

# The Beauii



A newsletter published by the  
Sarasota Shell Club

[www.Sarasotashellclub.com](http://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**

October, 2023 Edition

Greetings to all SSC folks,

The calendar indicates that fall has arrived, and indeed it has come to northern Indiana. We have had some nights in the upper 40s and it is time for me to be joining you all in west central Florida.



Please plan to join us for the regular October 12 meeting. The program will be given by Alan Gittleman and should provide a wealth of information about some unusual and fascinating shells. I have known Alan for some time and have gone on shell collecting trips with him. I much remember a warm evening on a trip to the Pacific Northwest as I sat in the shade and dissected out the eight plates of a slightly “ripe” chiton *Cryptochiton stelleri* which Alan graciously gave me.

Come prepared with your calendar (to check on field trip dates), checkbook (if you have not yet paid your dues), shells you may want identified, and eagerness to interact with friends old and new.

From the various calls and emails that filtered north, the consensus seems to be that the year got off to a good start with the September meeting. Congrats to the shoebox winners. And a great big thank you to those who stepped in to make things happen under fairly short notice. In particular to Sally for presiding over the meeting, Karen for taking minutes, and Linda for oversight of the shoebox show. And to any others who pitched in, thanks.

Duane Kauffmann  
President

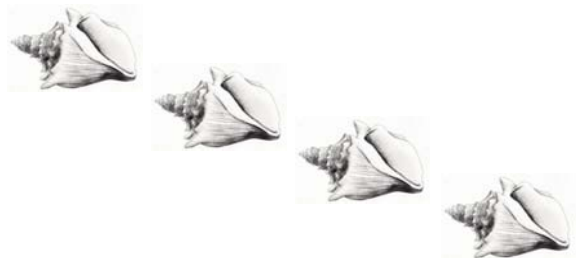
## Recycle Your Award Ribbons

**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](mailto: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 10**

## Officers & Board Members

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

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	<b>open*</b>
Field Trips	Gary Martinez
Librarian	Frankie Grover
Membership	Lisa Kinney
Shell Show	Ron/MaryJo Bopp
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.

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**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 2023—2024

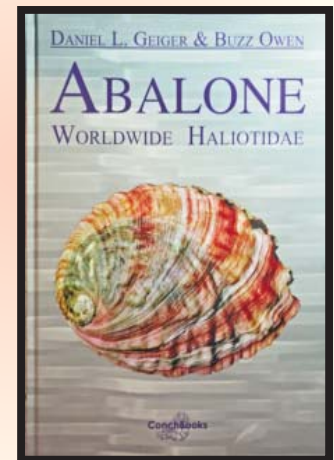
## Membership application is attached to this Newsletter

### 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](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!



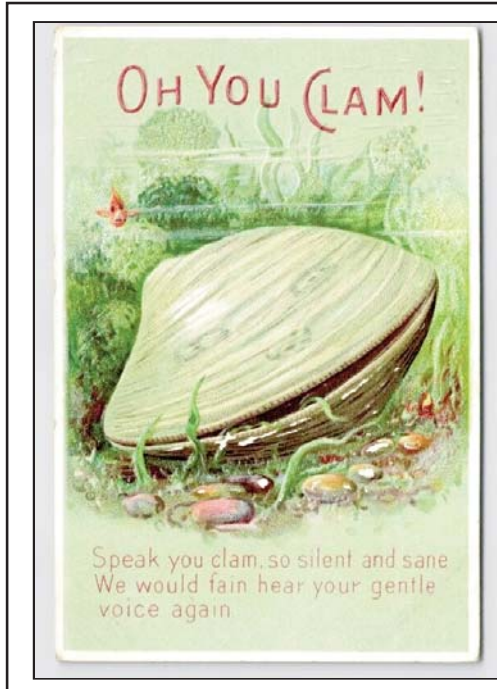
Frankie Grover

### 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](mailto:duanerk@goshen.edu) for more information.**

## A Page of “This’ and That’s”



### A Postcard from the past . . .

With a heavily embossed image of the clam, seen here easily on the reverse side of the postcard.



### Snail Mucus\*



Snail mucus is used in cosmetics, moisturizers, anti-aging creams, wound care treatments and antimicrobials. Beauty products containing snail mucus are a multi-billion-dollar global industry.

