

# The Beauii



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**

April, 2024 Edition

## Auf wiedersehen,

The end of another year of SSC is now upon us. April marks the last meeting of the year, and the annual picnic, as we merge into our summer hiatus. The snowbirds are migrating to their northern homes and the year-round folks are checking their AC units in preparation for the toasty days of late spring and summer.



At the April meeting the membership will be voting to approve a proposal for our annual charitable giving (a proposed total of \$4000). In addition, the membership will be voting into office the candidates for leadership positions for the coming year. We should all be thankful that folks have stepped forward to be candidates to lead us in the coming year.

It has been a privilege to serve as president these past two years. Post-COVID we have had an active schedule of field trips, monthly meetings, artisan activities, and successful shell shows. Thanks to each and every one who has had a part in the success of these ventures. It couldn't be done without you.

I don't remember much of my college German, but I always remembered the parting phrase above. The English "goodbye" has a bit of finality in it that the German lacks. Rather the German more generally means "till we see again," which seems appropriate for this time of year for SSC members. So to all of you *Auf wiedersehen*.

Duane K

## Nominations of Officers

The Nominating Committee met on February 15, 2024 and the following Officers and Board Members were recommended:

**President:** Sally Peppitoni  
**Vice-President:** Karen Huether  
**Treasurer:** Allan Banko  
**Secretary:** Debbie McDermott

### Board Members:

Debbie Alexander (3); Donna Krusenoski (3); Nancy Cadieux (2); Amy Bentley (2); Donna Cassin (1); and Guelda Wooldridge (1)

## Two Things:

**#1. Check out page 3 for more information about the club's picnic. Margo needs to know now if you are coming. You don't want to miss it.**

**#2 Come to the meeting for some outstanding entertainment: A review of two shelling trips sponsored by the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum. You won't want to miss it!**

## Officers & Board Members

President	Duane Kauffmann
Vice-President	Ron Bopp
Treasurer	Alan Banko
Recording Secretary	Debbie McDermott

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	Duane Kauffmann
Field Trips	Gary Martinez
Librarian	Debbie McDermott
Membership	Lisa Kinney
Shell Show	Ron Bopp
Sunshine	Debbie McDermott
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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### 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

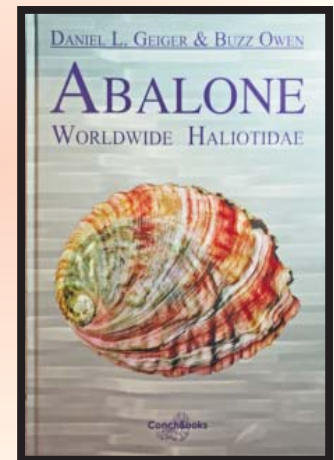
Our Sarasota Shell Club library is located at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church in Sarasota. A list of our books is on our website [www.sarasotashellclub.com](http://www.sarasotashellclub.com). For more info on some of our books, go to [www.mdmshellbooks.com](http://www.mdmshellbooks.com)

Books in the Sarasota Shell Club Library can be accessed by contacting Debbie McDermott at [washashore76@yahoo.com](mailto: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 position. Please consider volunteering for **HISTORIAN!****

**Contact President Duane Kauffmann at [duanerk@goshen.edu](mailto:duanerk@goshen.edu) for more information.**

# Are You Planning to go to the Picnic?

Let Margo know and pay now to save  
your spot in the pavillion at  
Coquina Beach Park

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 pavillion 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 . . .**here they are:**

On April 13, 2024 the Sarasota Shell Club will hold it's **Annual Picnic at Coquina Beach** ( next to the playground) from 10 AM to 4PM. It will be catered by Mission BBQ at 12 Noon. We will have BBQ brisket and smoked turkey, BBQ beans and coleslaw as well as cornbread/slider rolls. The cost per person is \$15.00 because the club will be subsidizing the rest of the cost. Please feel free to bring some dessert. We will have some lemonade, sweet tea and unsweetened ice tea to drink.

