The Beauii



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) Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church 4826 McIntosh Rd Sarasota, FL

January, 2022 Edition



Happy Holidays Everyone!

Well, another year is over and a new one is beginning. It's been a rough year dealing with Covid, social distancing, masks and vaccines. Let's hope that this new year will start to bring some normalcy back to our lives.

We have the shell show coming up in February and we all need to pitch in and make this a great show. Everyone needs something to look forward to and there is nothing better than a great shell show to make you feel good! Please contact Nancy Cadieux to sign up as a volunteer to help during the show. Call Carol Mae about supplying any food for the cause and any other questions I'm sure can be answered by show chairperson Donna Cassin. Let's all work together to make this a great show!

We also have several upcoming field trips on the Carefree Learner and one to Keewaydin. Looking forward to those! More information on these fieldtrips and others can be found in this issue.

I wish everyone a safe and happy New Year and hopes that your expectations will soon be realized.

Happy Holidays!

Sally Peppitoni, President



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Are you entering the Shell Show?

If you are entering the Sarasota Shell Show and haven't sent in an entry form (scientific and/or artistic) you have until January 10 to email the form to the address listed on the form.

We have room for more entries so stop watching the TV and put together your entry . . . we will all enjoy it.

Donna Cassin, Artistic dcassin9411@verizon.net Ron Bopp, Scientific rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com

2021-2022 Renewal form found on last page of this newsletter!

Highlights from our Holiday Party



More Highlights

















And, Even More Highlights







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)



Holiday Party

The smile on everybody's face evidence that our Holiday party was a great success! As a reminder, the Bird Key Yacht Club is closed to the public. We were sponsored five years ago by Rosanne Roble who is a resident of Bird Key. So for those of you who see her occasionally, please tell her our appreciation! Thank you also to Donna C, Sally Peppitoni, the artisans who made the centerpieces, Donna K and many others who were part of this team effort!

> Karen reports the auction netted \$1,156.00

2022 Sarasota Shell Club **Awards Banquet**

Place: Bangkok Restaurant 4791 Swift Road (NE corner of Swift and Proctor) Sarasota, FL 941-911-0703

Choose from the menu and pay separately. Choose from no hot spices; medium or hot spices. Traditional Thai dishes with Pan-Asian influences in a lush setting (with ornate Siamese decor)

Time: 5:30 pm—Friday evening—February

11, 2022

Contact Beverly Root with the number attending-786-290-8002





News flash: the above article about a Junonia sea shell, Scaphella junonia (Lamarck, 1804), was featured in the December 20th (2021) issue of the Sarasota's Herald Tribune.

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

Keewaydin Island - Tuesday, January 4, 2022

Keewaydin, accessible only by boat, has become Sarasota Shell Club's premier destination. We have had incredible luck finding pear whelks, paper figs, true tulips, all manner of cockles and even the elusive golden olives and junonia shells. This trip is definitely not to be missed!

Carefree Learner Trip - Friday, January 21, 2022 8:00 am

Cayo Costa State Park - Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Cayo Costa is an excellent beach-combing location accessible by boat out of Bokeelia. Baby ears, golden olives, and many other species may be found here. It is also great for sand dollars. There is the opportunity to snorkel on the bay side. The more intrepid sheller may rent a cabin or tent site on January 31 for the early morning negative tide on February 1. Calusa shell middens may be viewed both in Bokeelia and on Cayo Costa.

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

Peanut Island - Sunday, March 20, 2022

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.

Fossil Trip - Silent Auction at the Schmelz's

In leu of a fossil pit exploration this trip offers a chance to acquire choice fossil specimens from the collection of paleontologist, 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@tampabay.rr.com . **Contact Ron soon as only 20 spots are available!**

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

Editor's Thoughts...

Don't you hate it when someone answers their own questions? I do.

Help Participate and Promote the Shell Club on Facebook (Joining Our Facebook Page is Fun and Informative)

By Amy Bentley

The Sarasota Shell Club would like to encourage all members and their families to please use our Facebook page and learn more about what's going on with the Shell Club as well as in the shelling/marine world. Our page has lots of information about meetings, events and club excursions, plus some other fun shell-related stuff.