Currently studies are being done for applications in biomedicine, including surgical glues, lubricants for eyes, joints, and medical implants.

\*Courtesy of Advanced Science Research Center, City University, NY.

### Frogs & Snails . . . #3







- 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
- June 11-16 **Conchologist of America Convention**  
Melbourne, Florida  
Convention Chair: Alan Gettleman

**Mullet Key/Blackthorn Park Shelling Trip**

For those interested, Gary Martinez will send details to those that have signed up and those who have not yet, contact Gary at [yonsider@msn.com](mailto:yonsider@msn.com)

**Historian’s Report for October, 2023**

**50 Years Ago**

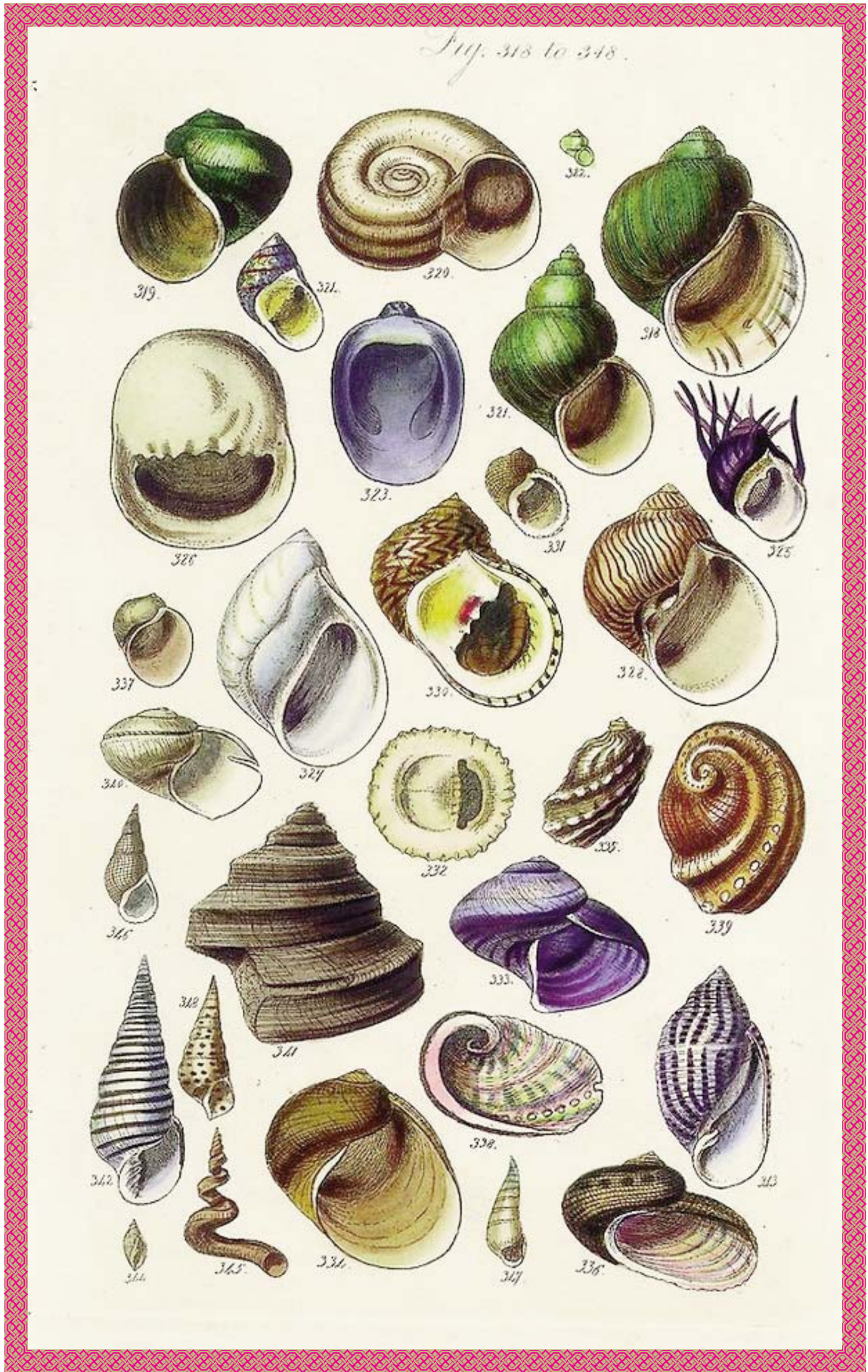
Thirty-eight members attended the SSC meeting Oct. 11, 1973. There were “no motions” and “no mail.” The program was given by Selma Lawson and included slides of Australian shells and living snails. The program was “finer than any she has given so far.”