**Checks should be made out to the Sarasota Shell Club and mailed to Margo Heck, 406 Bolivia Blvd. Bradenton, FL 34207. Please send your check as soon as possible because I have to give them a final head count at least three days in advance.**

**Thank you . . . Margo**

## 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.

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; **Chair: Margo Heck**  
Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

June 11-16    **Conchologist of America Convention**  
Melbourne, Florida  
Convention Chair: **Wanda Coker**

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

The Convention consists of 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.

*If you just talk, your mouth comes up with stuff!*

### Historian’s Report to April 11, 2024 SSC Meeting

## 50 Years Ago

The minutes of the April 11, 1974 meeting of the Sarasota Shell Club indicate that 18 members and guests were in attendance at the Community Room of the Sarasota Bank and Trust Company.

The major event of the meeting was the election of officers for the following year.

Due to illness the scheduled program presenter was not able to be present. A program by Bettie DeMasters; an illustrated program on Zanzibar, was given in its place.

## 25 Years Ago

The Sarasota Shell Club meeting was held April 8, 1999. No attendance numbers were given. Treasurer’s report showed a balance of \$3595.

Announcements included:

1. Picnic at South Lido Beach,
2. Beach clean-up at South Lido Beach, and
3. A certificate and shell to Peggy Williams for her many Shell Show efforts.

The minutes show a recommendation for donations of \$800 to Mote Marine, \$250 to Bailey-Mathews Shell Museum, and \$500 to Carefree Learner. The meeting minutes do not show discussion or a vote.

Robert Glaser, from a research institute in Marathon, FL (in the FL Keys) gave the program focused on “the conchs in the Conch Republic.”

## A Note from the Membership Chair

We have received 11 new memberships so far since the Sarasota Shell Show. Several people took our brochure during the show and I hope to receive more memberships in the mail in the coming weeks. Thanks to everyone for their efforts in spreading the word about our club. It is so fun to be a part of this club!

Lisa Kinney  
Membership Chair

## Frogs & Snails . . . #8

### A Snail and a Frog on a Summer Vacation at the Seashore

A snail and a frog embarking on a summer vacation at the seashore—what a delightful adventure! Picture them setting out on their journey, the snail inching its way across the sandy beaches while the frog gracefully leaps from rock to rock, eager to explore the wonders of the coastal landscape.

They spend their days discovering tide pools filled with fascinating creatures, from colorful sea stars to tiny hermit crabs scuttling along the shore. The snail, with its keen sense of exploration, carefully inspects each shell it encounters, while the frog enthusiastically dives into the shallow waters, relishing the refreshing sensation of the ocean against its skin.

As the sun begins to set, casting a warm golden glow over the horizon, they settle down on a cozy patch of sand, listening to the soothing melody of the waves crashing against the shore. Together, they watch as the sky transforms into a canvas of vibrant hues, painting a breathtaking sunset scene.

Their summer vacation at the seashore is a magical blend of tranquility and adventure, filled with endless discoveries and cherished moments shared between unlikely friends

C.G.



## 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 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: 2022-2024

## Report from the Artisans

from  
Artisan Co-Chairwomen:  
Debby Alexander  
&  
Guelda Wooldridge

We had a very successful 2024 Sarasota Seashell show. Artisans were featuring education on making flowers using different types of shells. We sold many lovely items all made by our artisans. Sales were brisk. The Moving of product from the church, the Setup, display and sales all went exceptionally well this year. Great work artisans! We have added a few new artisans to our group following the show. Always fun to meet new people.

It was also a great year at the Sarasota county fair. The sales were good and the artwork was appreciated. Thanks to all who worked during the 10 days . Several of the Artisans received blue ribbons on their entries. Congratulations to Donna Cassin, and Guelda Wooldridge.

The artisans will continue to meet through the summer on Thursdays 10 to 1 at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church. All are welcome to come visit and see what creations are being worked on . See you there .



## The “Beauii” at the 2024 Shell Show



## Dealers at the 2024 Shell Show





## Pretty Sights at the 2024 Shell Show



## Before and After at the 2024 Shell Show



## Sightings of the Photographer at the 2024 Shell Show



**Finally an astute club member Photographed the Photographer in action**



## Sarasota Shell Club Field Trip Survey

Name (optional) Did you go on a Field Trip this season?

