



Sarasota Shell Club's 60th Annual Shell Show

February 9 – 10, 2024

Artistic Categories

1. **Shell Art (non-professional/commercial):** All entries **MUST** be the original creation of the exhibitor and made primarily of shells, fish bones, scales or other sea life. All components of an art piece that are made of shells but altered or combined to resemble flowers or animals must be the original work of the exhibitor. Only one exhibit may be entered per category, with a maximum of four (4) categories.
*Note: *(Asterisk), which can be found after certain words below denotes *Hanging Items: If using shell club provided display, hanging item limited to 22 inches wide or 22 inches high. Weight is also restricted. For larger or heavy pieces, exhibitor can provide display unit to accommodate or exhibitor can provide easel for tabletop display. Please see Rules of the Show #8.*
 - A. Pictures: (Open or glass enclosed) paintings, collages, seascapes, shadow boxes, etc. Shells and/or sea life. Tabletop display or hanging*.
 - B. Photography: (Open or glass enclosed) Shells and/or sea life. Tabletop display or hanging*.
 - C. Miniature Pictures: Frames not to exceed 6" x 6". Shells and/or sea life. Tabletop display only.
 - D. Flower Arrangement: Tabletop display only. Shells and/or sea life.
 - E. Miniature Flower Arrangement: Not to exceed 6" x 6" x 6". Tabletop display only. Shells and/or sea life.
 - F. Jewelry: Single or multiple piece(s) of jewelry in a covered case. Tabletop display only. Shells and/or sea life.
 - G. Shell Frame or Mirror: Tabletop display or hanging*. Shells and/or sea life.
 - H. Mosaics: Small shells attached to a background, box or other item to form a design. No kits allowed. Tabletop display or hanging*. Shells and/or sea life.
 - I. Single Sailor's Valentine:
 - I1: Traditional Single Sailor's Valentine: Design incorporating a compass rose and/or heart motif in a single octagonal box. No kits. Tabletop display only. Shells and/or sea life.
 - I2: Contemporary Single Sailor's Valentine: Design may incorporate modern themes and/or techniques in a single octagonal box. No kits allowed. Tabletop display only. Shells and/or sea life.
 - J. Double Sailor's Valentine:
 - J1: Traditional Double Sailor's Valentine: Design incorporating a compass rose and/or heart motif with a motto in a double octagonal box. No kits. Tabletop display only. Shells and/or sea life.
 - J2: Contemporary Double Sailor's Valentine: Design may incorporate modern themes and/or techniques in a double octagonal box. No kits allowed. Tabletop display only. Shells and/or sea life.
 - K. Novelties: Animals, caricatures, oddities, etc. made of shells and/or sea life. On single base or easel. Tabletop display only.
 - L. Holiday Motif: Any holiday. Table item, hanging item*, ornament, tree, wreath, etc. with holiday theme. Shells and/or sea life.
 - M. Hanging Item: Any item such as a non-holiday wreath, a plaque, mask, etc., containing real shells, fish bones, scales or sea life that will be hung on the shell club provided display unit*.
 - N. Driftwood Base: Single piece of driftwood decorated with shells and/or sea life. Tabletop display only.

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- O. Lamp, Vase or other flower container: Single item decorated with shells and/or sea life. No contents in vase or flower containers. Tabletop display only.
- P. Miscellaneous Item: Any item made with shell and/or sea life, displayed tabletop or on floor and not identified in Categories A-S above.
- Q. Artist Beginner: Any creation of an exhibitor over 18 years of age with less than two years experience and who has never entered the Sarasota Shell Show in the artistic category previously. Tabletop display or hanging*.
- R. Junior/Student: (two groups: 10 and under, and 11 through 17 years old) must show age and grade but not name on exhibit. Any kind of shell art tabletop display or hanging*.
- S. Shell Club Field Trip: Creative arrangement of items collected on any Sarasota Shell Club Field Trip. Tabletop display only.

2. Commercial/Professional: A professional or commercial dealer is defined as someone engaged in an ongoing enterprise to sell shell related art, or who have promoted their products in the media or on the internet commercially within the 12 months prior to this show. All items entered must be the work of the commercial/professional exhibitor. Only one exhibit may be entered per exhibitor in each category, with a maximum of four (4) categories. *Hanging Items: If using shell club provided display, hanging item limited to 22 inches wide or 22 inches high. Weight is also restricted. For larger or heavy pieces, exhibitor can provide display unit to accommodate or exhibitor can provide easel for tabletop display. Please see Rules of the Show #8.

- A-C. Pictures: (Open or glass enclosed) collages, seascapes, shadow boxes, etc. Shells and/or sea life. Tabletop display or hanging*.
- B-C. Miniature Pictures: Frames not to exceed 6" x 6". Shells and/or sea life. Tabletop display only.
- C-C. Flower Arrangement: Tabletop display only. Shells and/or sea life.
- D-C. Jewelry: Single piece of jewelry in a covered case. Tabletop display only. Shells and/or sea life.
- E-C. Shell Mirror: Tabletop display or hanging*. Shells and/or sea life.
- F-C. Single Sailor's Valentine:
 - F-C1: Traditional Single Sailor's Valentine: Design incorporating a compass rose and/or heart motif in a single octagonal box. No kits. Tabletop display only. Shells and/or sea life.
 - F-C2: Contemporary Single Sailor's Valentine: Design may incorporate modern themes and/or techniques in a single octagonal box. No kits allowed. Tabletop display only. Shells and/or sea life.
- G-C. Double Sailor's Valentine:
 - G-C1: Traditional Double Sailor's Valentine: Design incorporating a compass rose and/or heart motif with a motto in a double octagonal box. No kits. Tabletop display only. Shells and/or sea life.
 - G-C2: Contemporary Double Sailor's Valentine: Design may incorporate modern themes and/or techniques in a double octagonal box. No kits allowed. Tabletop display only. Shells and/or sea life.
- H-C. Novelties: Animals, caricatures, oddities, etc. made of shells and/or sea life. On single base or easel. Tabletop display only.
- I-C. Holiday Motif: Any holiday. Table item, hanging item*, ornament, tree, wreath, etc. with holiday theme. Shells and/or sea life.
- J-C. Hanging Item: Any item not identified in Categories A-C through I-C above containing real shells, fish bones, scales or sea life that can be hung on the shell club provided display unit* or exhibitor provided display.

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K-C. Lamp: Single lamp. Shells and/or sea life. Tabletop display only.

L-C. Miscellaneous Table Item: Any item made with shell and/or sea life, displayed tabletop only and not identified in Categories A-C through K-C above. Carvings, ceramics, glass, etc.

3. **Snail Parade: Any snail figurine of any material (except a natural shell). Limited to one entry per category. Groups of snails should be placed on something to keep them together. Tabletop display only.**
 - A. Most Beautiful.
 - B. Most Unique.
 - C. Most Useful.

Exhibits should be checked in between 10 a.m. and NOON on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024.

All exhibitors must be off the auditorium floor by 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8, as judging will begin at this time. Exhibits that are not completely set up by 1 p.m. will not be judged.

The Shell Show will be open to the public Friday, Feb. 9 and Saturday, Feb. 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.