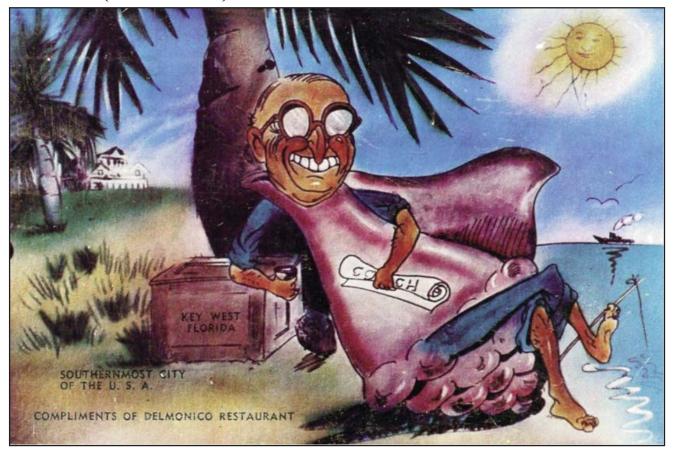
I am a new member and was asked to help with our Facebook page, which I'm happy to do. I have a background in professional marketing and journalism. I'm hoping our members, especially those who live out of town or can't attend a meeting, will learn more about what the Shell Club is up to.

Once you are on Facebook, search for the Sarasota Florida Shell Club Public Group and "like" the page. Visit the page often and feel free to post articles or information you think we'd like, or share your shell finds! Using our Facebook page will help us share information, promote our annual shell show, and perhaps attract new members.

Social media is a good tool to expand the Club's reach and let others know what we do. For example, I recently posted our flier about the shell show on our Facebook page and then shared the post to several other shelling and community groups I follow that together have thousands of members, garnering hundreds of new views and more shares on Facebook.

Once you are following the page, you can invite new members to follow the page if they are friends with you on Facebook. On Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/353766125615946.

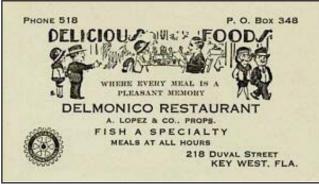
A Postcard (and Cartoon) from the Past . . .



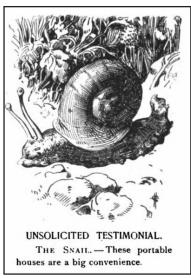
A 1950s postcard featuring this left-handed, purple conch with Harry Truman's face at the business end of the shell. The caption reads "Having a grand time at **DELMONICO'S RESTAURANT AND BAR**, Key West, Florida. 'Where every meal is a pleasure.' Specializing in Sea Foods, Arroz Con Pollo, Turtle Steaks, and Crawfish Enchilado. Information Booth at your service." The restaurant closed in the mid-1980s and turned into a strip club.

Below are two Delmonico business cards.





A Vintage Caricature . . .



A caricature from the May, 1909 issue of *Puck* magazine. "Unsolicited Testimonial: The Snail . . . 'These portable houses are a big convenience."

Let's Shellabrate 2022 Shell Show Sarasota Shell Club

ROBARTS ARENA in POTTER BUILDING

2896 Ringling Blvd, Sarasota, FL (Interstate 75 - exit Fruitville Rd. West) Sarasota Fairgrounds



Exquisite Shell Art
Scientific & Artistic Exhibits
Exotic & Rare Shells
Fabulous Shell Crafts
Educational Programs
Shells for Sale
And much more!!!

FREE shells w/ \$5 admission Kids under 12 *FREE* w/ paid adult Students from ages 12 - 18 *1/2 price*

 Friday
 Saturday

 Feb. 11
 Feb. 12

 10-5:00 pm
 10-5:00 pm

Terry Regenhitter blows the conch horn at the Manatee Historical Village's Holiday celebration in December. Terry was one of many vendors at the event.

Shell Show Advertising

One-quarter page advertising/promotional leaflets (example to the left of this message) may be picked up for distribution at the next club meeting to be held on January 13th. You may obtain as many as you wish to distribute. Full-sheet promotionals are also available.

