



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

January, 2023 Edition

Ramblings from the presidential suite . . .

January 2023. A New Year. And I anticipate a busy and successful year for Sarasota Shell Club. Please check the calendar in this edition of the Beuii for the many activities this month. And speaking of checking the Beuii, please note the need for club members to step up and sponsor one of the shell show exhibit awards that is not yet supported.



An eager and energetic group of 12 Club members was able to enjoy warm weather, warm water, and low tide, during two stops in Sarasota Bay aboard the Carefree Learner. Due to Covid and conflicts, this was my first such trip in 3+ years. Fearing the worst due to red tide and tropical storms, I was pleasantly surprised by the condition of the flora and fauna on and around the flats. Many urchins, hermit crabs, marine worms, and mollusks were to be found and the sea-grass/algae meadows were lush and healthy.

Due to generous gifts to the SSC over the past few months, we have a large and desirable inventory of both expensive and inexpensive shells and corals to sell. In order to give club members priority, I hereby announce that I will be at the Presbyterian Church "Duane's room" from 9:30 a.m. until 5:00 on Thursday January 12 (the day of our next regular meeting). Feel free to drop in and browse (and spend). Then go out to supper and come back for the 7:00 meeting.

Finally, it is the time of year when we look back and reflect a bit on the year that has been and ponder a bit what we might expect of the year ahead. It is also a time when we gather with friends and family to enjoy relationships, food,



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1. Please read the overview on each specific form at the monthly meetings & sign-in based on your interest(s) & availability.
2. Contact Nancy Cadieux (941-228-1758) if you have questions or would like to discuss further
3. Verbal & detailed written instructions will be provided before each shift as needed.

*Thank you for supporting YOUR Sarasota Shell Club!*

drink. So alongside the recipes for your favorite New Year's libations, permit me to suggest an interpersonal recipe for 2023: a large dollop of kindness, an ∞ of love, a healthy dose of compassion, substantial handfuls of forgiveness, an armful of generosity, several liters of empathy, multiple bushels of patience, and an overload of frontal lobe capacity of wisdom.

Duane Kauffmann  
President

**ARTISANS**

You had to be at the Holiday Party to hear the exclamations about the lovely sea glass Christmas trees made by the Artisans to decorate our tables.

The Artisans meet on Thursdays at 10:00A.M. in the Potter Building at Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church. Meeting dates for January are the 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th. Everyone is welcome to come and join up!

**Holiday Party Photos on Pages Six & Seven**

## Officers & Board Members

President	Duane Kauffmann
Vice-President	Carol Mae
Treasurer	Alan Banko
Recording Secretary	<b>open*</b>

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

## Committee Chairmen

Artisans	<b>tba</b>
<i>The Beauii</i>	Ron Bopp
Historian	<b>open*</b>
Field Trips	Gary Martinez
Librarian	Frankie Grover
Membership	Lisa Kinney
Shell Show	Sally Peppitoni
Sunshine	Frankie Grover
Webmaster	Bruce Paulsen

**\*See page 4**

- \* **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](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 2022-2023

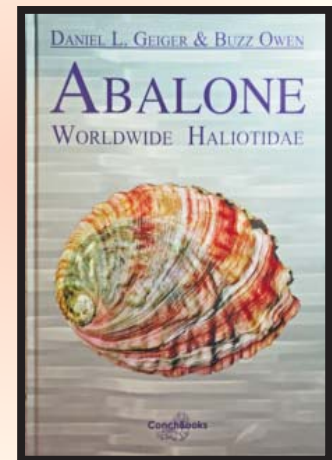
## Membership application is attached to this Newsletter

### 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](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 Frankie Grover at 952-250-1481 or [frankiejogro@gmail.com](mailto: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

### 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.

**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.

- Jan.10 Carefree Learner Field Trip: 7:30 A.M.
- Jan. 12 7:00 P.M. General meeting Guest speaker: Dr. Sandra Gilchrist from New College
- Jan. 24 Field Trip: Keewaydin Island
- 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

**Historian’s Report**

**50 Years Ago**

Thirty-two members and guests attended the January 8, 1973 meeting of the Sarasota Shell Club. The meeting was devoted to planning and preparation for the shell show: publicity, exhibits, volunteers, etc. Mr. and Mrs. Clark of St. Petersburg gave the program, including colored slides, on shelling in Hawaii. Appropriate specimen shells were displayed.

**25 Years Ago**

President Judy Hollar opened the January 9, 1998 meeting of the SSC. Thirty-two members and guests were present. Treasurer’s report “not available.” The majority of the meeting was devoted to Shell Show preparations. It was noted that four library books were overdue. After one month a fine of \$1 per month will be assessed. Carol Marshall gave the program on pectens. “Very interesting.”

[Historian’s note: One item in the minutes “asked for donations for the cancer at Robards arena.”]

