

A newsletter published by the Sarasota Shell Club

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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

March, 2022 Edition

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Hello Fellow Shellers!

Well, I don't know about you, but I personally think our shell show was a big success this year! I can't wait to see the final financial report to see how it compares to previous years. Everyone had a

great time and there were so many beautiful exhibits. I spent way too much money at Duane's table and the other vendors. I may have to work another year to pay for it all!

Our last field trips are coming up soon, so see inside for the information you need for field trips. This issue also contains a list of the candidates for our upcoming Board election in April. Please look through the candidates and decide if you see any problems or conflicts.

Our end-of-year picnic will be Sunday, May 1st (May Day!) at Coquina Beach. Please reserve a spot now for your picnic lunch. We will have more information about the food and pricing at the March general meeting.

Please let us (the Board) know how we are doing and give us any suggestions you may have for changes to improve our club.

See you soon! Sally Peppitoni President

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# **Slate of Officers & Directors** for 2022-2023

President:	Duane Kauffmann
Vice-President:	Carol Mae
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Alan Banko
Secretary:	Lynn Gaulin

**Directors:** 

Sally Peppitoni (3) Karen Huether (3) Donna Krusenoski (2) **Rich Cirrantano (2)** Ron Bopp (1) Nancy Cadieux (1)

# Artistic Awards at the Shell Show



(Left) Cindy Boyd won Best of Art with Shell Motif for the Bounty of the Sea. (Right) Amanda Collett won the Fran Schlusemann award for her mini-shell arrangement





(left) Amanda Collett won the Cassin award for the most creative shell art: the Sea Horse (right) Suzanne Dietsch won Best of Professional Art for her sailor's Valentine



(Left to right) The Nancy Marini Award for the use of fossils went to Ron Bopp for his Paleontologic Valentine; A Judge's Special Merit Award went to Cheryl Whitten for her "Arranging Flowers;" A second Judge's Special Merit Award went to Caryl Renz for her "Henri Mortisse" rendition; The People's Choice Award went to Frankie Grover for her "Sea Woman."

# Scientific Awards at the Shell Show



(left) Karlynn Morgan accepts the Mote Gold Award from President Sally Peppitoni at the Awards Banquet (right) Karlynn's award-winning entry, "Representatives of the Family Epitoniidae



(left) Ron Bopp accepts the COA Trophy for Mary Jo and his display of Fossil Bivalves of Florida (right) Vicky Wall won the Peggy Williams award for her Florida shell entry



(left) Lynn Gaulin was pleased to win the SSC Member's Award for her "Secret Code of Patterns" (right) Wanda Coker won the Shell of the Show for her *Halgyrineum louisae* (Lewis, 1974)



(left) The DuPont Trophy as well as the"Most Beautiful Exhibit" and Fossil Shell of the show was awarded to Ron Bopp (right) The Best Small Exhibit award was given to Vicky Wall for her Self-collected Hawaii exhibit.

# **More Artistic Entries**



Joan Zabor's "Bump on a Log" Snail Parade



Mary Jane Swift's "Shelby the Sea Turtle"



Lisa Kinney's "Seashell Santa"



Lisa Kinney's "Purple Octopus"



Caryl Renz's "Golden Girl"



Caryl Renz's "Paige"



Mary Jane Swift's "Time to go Shelling" Clock



Debbie Alexander's "Daisy Tabletop Topiary"



Karen Paulson's Fossil "Lasting Beauty"



Debby Alexander's "Palm Frond Mermaid"



Joan Zabor's "Baby, It's Cold Outside"



Frankie Grover's "Sea Woman"

# **And Even More Artistic Entries**



Donna Cassin's "Jewelry Box"



Joan Zabor's "The Dress"



Donna Bartels's "Seaside Ran"



Amanda Collett's "Mermaid Bling"



Karen Paulson's "Mermaid's Dragon"



Kathy Hofstad's "Remember Me" Valentine



Kathy Hofstad's "Rhapsody in White" Valentine



Debbie Alexander's "2020 Covid Bunny"