If you are unable to come to the meeting and wish to obtain some of these please contact

Lynn Gaulin at 941-755-1270

or

shellhunter@gmail.com



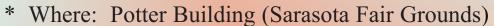


Pictured above represents part of a donation of Mollusk Animal Models created by former SSC member, Pete Steelman, which have been donated to the club in memory of Pete by his wife, Sue. A display of nine of these models will be available for viewing at our shell show in February.

Shellabrate Getting Back Together (The Sarasota's 2022 Shell Show)

Let's all come together to celebrate and to put on a wonderful Shell Show in February, 2022

* Dates: February 10th (set-up and judging)
February 11 - 12th (Shell Show)
February 13th (remove and unload)



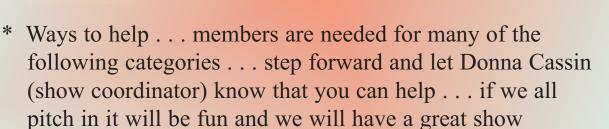
* What: Scientific Displays

Artistic Displays



Dealer Tables
Club Table
Raffle Table





* Categories: Artistic, Scientific, Food, Raffles, Admissions, Publicity, Admissions, Publicity plus many other positions.

Remember . . . we are





For more information, see "Volunteer's Corner" on next page!

VOLUNTEERS CORNER

You're needed! No work is too small! Volunteers are extremely valuable resources for your Sarasota Shell Club! Usually, volunteering does not involve a long-term commitment or take a huge amount of your time. Seasoned club members will teach and guide you. Verbal-& detailed written instructions will be provided before each shift as needed. You will not be left without guidance and support. If you are a relatively new member, volunteering will allow you to connect with other club members who, though they come from all walks of life, all love shells, like you! Finally, volunteering at our Shell Show is a unique and most rewarding experience!

THE ARTISANS (ongoing)

The Artisan group is asking for a few volunteers who would like to sort and organize some items. There are many other chores that go along with all of the varied items we need to produce. We meet EVERY Thursday on the campus of the Bee Ridge Presbyterian church (Proctor & McIntosh) from 10a.m. to around 1p.m., we would be so happy to have your help. Please consider giving us a few hours sometime. Just show up!

58th SHELL SHOW (February 11 & 12, 2022) OVERVIEW

There are 2 shifts each day, mornings & afternoons. Please ponder on these opportunities to help your club succeed in this much anticipated Sarasota yearly event. Sign-up sheet will be available at each monthly meeting beginning in October (we are starting early, can you tell we are excited!). **It's SHELLABRATION time!**

• Volunteer at Large Filled
1 volunteer per shift. This flexible per shift. Volunteers will be contacted prior to & during their shift & informed of the area where they are needed.

Admission / Entrance Table

2 volunteers per shift sell the admission tickets, give a little bag of shells, and maintain a log of how visitors learned about the show. Time flies at this table! This opportunity might be challenging for new members.

- Membership Table No one signed up yet _ Outgoing personalities needed! And we do have many!
 2 volunteers per shift explain the activities of our club, provide brochures and assist with the completion of the membership application. Many visitors are interested and stop at this table to ask questions.
 - Raffle Table 1 place left on Fri afternoon, more on Saturday

2 volunteers per shift explain how the raffle works and sell tickets. Usually quite busy.

Artisans Table

4 volunteers per shift interact with the public showing interest in the artistic creations for sale. This includes assisting with viewing price tags, wrapping purchases, setting paid ones aside if needed. Chairman Donna Bartels handles the money.

Guard of the Artistic Exhibit

1 volunteer per shift walk around the exhibit area or sit where they can watch for any potential problems, keeping people, in a positive and polite manner, from touching the items/exhibits. All are fragile and people are frequently tempted to TOUCH them. Visitors will ask questions about the award ribbons and interact with volunteers.

- Club Table (Duane Kauffmann's Table) FILLED
 2 volunteers per shift sell & package shells that were dona are possible at discounted prices for crafters and treasure hunters. First day involves sorting shells & setting up the table. Basic knowledge of shells is helpful.
- Lunch area for volunteers FILLED

 1 volunteer per shift to ensure that only SS univers have access to a free lunch and that the area is maintained clean. Currently, those volunteer positions are filled for 2022.