The meeting minutes note after the meeting was over, people “seemed reluctant to leave.”

**25 Years Ago**

The SSC records have an agenda page for a meeting on October 8, 1998. The agenda included several items pertaining to the Shell Show, in addition to a number of miscellaneous reports. The mini-ed report was given by “Bill”. The program was by Bill Lyons.

However, the archives do not have a set of minutes for the meeting.



A page from  
Sowerby's 1839  
*A Conchological  
Manual*, Plate 25

### **A Note from the Membership Chair**

"Thank you to all of you that have paid your dues for the 2023/2024 SSC season. For those of you that have not paid your dues yet, please print out the attached membership form and mail in your payment, or bring your payment to the October meeting. Joining our club for another year ensures your opportunities for fun field trips, informative meetings, and your participation at our Shell Show. Maybe you have a friend that might like to join. The more the merrier! I look forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting."

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.

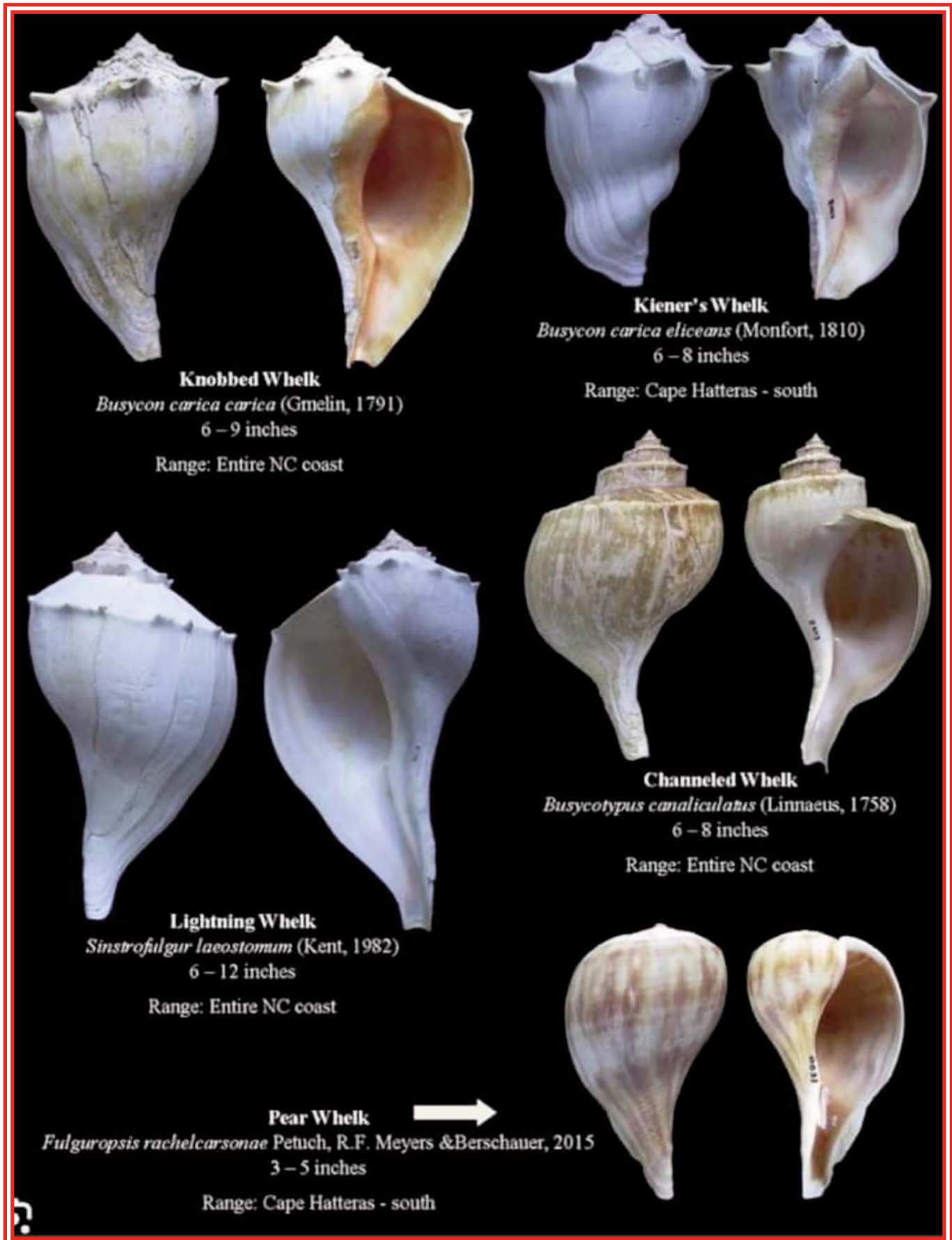
Gary Martinez (yonsider@msn.com or 310-347-8942)