Yes. Which one(s)

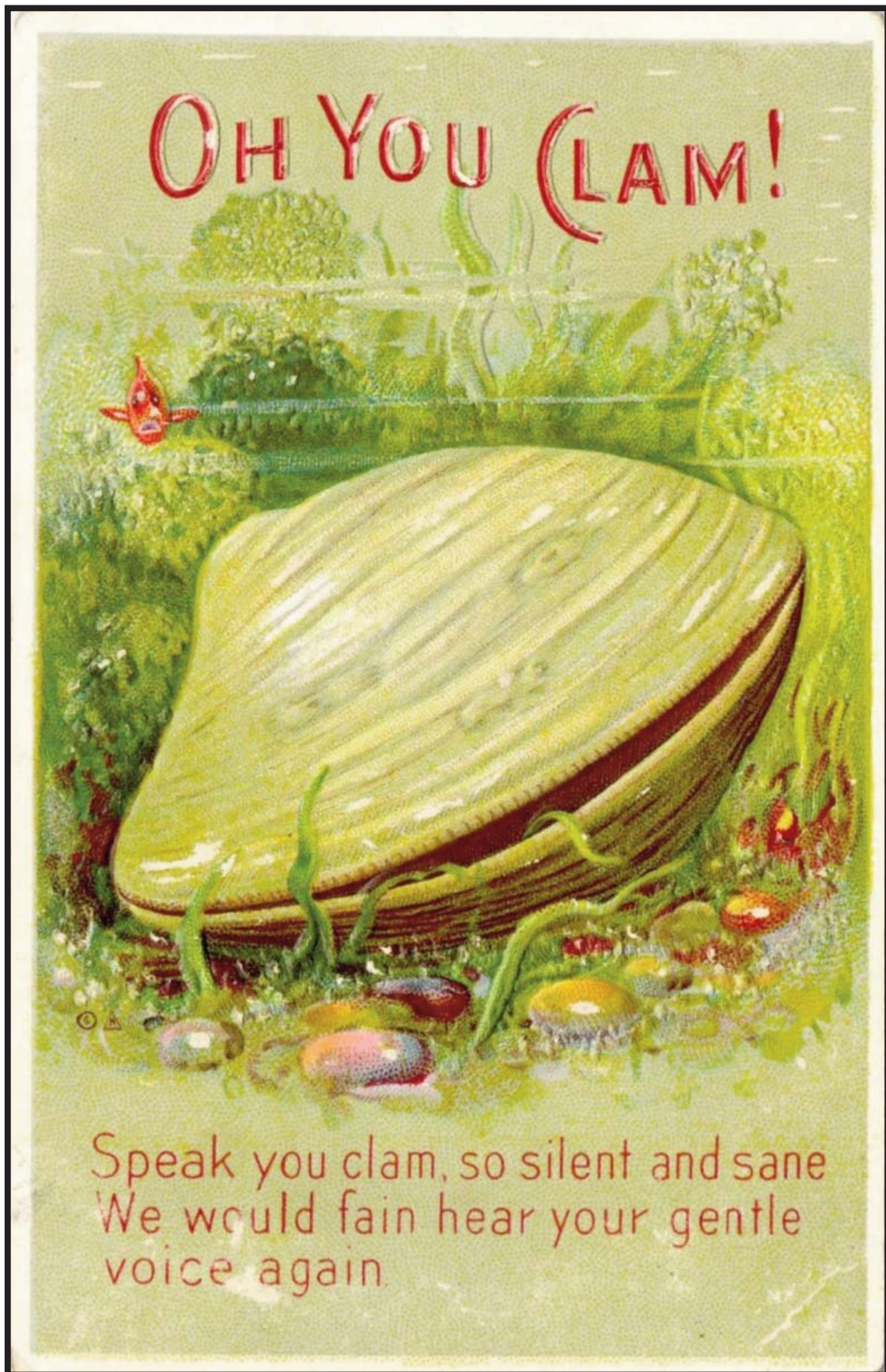
No. Why not?

