Sarasota Shell Club can be unaware that the annual shell show is only a few days away. And I hope that you have cleared your calendar to come and participate. Volunteers are always needed, so if you have not signed up, contact Nancy Cadieux ASAP. Before and after your volunteer shifts, make sure to browse the displays and to spend freely at the artisan's tables, the club tables, and our vendors. Buy for yourself and/or remember that it is not too early to buy birthday gifts, mother's or father's day gifts, even Christmas gifts (get that shopping done early!)



Speaking of shell groups, some of you are members of, some familiar with, and some lacking knowledge of, COA (Conchologists of America) is worth noting. If you have interest in shells, and would enjoy seeing a colorful magazine four times a year, this inexpensive group (\$25 per year) is for you. The annual convention (this year in Wilmington, NC) is highlighted by the two-day bourse (think a hotel ballroom full of shell dealers from all over the world). Sarasota served as host to this convention in 2002 and 2013. The Shell Club board recently discussed our offering to host again, perhaps in 2025. Stay tuned.

In the interest of being a responsible president, I have visited many of the local beaches. All seem to have survived Hurricane Ian well. However, while there are certainly piles of shells to sort through, and

an occasional treasure, the shell collecting for larger or attractive shells is so far rather anemic. And incidentally, if you want a beach for out of town visitors, try South Lido Beach. The rejuvenation is impressive with a vast expanse of beach (although one wishes they had given some attention to the parking lot). And there are usually far fewer people that at Lido or Siesta Key.

Hope to see you all Feb. 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12.

Duane Kauffmann
President

**Don't Forget . . . there will be no membership meeting in February!
It will be replaced by our wonderful Shell Show . . . Be There or Be Square!**



Officers & Board Members

President	Duane Kauffmann
Vice-President	Carol Mae
Treasurer	Alan Banko
Recording Secretary	open*

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

Committee Chairmen

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

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*.

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.

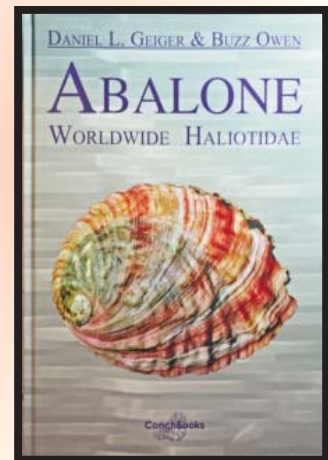
**A 2022-2023
Membership application is
attached to this Newsletter**

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. 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 Frankie Grover at 952-250-1481 or 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 for more information.

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.

- Feb. 6 Carefree Learner Field Trip: 7:00A.M.
- Feb. 10 &11 **Sarasota Shell Show**
Awards Dinner at Bangkok Restaurant (Feb. 10th)
- Feb. 16 Sea shells & Mardi Gras with Chef Jim at Publix Aprons
- Feb. 21 Field Trip; Kice Island
- March 9 General meeting; 7:00 P.M. Guest speaker: Steve Koski
Sarasota archaeologist
- March Sarasota County Fair: Dates TBA
- March Field Trip TBA; Bahamas, Puerto Rico, Eleuthera (possible)
- April 13 7:00 pm General meeting, Guest speaker TBA
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Last Wishes

At a motivational seminar three shell collectors were asked: “When you are in your casket and friends and family are mourning you, what would you like to hear them say about you?”

First shell collector: “I would like them to say I was a great sheller.”

Second shell collector: “I am sorry you passed but did you leave me any shells in your will?”

Third shell collector: “I would like to hear them say ‘Look, he’s moving’!”

Historian’s Report for February, 2023

50 Years Ago

The Club archives have no minutes for a meeting in February 1973.

25 Years Ago

Forty members and guests attended the February 1998 meeting of the Sarasota Shell Club.

Routine business: 1. All bills have been paid. 2. Volunteers needed for shell show. 3. Please help us advertise the show. 4. Carefree Learner trip a success.

