

The Beauii



A newsletter published by the
Sarasota Shell Club

www.Sarasotashellclub.com

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

November, 2023 Edition

Greetings to all SSC folks . . .

You will not want to miss the Nov. 9 regular meeting where the program will be by John Jacobs from the St. Petersburg Shell Club. He and Cheryl are well known for their efforts putting on COA silent auctions and as the motivating force behind the St. Petersburg Shell Show. John brings a wealth of information about shells and shelling and I am certain you will learn from his presentation.



You will also want to check your calendars and interests concerning Club activities. A field trip to Sanibel Island is scheduled for Nov. 29. And make sure the Holiday party and Shell Show are on your schedule.

It has been a tough few weeks for our community, nation, and world. Our club has been shaken by illness and death. Our nation has experienced another mass shooting and there is endless squabbling in Washington, DC. Our world awakes each day to trauma and tragedy in Ukraine and the Middle East. In the midst of this reality, it may be difficult to celebrate the month's primary holiday: Thanksgiving.

It is my hope that even in the midst of such a troubling milieu, we might find it within ourselves to give thanks for the beauty of seashells, the warm and support of caring friends, the delicious tastes of a meal prepared to perfection, and/or the awe-inspiring hues of a Florida sunset.

Duane Kauffmann
President

Recycle Your Award Ribbons

I can recycle your Award Ribbons for our SSC shows, even if they have a date on the ribbons or writing on the back. I will even iron them !

Bring them to the membership meeting. If you can't make the meeting then contact me at luvseashells@gmail.com.

Thanks... Linda Greiner

Pay your dues!



From the Treasurer

When renewing your membership please make your check out to "SSC."
No cash please!

SEE MOST IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ON PAGE 6

Officers & Board Members

President	Duane Kauffmann
Vice-President	Ron Bopp
Treasurer	Alan Banko
Recording Secretary	open*

Board Members: Nancy Cadieux (3); Amy Bentley (2); Sally Peppitoni (2); Karen Huether (2); Donna Krusenoski (1); Debbie Alexander (1);

Committee Chairmen

Artisans	tba
<i>The Beauii</i>	Ron Bopp
Historian	open*
Field Trips	Gary Martinez
Librarian	Debbie McDermont
Membership	Lisa Kinney
Shell Show	Ron/MaryJo Bopp
Sunshine	Debbie McDermont
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 2023—2024

Membership application is attached to this Newsletter

Library Notes

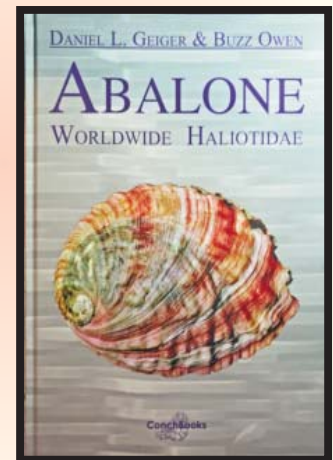
Our Sarasota Shell Club library is located at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church in Sarasota. A list of our books is on our website www.sarasotashellclub.com. For more info on some of our books, go to www.mdmshellbooks.com

Books in the Sarasota Shell Club Library can be accessed by contacting Debbe McDermott at washashore76@yahoo.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!

Debbie



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.

Hearing the Ocean from a Sea Shell . . . Two Aspects



From a 1911 Postcard



From a current Comic Strip

He who laughs last ... just didn't get the joke!



October's Member Meeting

Our speaker for the October meeting was Alan Gettleman, pictured on the left with Donna Cassin

Debbie McDermott has volunteered to take over the position of librarian and sunshine. She is seen here on the bottom left.

President Duane gave a mini-lecture on the Strombidae family. He is seen below holding an example shell.



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.

- November 9 Membership Meeting (Bee Ridge Church, Room 206)
Speaker: **John Jacobs**: “Strombidae, Rostellariidae, Seraphsidae - An Introduction”
Time: 7:00 pm
- November 29 Shelling Trip: Sanibel Island
Low tide (-0.7) at 8:30 am
Time: to be announced
- December 9 **Holiday Party**: Bird Key Yacht Club
Luncheon, Auction and Merriment
Time: 11:30 am to 3:30 pm
- December 14 Shelling Trip: Carefree Learner
Low Tide (-0.75) at 7:30 am
Time: to be announced
- December 16 Shelling Trip: Keewaydin Island
Low Tide (-0.6) at 9:34 am
Time: to be announced
- January 11 Membership Meeting (Bee Ridge Church, Room 206)
Speaker: **Clair Beckman**: “Shells Around the World”
Time: 7:00 pm
- January 11 Shelling Trip: Carefree Learner
Low tide (-0.98)
Time to be announced
- January 16 Shelling Trip: Kice Island
Low tide (-1.1) at 7:20 am
Time: to be announced
- February 8 No meeting — **Shell Show** (February 9 & 10)
Potter Building (Robarts Arena complex)
- March 9 Shelling Trip: Missouri Key
Low Tide (-0.73) at 6:47 am
Time to be announced
- March 14 Membership Meeting (Bee Ridge Church, Room 206)
Speaker: **Dennis Sargent**: “My Life with Seashells”
Time: 7:00 pm