Michael Gillmore's "Sip-n-Shell"



Susan McNichol's "Seashell Oil Lamp"



Lisa Kinney's "Beach Sign"



Donna Cassin's "Santa's Village"

# And Yes, Even More Artistic Entries



Mary Jane Swift's "Heart's Galore" Valentine



Mary Jane Swift's "Lockdown Project" Valentine



Chery Whitten's "Spring Vortex"



Cindy Boyd's "A Bounty from the Sea"



Amanda Collett's "Angel of the Sea"



Donna Bartel's "Shell Baby"



Marilyn Parker's "Underwater"



Karlynn Morgan's Macrocypraea zebra (Linneaus, 1758)



Donna Bartel's "Orchid Boat"



Cindy Boyd's "Queen of the Sea"



Amanda Colette's "Angel of the Sea"



Amanda Collett's "Majestic Masterpiece"

# The Last of the Wonderful Artistic Entries



Kathy Hofstad's "Summer Colors" Double Valentine

Michael Gillmore's "Shell Encrusted VW Car"



Caryl Renz's "Mini Torso Trio"

Kathy Hofstad's "With This Ring" Double Valentine

# A big THANK YOU goes out to all our Raffle Sponsors!

Thank you to: Carol Mae, Spa Hollywood, the Nancy Marini Estate, Tricia Latva, Nancy Cadeux, Donna Cassin, Beverly Root, The Timmermann Family, the Paulsen Family, The Shell Club Artisans, Gary Martinez, Judy Herman, Lynn Gaulin, Donna Bartels, the Shell Club & our wonderful "Anonymous Gifters."

To all who donated we are grateful to have your support and thrilled to have done so well for the club!

An additional thank you goes out to Linda Greiner who made the item and number cards, and the volunteers who sold tickets.

Donna Krusenoski

# **Scientific Entries**



Amanda Collett's "Junonia"



Greg Curry's "Volute Fossils of France"



Ron Bopp's Hexaplex brassica Vintage Clock



Karlynn Morgan's *Typhinellas occlusis* (Garrard, 1963)



Amanda Collett's "Sand Dollar"



Rylee Collett's "Juvenile Queen Helmet"



Greg Curry's "Livonia mortoni"



Ron Bopp's "The *Libinia dubia*"



Greg Curry's "Lyria leslieboschae"



Amanda Collett's "Baby Ear Series"

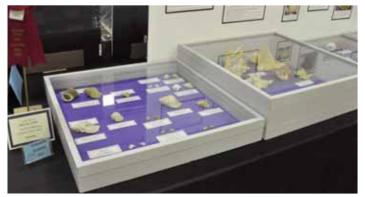


Amanda Collett's "Paper Nautilus"



Sarasota Shell Club's "Siritus beauii"

# **More Scientific Entries**



Wanda Coker's "Cymatidae"



Duane Kauffmann's "Life Cycle of *Meioceras nitidum*"



Ron Bopp's "Bursidae -The Frog Shells"



Doug Thompson's "Cypraea cervus, Queen of the Cowries"



Greg Curry's "Genus Notovolta"



Cara Clulow's "Strombus alatus"



Doug Thompson's "Self-collected Florida Lion's Paws"

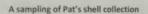


Ron & Mary Jo Bopp's "Fossil Bivalve Mollusks of Florida"

# And, the last of the Scientific Entries



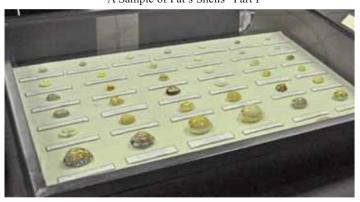
Kathy Hofstad's "A Sample of Pat's Shells" Part I



During the mid-1960s, Pat C., along with her husband and children started collecting seashells when they visited various beaches in the Virginia and North Carolina areas. It did not take too long for the "periodic hobby" to grow into a passion for collecting mollusks from around the world.