“Debbie Ingrao brought in some microscopes to look at some SMALL stuff from the lab.” [Caps are in original minutes!]

Bill Clendenin gave mini ed program on how to organize, categorize, store, and display your shells.

Illustrated program was by Esther and John Lewis entitled “The Wonder of Shells.”

Duane Kauffmann

Dining at our Shellabrate Shell Show

Those of you that have been a volunteer at the shell show in the past, may have noticed that at our meetings, one item has been missing, the sign-up sheet to donate food for volunteers at the shell show. All your hard work and dedication has been deeply appreciated by the Shell Show Committee and the SSC Board of Directors. It is with this in mind, the committee will be providing all food items at this show.

If you prefer a salad or have a food allergy, please email or text Carol Mae. I will try to do my best to accommodate you. All volunteers are entitled to lunch, even if you work in the afternoon. We will serve until 1-1:30PM. If you prefer no lunch, again, please contact Carol Mae.

Email: carolmmae@gmail.com or Text: 608-692-9985

January Meeting Highlights



**Carol Mae and
Sandra Gilchrest**



From Sandra Gilchrest (January's Presenter) . . .above left

I thoroughly enjoyed the interactions. It is nice to talk to people interested in what you are doing with your students. We appreciate the support that the Shell Club has given us to support students interested in mollusks. One of my students is going to grad school next year with a project to examine predator/prey interactions of deep-sea mollusks and echinoderms....what fun.

We are going to Honduras the first three full weeks of July. Lots of octopuses to observe there.



2023 SHELL SHOW VOLUNTEERS UPDATE

You did it again, all the positions are filled!



However, I would feel better if I had one more volunteer per shift, each day, in case someone cancels (it happens). Please call or text me at 941-228-1758.

More people on Wednesday morning 10:00 A.M. to load the truck and then unloading it at the show (unloading only, set-up will be Thursday) would expedite the process. I am guessing that some volunteers for the tablecloths will stay and assist with the unloading.

Chairman of the 2023 Shell Show: Sally Peppitoni (cell: 941-720-3810)

Treasurer: Allan Banko (cell: 941-304-7130)

Table Chairs (Available to their volunteers throughout the show):

Entrance / Admission Table: Beverly Root (cell:786-390-8002)

Artisans: Debby Alexander (cell: 614-260-1700)

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

Artistic Exhibits: Sally Peppitoni (cell: 941-720-3810)

Membership Table: Lisa Kinney (cell: 941-587-9753)

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

Scientific Exhibits: Ron Bopp (cell: 918-527-0589)

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

Tablecloths : refer to each table chairman

Lunch

Lunch will be available to all volunteers during the show including those working in the afternoons. For those working in the afternoon, you may consider arriving around 12:30 before your shift begins.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or would like to discuss further,

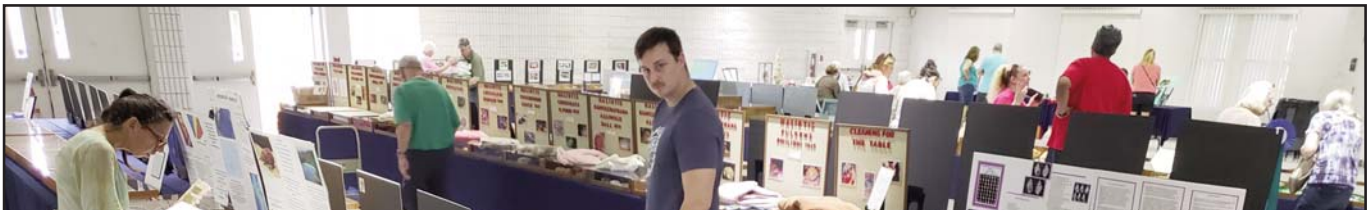
Nancy Cadieux _ cell: 941-228-1758

Broward County Shell Show Photos



Best of the Best went to Bob & Alice Pace for their “Genus *Helicophanta*” (Madagascar)