- April 11 Membership Meeting (Bee Ridge Church, Room 206)
Speaker: **Ron Bopp**: “A Tale of Two Trips”
Time: 7:00 pm
- April 13 Annual Sarasota Shell Club **Picnic** (Coquina Gulfside North Pavilion)
Details to follow in future newsletters
Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
- April ? Vieques, Puerto Rico
Details and Dates to follow
*Note: this is NOT a club sponsored function; contact Gary Martinez
(yonsider@msn.com or 310-347-8942) for more information.
- June 11-16 **Conchologist of America Convention**
Melbourne, Florida
Convention Chair: Alan Gettleman

To attend the convention and participate in the presentations, field trips, and silent auctions, you must be registered. Registration forms will be available soon on the COA web site **conchologistsofamerica.org**.

The Convention consists of several pre-convention field trips; a Welcome Party, Presentations, Silent Auctions, the Banquet, an oral Auction, and the Dealers Bourse. No registration is required to attend the oral auction and the bourse. The bourse can consist of up to 10,000 square feet of space for dealers from around the world displaying a huge variety of shells and shell-related items.

Historian’s Report for November, 2023

50 Years Ago

Twenty-six members attended the November 8, 1972 meeting.

A motion to donate \$40 to an organization serving the needy at Christmas was undone when it was pointed out that a nonprofit cannot donate to another nonprofit. However a call to the IRS suggested that this was not necessarily true. The donation idea was dropped.

It was decided that it remains the policy of the club that members in good standing can sell shells or shell crafts at the Shell Show. The table charge is waived, but the club is to be given 25% of such sales.

Christmas party at the Plaza is \$5 per person, including tip. [Ed. note: how times change.]

Bre and Wally Waddel gave an illustrated program on shells they collected in the Philippines, often in remote areas. The minutes note it was “fine entertainment.”

25 Years Ago

The November 12, 1998 meeting was called to order by Cathy Aschleman. The treasurer’s report showed a balance of \$3044.09.

The club approved a change from “Shell Show” to “Shell Festival.”

Field trips to Cedar Key and Indian Beach were announced. A Carefree Learner trip and a trip to the Shell Factory were also noted.

It was reported that the city council voted “emergency funds for the Carefree Learner.”

“Verna Silk gave an excellent presentation on the Pelican’s Foot.”



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON 2023

Saturday December 9th

11:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Bird Key Yacht Club

301 Bird Key Dr, Sarasota, FL 34236

MENU

First Course

Bird Key House Salad

Second Course

Each Entree is served with Chef's Choice of Starch & Vegetables

Choices	Members*	Non-Members
Pan Seared Chicken Breast, Creamy Wild Mushrooms Ragout	\$ 38.40	\$ 43.40
Grilled Gulf Mahi Mahi, Citrus Beurre Blanc	\$ 40.90	\$ 45.90
Butternut Squash Ravioli, sautéed Baby Spinach & Carrot Ginger Sauce	\$ 35.90	\$ 40.90

* Costs reflect a discount of \$5.00 paid by the Sarasota Shell Club to its **members**.

Third Course

Warm Apple Galette

Vanilla Gelato

Water, Hot & Iced Tea, Coffee Included

Cash Bar (no credit cards)

AUCTION

By Sally Peppitoni Auctioneer extraordinaire

Specimen Shells, artisans' creations and more. Please note that Sally is auctioning a Junonia that was graciously donated by Donna Bartels in 2022.