Duane Kauffmann



Volunteers Corner  
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Sign-up sheets will be at the January 12 monthly meeting. For those of you who cannot attend, please call me or text me at 941-228-1758 with your choice, day and time. Please DO NOT CONTACT ME before January 6<sup>th</sup> as I will not be available.

None of the volunteering opportunities are 100% filled. However, the following are where no one or just a few have signed up at this point:

**Wednesday, 2/08/2023**

Tablecloths (12 p.m.)

Loading the truck at the Church and unloading at the show

**Friday, 2/10/2023**

Membership Table (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)

Artisans Table both shifts

Lunch Area (1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

**Saturday, 2/11/2023**

Raffle Table both shifts

Artisans Table both shifts

**Sunday, 2/12/2023**

Loading the truck at the Show and unloading at the Church.

Thank you everyone for participating in the 59<sup>th</sup> Sarasota Shell Show!

Nancy Cadieux

***URGENT MESSAGE***

**Sarasota Shell Club Member(s) Needed!**

**Our shell club needs members to fill the following, important positions. Please consider volunteering for one of these: Secretary and Historian**

Contact President Duane Kauffmann at  
duanerk@goshen.edu for more information.

**JANUARY'S GUEST SPEAKER**

Our January guest speaker is Dr. Sandra Gilchrist from New College of Florida. She is a Professor of Biology and Marine Science, Chair of Natural Science at New College. Dr. Gilchrist is renown for her research with hermit crabs, disease and wound healing of coral, and a non-invasive method of sampling coral cells. She is one of our nation's experts on invertebrates

Some of Dr. Gilchrist's students may accompany her to our meeting. The focus of her presentation will be their research in the Honduras and Sarasota Bay. Sarasota Shell Club has supported New College for many years with all of our hard work at the shell show, using funds to donate to New College. Many accolades to all the volunteers and this will be an opportunity to experience how positive these donations have been towards students and marine research.

## IT TAKES A VILLAGE

Our Holiday Dinner at the Bird Key Yacht Club was a great success! It was especially heartwarming this year to see members that have been absent from our monthly meetings for different reasons. Until I accidentally got involved with coordinating this event last year, I really had no clues of all that is involved in this affair. It takes a Village!

Thank you, Artisans, for the six months of patient work creating those wonderful Christmas Trees centerpieces!

Thank you, generous donors, for the auction pieces!

Thank you Carol Mae and Guelda Woodridge for greeting our attendees!

Thank you Gary Martinez and Lisa Kinney for handling the bar tickets with your engaging smile!

Thank you Sally Peppitoni for the crackers and for being Ms. Wonderful Auctioneer!

Thank you Bev Root and Gary Martinez for assisting Sally!

Thank you, anonymous donor, for the chocolates on our chargers!

Thank you Donna Cassin, Marilyn Parker and Amy Bentley for keeping track of the auction winners!

Thank you Al Banko and Marilyn Parker for collecting the money from the Auction winners (a very hectic task as everyone is leaving at the same time).

And finally, thank you to all 41 attendees without whom such cheerful annual gathering would not have happened! It takes a Village!

Nancy Cadieux

## Sarasota Shell Show Award Sponsorships:

Sponsors needed for **Shell Show Trophys!** Each year the club awards winning displays a trophy. The trophies cost the club and in the past many, if not all, have been sponsored by club members. Many members have already stepped up to sponsor an award. The following awards still need sponsors . . . recommended donations are \$50.00 for a trophy (may split sponsorship with another member) and \$25.00 for Special Awards (beautiful, large rosette ribbons). Explanation of the qualifications for each award may be found on the SSC 2023 Shell Show website. Please notify Linda Greiner of your intent to sponsor a particular trophy and make a check out to “SSC” and give or send to Alan Banko (12930 Basilica Drive, Venice, Florida 34293). **Note: you will have chance to offer your sponsorship at the January membership meeting.**

### Special Scientific Awards

**Charles and Violet Hertweck Fossil Award**—need sponsorship

### Major Artistic Awards

**June Bailey Best of Member’s Art**—need sponsorship

**Hank and Fran Schlusemann Award**—need sponsorship

### Special Awards (Rosette Ribbons)

**Shell of the Show**—need sponsorship

**Shell of the Show (self-collected)**—need sponsorship

**Fossil Shell of the Show**—need sponsorship

**Most Beautiful Exhibit**—need sponsorship

**Judges Special Merit Award (Scientific - two)**—need sponsorship

**Best of Commercial/Professional Art**—need sponsorship

**People’s Choice Award (Scientific - one)**—need sponsorship











# KEEWAYDIN

SSC announces field trip to Keewaydin Island| Date: Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2023

Keewadyin Island is a barrier island located within the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Reserve. It is bordered by an inland waterway to the east and the Gulf of Mexico to the west. The island is currently 15% privately owned and 85% public lands. The island is only accessible by boat - there are no cars, bridges, or roads which keep the beaches, waters, and land primitive. A variety of wildlife is able to reproduce and occupy the island such as white-tailed deer, wild boar, sea turtles, birds, seashells, crabs, wild plants, and grasses. In order to keep this land pristine, there are numerous conservatory efforts ongoing so it is important that visitors treat and respect the island as they would their own. It is crucial that all garbage and waste is taken off the island with you. Do not take any live seashells and do not cut or pull out any vegetation. Summertime is turtle nesting season, please make sure you stay on the designated paths and do not disturb or touch any of the nests.