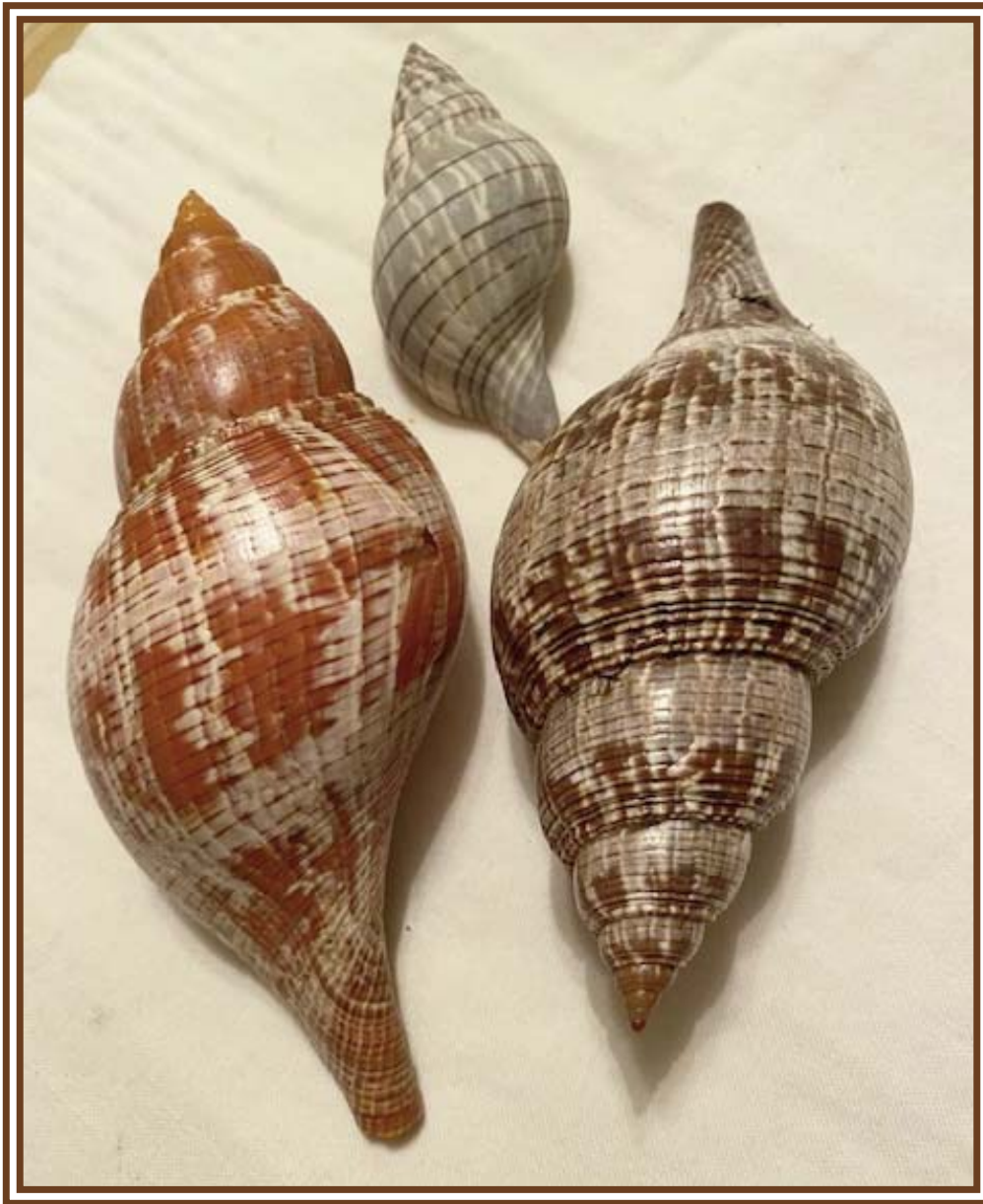
Astronaut Trail Shell Show Photos



Ron Bopp (left) with Dupont Award and Dave Green (right) with COA Award, both for Abalone displays.