Note: winners, please pay by check (no cash)

**Centerpieces created by our Artisans
&
GIFTS under the tree for everyone!**



See Pages 8 & 9 for Cheerleader's Volunteer Positions

A Note from the Membership Chair

Hello fellow Shell Club Members! It is the time of year to renew your membership with the Sarasota Shell Club for the 2023/2024 season. Thank you to all of you that have already renewed. We have many fun shelling trips planned, along with informative meetings, a Christmas party at the Bird Key Yacht Club, and a fantastic Shell Show coming in February. You can even join the fun people in the artisan group every Thursday from 10 am to 1 pm, to help us make shell creations that can be sold to benefit the club.

We want you to continue to receive the newsletters and to be able to participate in all of the fun activities. A membership form is attached to this newsletter for you to complete and send in with your check to continue your involvement with the Sarasota Shell Club. We are looking forward to seeing you at any or all of the activities we have planned. Don't delay, return your membership form today!

Lisa Kinney
Membership Chair

Kice Island Shelling Trip

The Kice Island trip is currently scheduled for January 10. This is a great opportunity to visit Kice during a super low tide. We have selected a new provider, Florida Adventures, to ensure we get the kind of experience we are looking for. We would like to go for six hours this time so we're not rushed to get back. We need to make the deposit as soon as possible to reserve the boat for this date.

The cost for this trip is \$170 per person, which is in line with current prices in the industry. It also includes a newly instituted fee of between \$5 and \$15 (in this case \$7) to provide an insurance subsidy for the club. The gratuity is not included and is up to each participant to decide.

If you would like to reserve a spot, please send to me a check made out to Sarasota Shell Club. My address is 1061 Euclid Ave. #102, Miami Beach, FL 33139. Write in the memo section "2024 Kice Trip". Anyone planning to go on the trip must be a member in good standing or must join the club in advance of the trip.

Gary Martinez (yonsider@msn.com or 310-347-8942)

April 13, 2024 End-of-the-year Picnic

Yes, on April 13th, 2024 (that is a Saturday) the Sarasota Shell Club will have it's annual picnic. It will be at the same pavilion that we have used in the past at Coquina Beach Park. The picnic will be catered as before with members providing their favorite deserts. More details are forthcoming but now you know and set the date aside for a really great time. As a good friend has often said:

Be there, or be square!

The Artisans at the “Scarecrow Festival”

Members Guelda, Frankie, Marilyn, Debbie, Donna’s B, C & K, & Karen & Al attended. The photo below on the right is Terrijo Crego, Pastor of the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church.



Sarasota Shell Club Members at the 2017 Annual Shell Show





ENTRANCE TABLE
2 cheerleaders

Responsibilities: Check meal choice and provide meal token accordingly, provide an auction paddle and list the name on the list next to the paddle #.

PRINT NAME	BEST WAY TO REACH YOU

DRINKS (ALCOHOL)TABLE
2 cheerleaders prior to dinner

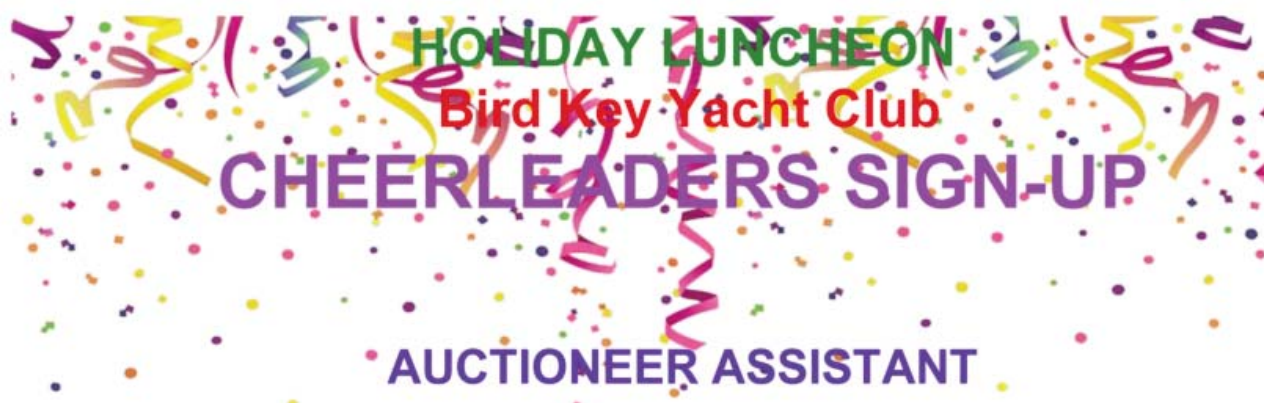
Responsibilities: Provide a coupon based on drink choice. Cash only. Prior to dinner and after dinner. No sale during dinner.