## A Favorite Trip

- Each of the last few years, the club has made a very successful field trip to the island
- The extensive exposed flats and shallow inlet provide a remarkable opportunity to see both living mollusks and collect empty shells
- The island is accessible only by boat. We have been using the very reliable Hemingway Water Shuttle out of the Rose Marina on Marco Island





## Details of the Trip

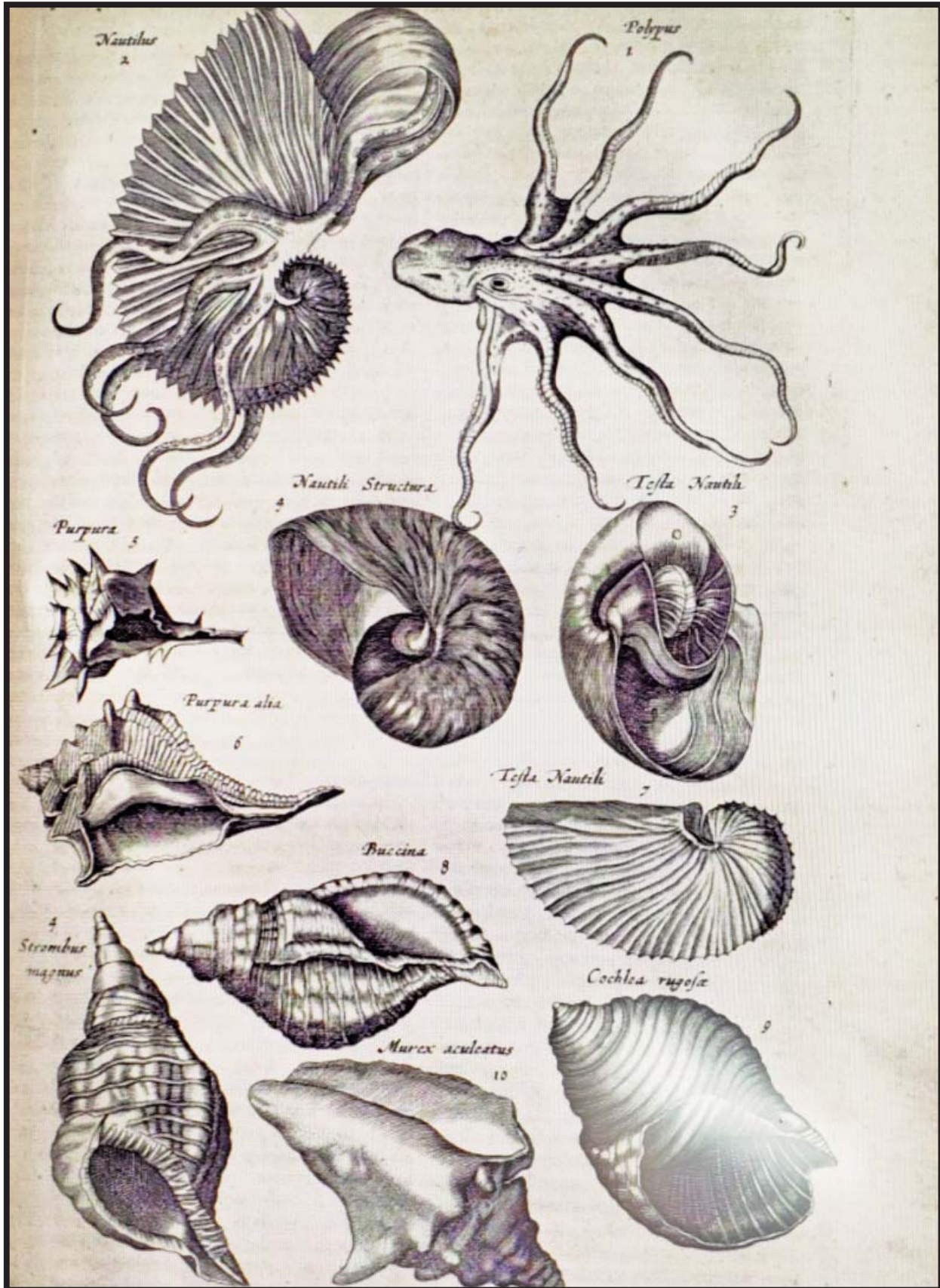
- The boat will leave the marina no later than 7:30 am on Tuesday, January 24.
- There is ample parking at the marina
- The ride out provides an opportunity to observe other early risers enjoying the outdoors as well as land and marine wildlife in the mangroves.
- At 7:30, it will be dark and possibly quite cool, so dress accordingly. You most likely will want to wade in the inlet and runnels which contain sharp pieces of shell. Wear foot gear with sturdy soles.
- Shellers frequently find large whelk and horse conch shells so it's a good idea to have a container big enough to hold them such as 5 gallon bucket.
- We will get a time to be back on the boat between 11:00 am and 12:00 noon.
- Many participants choose to stay for lunch together. There are good places to eat within walking distance of the marina.