What could we have done to improve your experience?

What suggestions do you have for future trips?

Please return to Gary by email ([Yonsider@msn.com](mailto:Yonsider@msn.com)) or in person  
. . . this will help our field trip experiences for 2024-2025.

**A 1910 Postcard showing a grinning clam face**



## Minutes of the April, 2024 Membership Meeting

### Speaker

Guest speaker and Past SSC Club President Dennis Sargent spoke about “My Life with Seashells”. He gave an overview of his adult journey, how he came to be deeply interested in seashells, and how many wonderful people came into his life as a result of conchology.

Dennis emphasized and remarked several times that people turned out to be the most important part of his journey, and he admonished members to say thank you to those that have helped them along their journeys. Thank you, Dennis ~ we enjoyed having you back at the Club and listening to your sharing.

### Financial Report

Allan Banko could not be in attendance, and the Financial report was postponed til next general meeting. Duane shared that the 2024 Shell Show brought in approx. \$14,000.

### End of Season Picnic

Margo Heck is taking checks/payments for tickets to the End of Season Picnic, to be held at Coquina Beach Park on April 13

### Secretary and Historian Positions

Duane shared that Debbie McDermott took over the role of Secretary for the Club as of January 2024. Thank you, Debbie!

### Historian

The Club is looking to fill the this position. Please contact anyone on the Board if you are interested.

### Artisans

Sarasota County Fair starts 3/15 and the Artisans will represent. They can be found in the building next to Robarts Arena and all are encouraged to visit them at the fair and share the information for the general public to attend.

### Shell Data

Duane Kauffmann shared that he has been collecting data of his visits to Siesta Key and South Lido beaches for many years. He has recorded 270 species at SKB and 286 species at South Lido.

### Mini-Ed Report

There was no mini-ed shell report this month. An auger was given out for a report next month.

### Field Trips

Missouri Key report - MANY live shells were found and observed on the club’s recent trip to Missouri Key. Not so many empty or collectible shells, although Amy Bentley did find a gorgeous empty Hawkwing Conch.

Thank you to Gary Martinez for heading up the field trips this year! Gary asks for feedback about this year’s trips and idea input for next season’s trips.

### Shell Show

There will be a follow-up meeting regarding Shell Show feedback next month before the General Meeting.

### Nominations for the Board

New Board Members will be voted in during the next General Meeting on April 11. If there are any nominees, please bring them to Duane Kauffmann’s attention before the meeting.

### Donations

Charitable Donations were announced for the 23-24 season as follows: \$4000 total

\$2000 to the Carefree Learner

\$1000 to New College

\$500 to the Bailey Matthew’s Shell Museum

\$400 Baywatch Sarasota

\$100 Delaware Museum for the DuPont Award

### Sarasota Shell Club Shirts

If you would like to order one of the new SSC shirts, please have your order in to Donna Krusenoski before the end of March.

### Library News

The librarian asks that if you have any checked out materials with which you are finished, that you please return them to the library so others can enjoy them.

If you would like to check any materials out from the library at any time (even during off-season), please email librarian Debbie McDermott and she will meet you at the library.

### Upcoming Events

Florida United Malacologists (FUM) meeting will take place on April 13 at the Sanibel Community House. Registration is free and open until March 20. More information can be found at shellmuseum.org. If you plan to attend the meeting and would like to carpool, please contact Debbie McDermott.

SSC has been invited to participate in World Oceans Day at the Siesta Key Beach Pavilion on June 8. Volunteers are encouraged to help out with set up and the event. Anyone interested in participating, please contact Debbie McDermott or Amy Bentley.

### Raffle

As at each meeting, some lovely raffle items were given away to lucky winners.

Meeting Adjourned.

Debbie McDermott, Secretary

# Sarasota Shell Club 2024/2025

## Membership Application

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

(Includes a membership name tag)

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

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 membership cards/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 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

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  New Member

Amount paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Check# \_\_\_\_\_ Cash \_\_\_\_\_

Card  Badge ordered