Tablecloths

On Thursday morning, before the truck's arrival, at least 10 persons are needed to cover each table (excluding dealers') with a tablecloth and secure it with large safety pins.

Loading & unloading the truck

The more per day, the easier! A truck driver is needed on Thursday and on Sunday (both ways)

- (1) Load on Wednesday afternoon 2/09/21 at the Artisans room (Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church) corner PROCTOR & McIntosh.
- (2) Unload at the Show on Thursday 2/10 after the tablecloths are set-up.
- (3) Pack-up, load at the Show from 8:00 A.M. to Noon on Sunday 2/13/21 and then unload at the Artisans' room.

 Questions? Contact Nancy Cadieux 941-228-1758 (Please leave a message if no answer)

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.

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 line under the Annual Shell Show www.SarasotaClub.com. If you have any questions about sponsoring an award, you can contact Lynn Gaulin at shellhunter@gmail.com or call (585) 545-8005. If you are unable to attend the January club meeting and want to sponsor an award, please contact Lynn. Several awards have already been sponsored and are not listed below.

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

The \$50 Artistic Award sponsorships available are:

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

4-Judges Special Merit Awards

Best of Commercial/Professional Art

People's Choice Awards:

Scientific

Artistic





Historian's Report

50 Years Ago

Thirty-two members and guests attended the January 13, 1972 meeting of the Sarasota Shell Club called to order by President Evelyn Bradley. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1286.89.

Visits to the hospital are going well and members are urged to participate. Recognition was given in a publication by the Hospital.

Ernest and Evelyn Bradley gave the program, including colored slides, on hunting for fossils. The minutes note the program was "interesting and informative."

25 Years Ago

President June Bailey opened the January 9, 1997 meeting of the SSC. No attendance data are provided. Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$5037.

The majority of the meeting was devoted to Shell Show preparations.

The mini-ed program was given by Bonnie Cristophel on the shells of the Galapagos Islands.

Steve Cloud of Sarasota High School gave the program describing the development of the Carefree Learner boat and related programming. He thanked the SSC for its ongoing support and generous contributions to the boat and program.

Duane Kauffmann



Contacts

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humbirdpatty@gmail.com

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Silent Auction

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Welcome Party & Banquet

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lindakgreen@entouch.net

Registration Forms

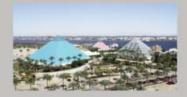
Future posting of 2022 COA Convention registration forms will be available at: www.conchologistsofamerica.com

Welcome to the Lone Star State



May 31 - June 4, 2022

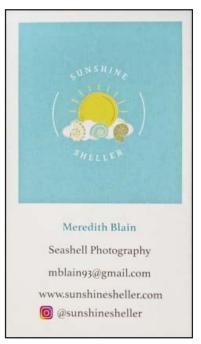




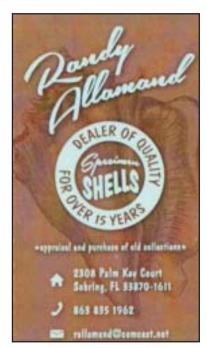




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Business Card Advertisements

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.



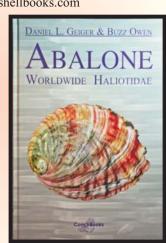
Library Notes

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)

Officers & Board Members

President Sally Peppitoni
Vice-President Duane Kauffmann
Treasurer Karen Huether
Recording Secretary Lynn Gaulin

Board Members: Donna Krusenoski (3); Rich Cirrantano (3); Ron Bopp (2); Nancy Cadieux (2); Carol May (1); and Donna Cassin (1)

Committee Chairmen

Artisans	Open
The Beauii	Ron Bopp
Historian	Duane Kauffmann
Field Trips	Sally Peppitoni
Librarian	Duane Kauffmann
Membership	Donna Krusenoski
Shell Show	Board
Sunshine	Frankie Grover

Bruce Paulsen

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 Beauti*.

Calendar

SSC Member Meeting Jan 13, 2022 SSC Shell Show Feb 11-12, 2022 COA Convention May 31 - June 4, 2022 See page 13 for details

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,

Webmaster

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:
Phone:
Cell:
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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