- The cost will be \$52.10 per person. **This does not include the tip.** Please make your check payable to Sarasota Shell Club and give it to Allen Banko, either in person or mail it to him at P.O. Box 4124, Sarasota, FL 34230-4124. Checks must be received by December 8 and are non-refundable unless the trip is canceled by the club or the boat captain. In the event you have paid and are unable to go you will be responsible to find an alternate to go and refund your payment directly to you. Also, make sure your club membership is paid.
- Notify Gary Martinez at (310) 347-8942 or [yonsider@msn.com](mailto:yonsider@msn.com) you are planning to go.
- Val, of Hemingway Water Shuttle, would like to know as soon as possible how many people from Sarasota Shell Club plan to go on the trip, so please reserve your spot promptly and notify Gary Martinez of your intentions. The boat holds up to 20 people after which we will create a wait list.



Historic 1650 print from *De Exanguibus Aquaticis et Serpentibus*

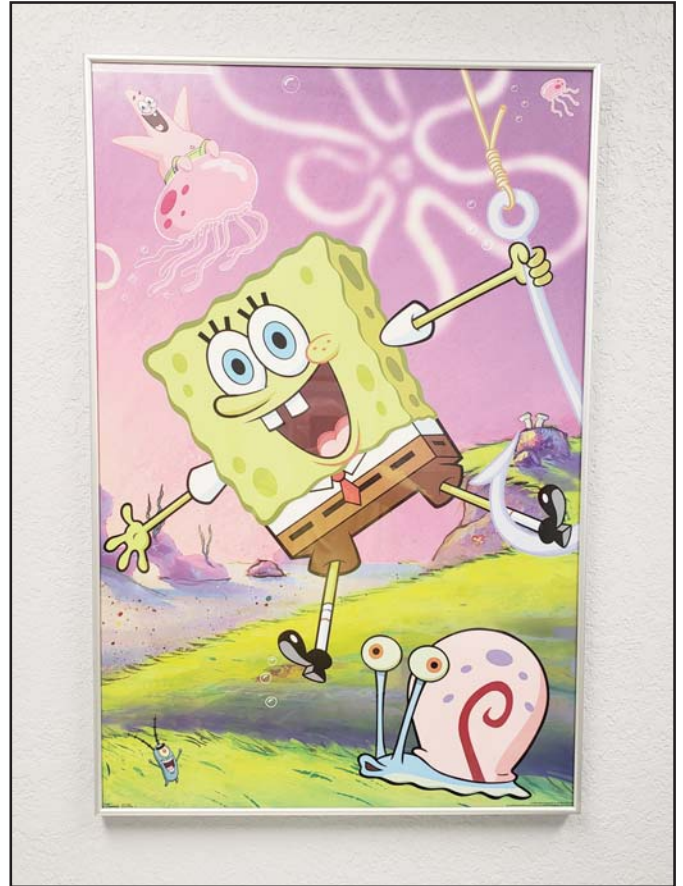




*Odds and ends . . .*



For the crafter in you. . . note, there are “genuine seashells” included. From the *Signals* 2022 catalog.



On the wall of a doctor’s office . . . note the snail at the bottom.



A book at the “Red Barn” in Bradenton . . . interesting use of a nautilus shell.

**January’s Birth Shell**

If you have a January birthday, your birth shell is the auger. It is a healing shell. People with this birth shell are suppose to be calm and connected to water energies.

**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

## 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 meeting.

To join, send checks only (no cash) made out to SSC to

**Lisa Kinney, Membership Chairman**

**1338 Georgetown Circle  
Sarasota, Florida 34232**

*Please print legibly to help us correctly spell your name:*

Title:

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 leaders(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 2106, 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.Sarasotashellclub.com](http://www.Sarasotashellclub.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sarasotashellclub>

Contact us: [sarasotashellclub@gmail.com](mailto:sarasotashellclub@gmail.com)

(to be filled in by the Membership Committee)

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