GORGEOUS TULIPS

The gorgeous tulips are the birth shell for the romantic month of February. People that are born with this birth shell are supposed to be sincere, loyal, intuitive, and possess mental clarity.



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
Duane Kauffmann: 2022-2023

KEYWAYDIN SHELL TRIP

There was a “nip” in the air when we first began our shell trip, all bundled up except for a few hardy souls. We were attempting to go out fast to beat the low tide coming in so we could travel the short distance to the island, instead of the long way around. What’s that Florida saying? You are not a Florida boater until and when you run aground! Well, we ran aground on a sandbar shelf! While we observed the dolphins and played with Jack, the boat dog, there were many attempts to float us off. Finally, our skilled captain floated us off the sandbar, cheers ringing in his ears and onto the beach we went.

What a phenomenal day of shelling! I have never seen so many cones! There was a plethora of shells ranging from cones, shark’s eyes, lightning whelks, fighting conchs, nutmegs, horse conchs, murex’s, etc. The shelling was also enhanced by a delightful warming of the day and an extra hour of shelling, courtesy of Hemmingway Tours.

The group ended the shelling trip with a lunch by the water led by our dauntless leader, Karen Huether.



In memoriam . . .

June Bailey

My dear mother wanted me to contact the Sarasota Shell Club when she passed away. Her name is June Bailey and she was a very active member of the club while she lived in Sarasota. She passed away on January 21, 2023 at the age of 98. Shells were an amazing part of her life! Thank you to all of you for the love you shared.

Love and shells,
Elaine Baker



Bob Linn

Bob and his wife, Pat, have been members of the Sarasota Shell Club for some time. Bob passed on January 17, at the age of 91. While not attending meetings Bob and Pat were very active in our shell shows with award-winning exhibits every year.



Meeting Minutes

Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church

January 12, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

1. The meeting was called to order by President Duane Kauffmann at 7 p.m. Twenty-four members and two guests were present.
2. The program was given by Dr. Sandra Gilchrist who reported on her work (some with students supported by SSC) in Sarasota Bay and in Honduras. The work in Sarasota Bay concerned microplastics in the food chain, the presence of microplastics in invertebrate eggs, and the various sampling procedures used in data collection. The Honduras work had hermit crabs and octopuses as the central research focus. There were many questions and the report was very well received.
3. No additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting were noted.
4. In the absence of treasurer Allan Banko, it was reported the current balance is \$19,585.
5. Upcoming field trips are to Keywaydin and Kice Island. The Kice trip is reported as full; space may be available to Keywaydin.
6. The education report was by Bradford Andrews on a murex.
7. The Interview was with Karen Huether, a microbiologist by training, but a shell collector by avocation. She reported that her childhood home in Oklahoma was not an ideal location for a shell collector. She identified the family Muricidae as her favorite.
8. The science report concerned the decline in seagrass acreage in Sarasota Bay. Although above 1980s levels, it is less than 5 years ago. The downtrend is slowing and will hopefully soon be reversed.
9. No new business was brought to the floor.
10. Carol Mae gave brief updates on Mardi Gras, the food at shell show, and a potential prize for food volunteers at the Shell Show.
11. The raffle concluded the meeting.
12. Adjourned.

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(es): _____

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.

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

**We are newly located at Room 206, Albritton Center,
Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church,
4826 McIntosh Road, Sarasota, Florida**

(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/sarasotafloridashellclub>

Contact us: sarsotashellclub@gmail.com

(To be filled in by the Membership Committee)

Renewal New Member

Amount paid _____ Date _____

Check # _____ Cash _____

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