PRINT NAME	BEST WAY TO REACH YOU

DRINKS (ALCOHOL)TABLE
2 cheerleaders after to dinner

Responsibilities: Provide a coupon based on drink choice. Cash only. Prior to dinner and after dinner. No sale during dinner.

PRINT NAME	BEST WAY TO REACH YOU



Responsibilities: bring the item auctioned to every table for each member to view more closely before bidding.

PRINT NAME	BEST WAY TO REACH YOU

AUCTION WINNERS' REGISTRATION 2 cheerleaders

Responsibilities: during the auction, write the winner's paddle number and the dollar amount next to the item won.

PRINT NAME	BEST WAY TO REACH YOU
Donna Cassin	Call 941-362-3302

AFTER AUCTION 4 cheerleaders

Responsibilities: verify the winner against the list completed by the registrars during the auction, collect the money documented, remit the item won and Check that the process has been completed.

PRINT NAME	BEST WAY TO REACH YOU

60th ANNUAL SHELL SHOW 2024

VOLUNTEERS SIGN-UP at the NOVEMBER MEETING

Chairman: Ron Bopp, Vice Chairman: Sally Peppitoni, Treasurer: Allan Banko

Day/Date	Time	Table/Activity	Chair	# of volunteers
Wed. 2/07	10:00 AM	Loading truck	Gordon F	5-10
Wed. 2/07	12 noon	Tablecloths	Sally Peppitoni	5-10
Wed. 2/07	12 noon	Unloading the truck	Gordon F/Duane	12+
Wed. 2/07	12 noon	Lunch Area	Dona Bigham	1-2
Thurs. 2/08	9:00 AM	Unloading truck	All	5-10
Thurs. 2/08	9:00 AM	Awards Table Set-up	Ron Bopp/Linda G	2-3
Thurs. 2/08	9:00 AM	Lunch Area	Dona Bigham	1-2
Fri. 2/09	9:00 AM	Entrance/Admission	Beverly Root	3
	1:00 PM			2
Sat. 2/10	9:00 AM	Entrance/Admission	Beverly Root	2
	1:00 PM			2
Fri. 2/09	9:00 AM	Artisans	Debby Alexander	4-6
Sat. 2/10	1:00 PM			4-6
Fri. 2/09	9:00 AM	Guard of the Artistic Exhibits	Sally Peppitoni	1-2
Sat. 2/10	1:00 PM			1-2
Fri. 2/09	9:00 AM	Club Table	Duane K	4
	1:00 PM			3
Sat. 2/10	9:00 AM			3
	1:00 PM			2
Fri. 2/09	9:00 AM	Membership	Lisa Kinney	2
Sat. 2/10	1:00 PM			2
Fri. 2/09	9:00 AM	Raffle	Donna K	2
	1:00 PM			2
Sat. 2/10	9:00 AM			2
	1:00 PM			2
	3:00 PM			4
Fri. 2/09	9:00 AM	Lunch Area	Dona Bigham	2
Sat. 2/10	1:00 PM			2
Sat. 2/10	3:45 PM	Awards Table Breakdown	Ron Bopp/Linda G	1
Fri. 2/09	9:00 AM	Volunteers at large	Nancy Cadieux	1-2
Sat. 2/10	1:00 PM			1-2
Sun. 2/11		Lunch Area Breakdown	Dona Bigham	1
Sun. 2/11	9:00 AM	Loading truck <u>at the show</u>	Gordon F	12
Sun. 2/11	11:00 AM	Unloading truck <u>at church</u>	Gordon F	12

Please contact appropriate chairman if you have specific questions about your role. Overview available on the sign-in forms. Welcome new members, no sweat, it's a lot of fun as you will be part of a team with other experienced volunteers.



Sarasota Shell Club Past Presidents

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|---|---|--------------------------------------|
| Jack Oberle: 1963-1965,
1968-1968, 1972-1974 | Vi Hertweck: 1982-1984 | Cathy Hollar: 1999-2001
2003-2004 |
| Louise Danforth: 1965-1967 | Richard Forbush: 1984-1985 | Bob Horton 2004-2005 |
| Franck Rinck: 1967-1968 | June Bailey: 1985-1987,
1995-1997, 2002-2003 | Joanne Chmielewski: 2007-2010 |
| Thomas Robertson: 1969-1970 | Bob Hansen: 1987-1988 | Ron Bopp: 2010-2012 |
| Evelyn Bradley: 1970-1972 | Beverly Chouinard: 1989-1991 | Dennis Sargent: 2012-2014 |
| Charles Hertweck: 1974-1979 | Bonnie Christophel: 1990-1992 | Sally Peppitoni: 2014-2022 |
| Peggy Williams: 1980-1982,
1988-1989, 1992-1994,
2001-2002, 2005-2007 | Pat Amsel: 1994-1995 | Duane Kauffmann: 2022-2024 |
| | Debra Ingrao: 1997-1998 | |
| | Cathy Aschliman: 1998-1999 | |