Over a period of around 35 - 40 years, Pat's shell collection grew to greater than 3,000 shells, representing at more than 750 different species. Some of these of shells were self-collected by Pat, while others were acquired through trades with other collectors. A small assortment of her shells was purchased from dealers. Over the years, Pat developed friendships with other collectors from around the world,

> Kathy Hofstad's "A Sample of Pat's Shells" Part II



Kathy Hofstad's "A Sample of Pat's Shells" Part III



Pete Steelman's Memorial Non-competitive Entry

# Note: Photos of Members, Dealers and Other Show Activities will be Featured in the next issue of *The Beauii*



# VOLUNTEERS CORNER

(Nancy Cadieux)

A heartfelt **Thank You** to the **52** volunteers who filled **112+** needed positions and to Sally Peppitoni's high school students who helped on Sunday! All of you contributed to the success of our 58th annual Sarasota Shell Club's Shell Shell.

We Shellebrated!

# **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

## 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 14 and 15 in the February's *The Beauii*.

## 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 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 and 11 of them are spoken for. The sign-up sheet will be at the March meeting!** 

### March 10th SSC Speaker

### MEREDITH BLAIN 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

# A Postcard(s) from the Past . . .





POP & HELEN DeVITO'S SHELL SHACK Gifts from the Seven Seas Art Gallery — Nautical Museum York Beach, Maine (207) 363-9848

New England's Largest Dealer in Shells — Shell Novelties and Shell Jewelry.

Unique shells from all over the world are made into novelties and jewelry by Pop and Helen. Shell collectors find this a Browser's Paradise.

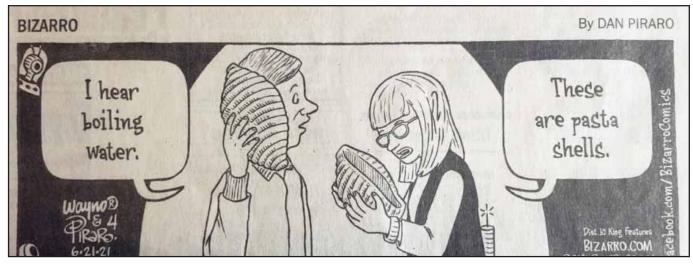
# Pop & Helen Devito's Shell Shack (1960s)



POP DEVITO "An Unusual Man"

We all know him as "Pop" but his name is Oliver DeVito. Pop was reared in New Bedford, Mass. He came to America from Italy as a baby. He learned at an early age that to become a good American citizen he must work hard and be honest. For the past 40 years Pop has enjoyed a very successful Shell Shop and museum at York Beach Maine. The shop has over 30,000 items; something for everyone. Pop and Helen welcome you to their store from May thru October each year.

# March's Cartoon . . .



# Sarasota Shell Club Members Winners at St. Pete Shell Show



Doug Thompson shows off his "Florida Museum's Natural History" award along with belated SSC's "Best Self-Collected Exhibit"



Pat & Bob Linn won the coveted COA award for their "Many Moons from around the World"



Duane Kauffmann's "Alice Monroe Educational Award" for his *Meioceras nitidum* exhibit



Ron Bopp holds the DuPont award that he & Mary Jo won for the Fossil Mollusks of Florida display



Pat & Bob Linn's COA award next to their exhibit.



### Historian's Report

#### 50 Years Ago

The March 9, 1972 meeting of the Club was held with 27 members and guests in attendance. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1477.87.

The Show had a small loss of \$4.87. This was largely due to 150 less admissions than the previous year. In response the President made these comments. "Since the purpose of having a Shell Show is to stimulate interest in shells and further the knowledge of them as well as the enjoyment of sharing your exhibited collections with others, it is not a matter of making money so much as it is to have funds to continue this education and enjoyment each year."

The President asked for volunteers for a nominating committee. She noted also that the club needed "new blood and energy." No one volunteered. A second request latter in the meeting also generated no volunteers.