### **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:

**See ya then!**





"Can you tell which type of whelks we have in Southwest Florida?" . . . submitted by Amy Bentley.



***In memoriam . . .***

SSC member, Mary Jo Bopp, age 77 passed away suddenly on Wednesday, June 6, 2023 following a prolonged neurological illness after open-heart surgery in 2022. Mary Jo was active in the shell club since joining in 2008, serving two years as membership chairperson. Many members remember her also for helping Joan Haughawout sell “Joan’s T-shirts” at our yearly shell show. While quietly performing shell crafts at home Mary Jo’s greatest interest was that of fossil shell collecting. Fortunately she was able to attend a recent fossil dig with the Florida Paleontological Society in the spring.



Mary Jo searching for fossil shells at SMR Quarry, March 18, 2013.



Posing with a giant conch at a Key West seashell store in 2018.

She leaves behind her husband, Ron, of 43 years, four children and nine grandchildren. A memorial service and Celebration of Life was held at All Angels Episcopal Church (Long Boat Key) on Saturday, September 23, 2023.

Instead of flowers the family designated the Shell Club or the Wounded Warrior Project as beneficiaries for donations.

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**Paper Nautilus won the Ocean Photo Award recently . . .**



**Sarasota Shell Club Past Presidents**

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 Ingraio: 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: 2022-2024



## HOLIDAY LUNCHEON 2023

Saturday December 9<sup>th</sup>

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.

**Centerpieces created by our Artisans**

**&**

**GIFTS under the tree for everyone!**

Sign-up at the November Meeting or mail your check (made to Sarasota Shell Club) with choice to Nancy Cadieux AFTER October 16 please.

6971 Easton Court, Sarasota, FL 34238





### Thanks for the memories Mary Jo!

On February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, several Sarasota Shell Club members left bright and early for Kice Island from the Goodland Marina. I was delightfully surprised to see that Ron and Mary Jo were attending! Mary Jo had been very sick so I had not expected them to join us. They were sitting across me on the Reel Kind boat. Mary Jo looked so happy! Her beautiful smile illuminated her face as usual. On Kice, she sat on a fallen trunk if recall correctly and Ron would adventure no more than a 100 feet and would come back to her frequently. Mary Jo was collecting the shells around her feet. When we returned, she happily showed me her treasures. I felt such joy for her and admired the love that this beautiful couple irradiated.

It was the last time that I saw Mary Jo in person. I feel blessed and forever thankful for that day.



*Nancy Cadieux*





### *Shoe Box Winners*

**First Place:** Lisa Kinney with her Cone Shells (left)

**Second Place:** Bradford Andrews and his “My Favorite Shells” (below)

Plus six othe really great entries.



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.Sarsotashellclub.com](http://www.Sarsotashellclub.com)  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sarasotafloridashellclub>  
Contact us: [sarasotashellclub@gmail.com](mailto:sarasotashellclub@gmail.com)

(To be filled in by the Membership Committee)

Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Member	<input type="checkbox"/>
Amount paid	_____	Date	_____
Check#	_____	Cash	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Card		<input type="checkbox"/> Badge ordered	