Sarasota Shell Club Minutes October 12, 2023

1. Twenty-seven members and 3 guests were in attendance at Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church.
2. Ron Bopp introduced Alan Gettleman as guest speaker. His program focused on unusual locations around the world where one can find shells: e.g., frigid climates, deserts, isolated islands. Shell photos were included.
3. The president announced that Debby McDermott has taken over the roles of librarian and sunshine contact. Also noted were the death of Dave Timmerman and the ongoing health issues of several other members.
4. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.
5. The Treasurer's report showed a Sept. 30 balance of \$6472.43 in the checking account, \$12,134.04 in the money market account, and \$8,000 in the CD. Report was approved.
6. The artisans will participate in Scarecrow Festival at the church.
7. The interview was with Debby McDermott.
8. Ron B reported that plans for the shell show are well underway. As usual volunteers will be needed.
9. Duane K gave a mini-ed program on the family Strombidae. Highlighted were the presence of the stromboid notch and the recent changes in taxonomy.
10. Gary M and Sally P highlighted the planned field trips. They include one on Oct 30 to the north end of Skyway Bridge and on Nov 29 to Sanibel Island. Three trips on the Carefree Learner were also noted.
11. Ten raffle items were given to fortunate winners.
12. Adjourned.

Duane Kauffmann, Recorder



COME-ON, YOU GUYS!

WE HAVE 122 PAID MEMBERS - - - CERTAINLY SOMEONE CAN STEP-UP AND VOLUNTEER FOR THE SECRETARY(RECORDER)POSITION. MANY MEMBERS ARE DOING MORE THAN ONE JOB TO HELP ENHANCE THE CLUB. THIS IS A SIMPLE JOB TO ACCOMPLISH AND IF YOU CANNOT MAKE A MEETING OR FUNCTION, OTHERS WILL FILL IN. THE PRESIDENT SHOULD NOT HAVE TO TAKE MINUTES WHILE CONDUCTING THE MEETING . . . EDITOR RON

A Slug's Journey

Ron Bopp

A recent trip across a floor mat, prior to entering an office, found this interesting scenario. A four-inch slug following its own slim path. It was safely removed to greener pastures (so to speak).



The slug featured here is a *Leidyula floridana* or otherwise known as a “Florida Leatherleaf.” It is native to Cuba, Jamaica, and Florida.

On the left is a series of photos featuring this slug found on the Jacksonville Club's web site, <<http://www.jaxshells.org/slug.htm>>.

Website information courtesy H.G. Lee.

Notice to shell club members:

**Cut-off date for entering scientific
entries to our shell show is**

December 18, 2023

**So . . . be sure and have your
entry forms sent to
Ron Bopp, Scientific Chair
at
rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com**

Sarasota Shell Club 2023/2024 Membership Application

New Member: Individual \$30 - Family \$40

(Includes a membership name tag)

Renewal Member: Individual \$25 - Family \$30

(Add \$15 to receive newsletter by mail instead of email)

**Join the Sarasota Shell Club by mailing a
check, made out to SSC to:**

**Lisa Kinney
17052 Coral Key Dr
Nokomis, FL 34275**

All new and renewed memberships will receive their
membershipcards/badges at the monthly meetings.

Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Local Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone number: _____

Email address(s): _____

(Optional) Other address & phone: _____

Emergency contact & phone: _____

Month & Day of your Birthday: _____

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 in-jury 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

Meeting Location: **Bee Ridge Church Community Room 206
4826 McIntosh Rd, Sarasota, FL 34233**

(On the corner of Proctor Road and McIntosh Road)

Club Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, from September
through April. Newsletters are sent out monthly.

The Artisan group meets year-round on Thursdays, 10am to 1pm – Feel free to
join us to make shell art that benefits the club.

Look for us at: www.Sarasotashellclub.com

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

Contact us: sarasotashellclub@gmail.com

(To be filled in by the Membership Committee)

Renewal New Member

Amount paid _____ Date _____

Check# _____ Cash _____

Card Badge ordered