The program of colored slides was given by Beatrice Albert of St. Petersburg. She reported on shelling on Okinawa. The minutes note the program was "enjoyable."

#### 25 Years Ago

The Club meeting on March 13, 1997 was called to order with 18 in attendance. The balance in the treasury was \$6467.26. It was reported that the Shell Show made a "good profit (\$1979.91)." This despite the fact that the Sarasota Herald club article was bumped and appeared a week after the show.

Terry Raymond gave the program on "The History of Conchology as seen through Old Books.

Duane Kauffmann



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.

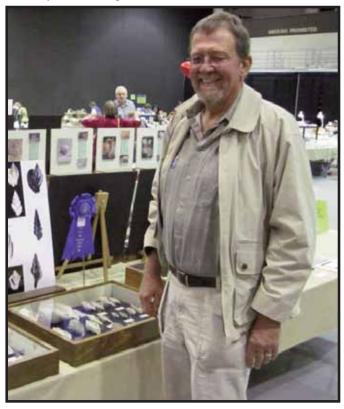
Cost is \$60.00pp plus an event fee is \$3.99 for a total of \$63.99.

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

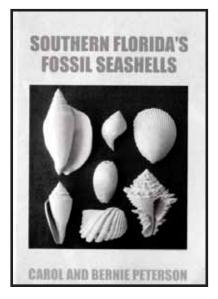
#### In Memoriam ...

#### **Bernie Peterson**

Former Sarasota Shell Club member, Bernie Peterson, passed away on February 25, 2022 after a protracted illness at the age of 73. After community college he worked for 43 years at Rockledge Gardens Nursery, Rockledge Florida.



Bernie was passionate about several things including carving and especially fossil shells and



echinoids. He and his wife, Carol, authored and produced a popular Florida fossil book. Southern Florida's Fossil Seashells. This was a reference vour editor cut his teeth on (so to learning speak) about fossil seashells.



Bernie Peterson admiring an echinoid collection at Florida State University.

Bernie and Carol traveled the state looking for fossil shells and echinoids. He was most passionate, however, about echinoids. Two fossil echinoids we named after the Petersons, *Clypeaster petersonorum* & *Kionaster petersonae*.



Kionaster petersonae

Bernie was a gentle giant—standing 6'5" he towered over most he meant, including his wife, Carol. He was as kind a person you could have ever meant as well as generous. Mary Jo and your Editor enjoyed several float trips with Bernie and Carol on the Chipola River and Caloosahatchee Rivers searching for fossils. Bernie's knowledge and generosity was overwhelming.

Rest in piece, Bernie. A celebration of life is planned in the future.

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of Event	5 225
Tuesday May 31	
Wednesday June I	
Thursday June 2	
Friday June 3	
Saturday June 4	Bourse.

#### Contacts

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#### Registration Forms

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



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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.



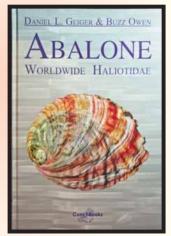
### **Library Notes**

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 or 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
Webmaster	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 Beauii*.

# Calendar

SSC Membership Me	eting	Mar. 10, 2022
SSC Membership Me	eting	April 14, 2022
SSC Club Picnic		May 1, 2022
COA Convention	May 3	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.



## 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

# Important: Come to the April meeting and vote for our new Officers & Directors!

Sarasota Shell Club — 2021-2022 Renewal/New Application Membership	Our Insurance Requires a Liability Release	I agree that I am individually responsible for my safety and my per- sonal 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.	p Signature required for each member joining:	2.	The SSC publishes a roster with names, address and emails for our member use only. Please check one: it is <b>OK</b> to publish my information in the roster	We are <b>newly located at the Bee Ridge Church Community Room</b> 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	(To be filled in by the Membership Committee) Renewal New Member Amount paid Date Cash Check # Cash Info. filed
Sarasot Renewal/N	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 <b>Renewal Dues:</b> \$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:	Cell:Email address(s):Other address & phone:	Emergency contact & phone: