

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

September, 2024 Edition

President's message...September, 2024

Hello Everyone!

We're back again for another great season and we hope you will all participate in our activities. We have a super show planned for February and a lot of great field trips. We will discuss these at the September meeting next week.



Please don't forget to send in your annual dues with your signed form to Lisa Kinney as soon as possible so you don't have to worry about it at the meeting. A copy of the form can be found at the end of this edition of the Beauii.

I just got back from a short shelling trip down to 10,000 Islands today. I haven't said much about these trips but I'd like to express how enjoyable these trips are whether we find shells or not. I go just for the adventure. There is nothing like being out on the water in the early morning as the sun comes up. It turns the sky into a beautiful colored palette of oranges and pinks. The air is warm and all is peaceful and quiet. We sometimes see dolphins playing in the wake of our boat and catch glimpses of beautiful birds such as the osprey and the roseate spoonbill. This time of day is just magical on the water and I absolutely love being out there. It doesn't even matter to me if I find a lot of shells or not (although it certainly helps!). I encourage each of you to find that peaceful activity you enjoy and do it as often as you can. Life is too short not to enjoy what makes you happy!

See you soon!

Sally Peppitoni

Fran Shlusemann



Fran Shlusemann has passed away at 93 on August 29, 2024. Fran was a major fixture in the artisan's group and lived to create shell art. She entered the shell show every year and even sponsored an artistic trophy. She was a wonderful member of the Sarasota Shell Club and will be missed.

Symphony cards may be sent to:

Eileen Hansen
5718 Garden Lakes Palm
Bradenton, FL 34203

Arrangements will be posted later.

From the Treasurer

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

Officers & Board Members

President	Sally Peppitoni
Vice-President	Karen Heuther
Treasurer	Alan 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).

Committee Chairmen

Artisans	tba
<i>The Beauii</i>	Ron Bopp
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Field Trips	Gary Martinez
Librarian	Debbie McDermott
Membership	Lisa Kinney
Shell Show	Ron Bopp
Sunshine	Debbie McDermott
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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.
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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 2024-2025
Membership application is
attached to this Newsletter**

Library Notes

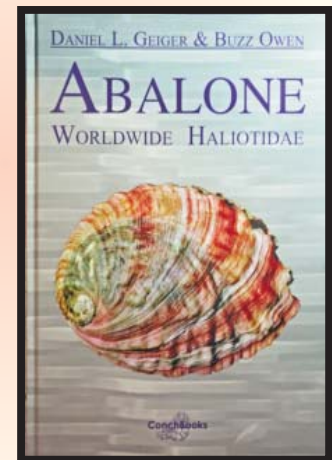
Our Sarasota Shell Club library is located at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church in Sarasota. A list of our books is on our website www.sarasotashellclub.com. For more info on some of our books, go to www.mdmshellbooks.com

Books in the Sarasota Shell Club Library can be accessed by contacting Debbie 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 position. Please consider volunteering for **HISTORIAN!**

Contact President Duane Kauffmann at duanerk@goshen.edu for more information.

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. The shelling trips are proposals at the time of this issue.

Sep 12, 2024 Membership meeting: **Tara Blanchard** (Bopp/Timmermann Scholarship awardee):
“Oyster Reef Restoration in Mosquito Lagoon, FL”

Oct. 10, 2024 Membership meeting: **Jason Robertshaw** (Mote) “New Crabs on the Block”

Oct. 19, 2024 **Sanibel** (Saturday). 10:02 am with -0.18 low tide.

Nov 14, 2024 Membership meeting: **Dr. Jose Leal**: “Life after the flood”

Nov. 17, 2024 **Honeymoon/Caladesi** (Sunday). 6:52 am -0.84 low tide.

Dec. 14, 2024 **Carefree Learner**

Dec 15, 2024 **Kice** 7:09 am -1.10 low tide

Jan 9, 2024 Membership meeting: **Dr. Emily Lancaster**: “Pushing the Boundaries - Investigating Physiological Limits of Invasive Species and eDNA detection methods”

Jan. 14, 2025 **Carefree Learner**

Jan 29, 2025 **Keewaydin** (Wednesday) 7:20 am -0.68 low tide

Jan 30, 2025 **Carefree Learner**

Mar 1, 2025 **Peanut Island** (Saturday) 3:05 pm -0.81 low tide

Mar 13, 2025 Membership meeting: **Dr. Ashley Oliphant**: “Shark Tooth Hunting on Carolina Coast”

Mar 22, 2025 **Missouri Key** (Saturday) 4:10 pm -0.23 low tide

Apr 10, 2020 Membership Meeting: **Dr. Ron Bopp** “Mollusk Caricatures, Then & Now”

Apr 28, 2025 **Jacksonville** (Monday) 3:13 pm -1.11 low tide

Apr 28, 2025 **Cedar Key** (Monday) 9:37 pm -0.91 low tide

Artisans

The Artisans, as the name implies, is the artistic community associated with Sarasota Shell Club. You are welcome to come and join them. All meetings are Thursdays at 10:00 A. M. The location is at Bee Ridge Church in the small building bordering Proctor Street. You can also join them prior to our October meeting for a fun “make and take”. Creative items made by the Artisans are for sale at Coastal Flow, 7216 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota.

Sarasota Shell Club Speaker Forum

Karen Huether

Hello, everybody, I just wanted to let everyone know that we have a fantastic Speaker Lineup for our SSC General Meetings season.

Our 1st meeting as you are aware is September 12th at 7:00 pm at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church.

I am excited to tell you about our speaker for this upcoming meeting. She is **Tara Blanchard** who was the 1st recipient of the Bopp/Timmermann SSC Research Scholarship. She is currently a student at the University of Central Florida where she is pursuing her PhD in Integrative and Conservation Biology. Tara's research is on Oyster Reef Restoration in Mosquito Lagoon, Florida. It is focused on the use of plastic-free restoration materials and improving habitat to increase biodiversity.



Tara will be giving us the details of her project and highlighting her future research as she pursues her PhD. We are very pleased that Tara can start off our General Meetings with a topic so closely aligned with the SSC's Mission Statement. She is coming all the way from Orlando to share her research with us, so please bring any interested family or friends to this meeting so that we can start off our general meetings with a bang!



Membership Update

Welcome back for another seashell season with the Sarasota Shell Club. We have some interesting speakers and fun shelling trips planned for this year, as well as an exceptional shell show in February. Thank you to all of you who have renewed your membership. The membership form is attached for those who still need to sign up for this season. We ended last season with 158 members of our Sarasota Shell Club.

I hope we can grow our club each year with your friends and family or other shell enthusiasts you meet at the beach. The more people we have, the more we can offer to our members. Increased membership can increase the number of volunteers we have to help things run smoothly. Please consider pitching in on different events and positions that need to be filled within the club. I am looking forward to seeing all of you at our meetings and shelling trips. We will have a shell of a time!

Lisa Kinney

Historian's Report for September 2024

50 Years Ago

The September 12, 1974 meeting of SSC which was called to order with 24 members in attendance. Routine business included approval of minutes, Treasurer's report, and adoption of the yearly budget.

It was agreed that the club bylaws need review and update. However given the time and energy needed for such a task, it was decided to "table this until a later meeting."

Program was by Helen Oberle on the classification of shells. The minutes note that members should "try to keep up" with developments in this area.

25 Years Ago

The Club archives contain no minutes of a September 1999 meeting.

Duane Kauffmann

Shell Show Scientific Note

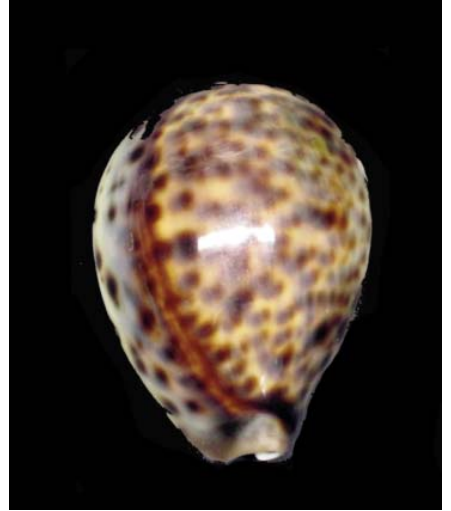
Any member who wishes to enter the scientific portion of the 2025 SSC Shell Show should do it sooner than later as we have a limited amount of space for scientific exhibits. The 2025 show will be jam-packed with all kinds of activities. . . so packed that the club table will be outside (tented) similar to some years past. If you have any questions about entering this portion of the show, contact me and I will help.

Ron Bopp



A rainbow over Marco Island . . . submitted by Sally Peppitoni

Can you match the Shell with the Scientific Name?

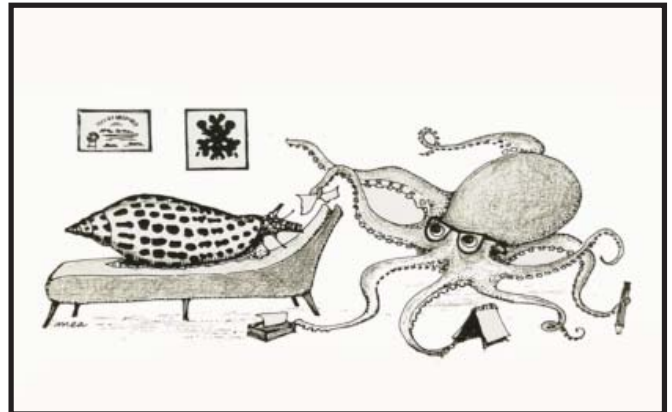
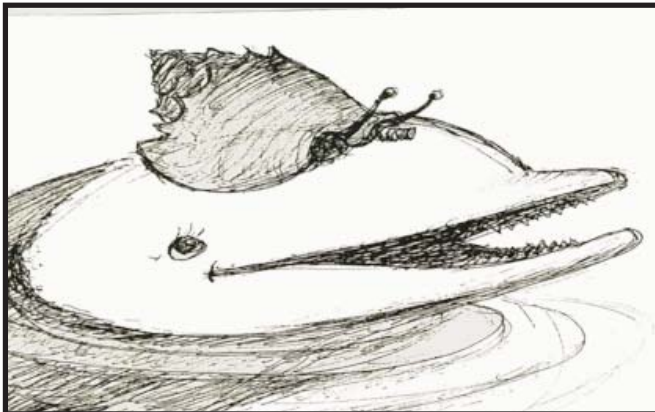
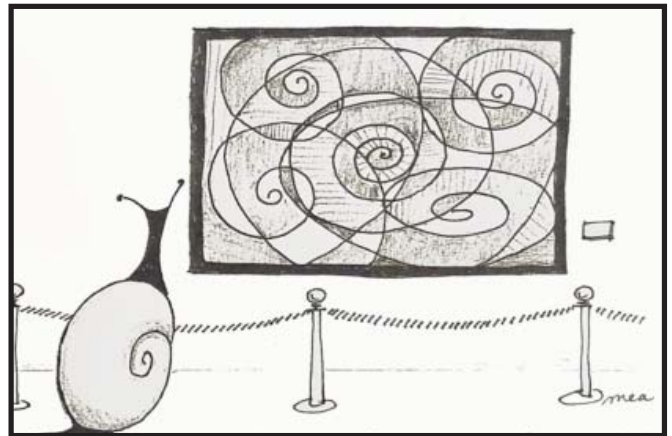
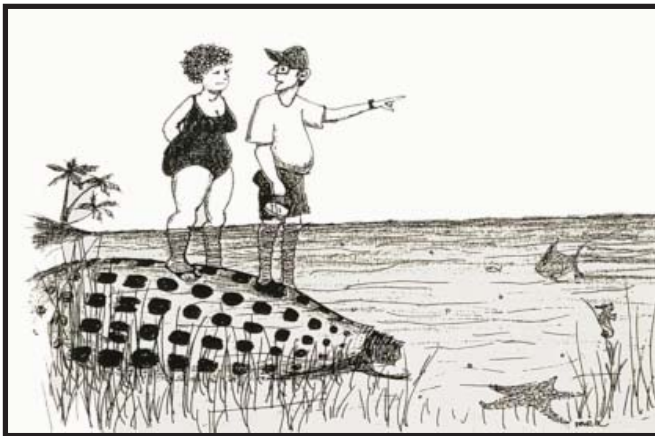


Ovula ovula; *Babylonia areolata*; *Leporicypraea geographica*; *Tonna allium*;
Cypraea tigris; *Cassis madagascariensi*; *Cypraea talpa*; *Harpa cabriti*;
Bufo naria crumena

SSC Shell Education Table

As a result of the success of SSC's Shell Education Table at World Ocean Day on Siesta Key, SSC Secretary Debbie McDermott was invited to give an educational Shell Presentation to the Sarasota County Marine Explorer's Camp in July. The Camp took place at Lemon Bay park in Englewood, and the campers were a sharp and engaging young group! Debbie was joined by SSC's own Sharon Radigan, and the camp attendees were engaging and excited by the information shared. They were even more excited to see and touch an extra large Horse Conch and take home their very own Fighting Conch. The presentation was so well-received, Debbie and Sharon were invited on behalf of SSC to present again in the summer of 2025. Mollusk and Shell Education Outreach is of primary importance to audiences of young people, as they are very likely to repeat and share their knowledge with others, and to bring a spotlight to the Sarasota Shell Club.

Cartoons from the 2019 COA Convention (you provide the captions)



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

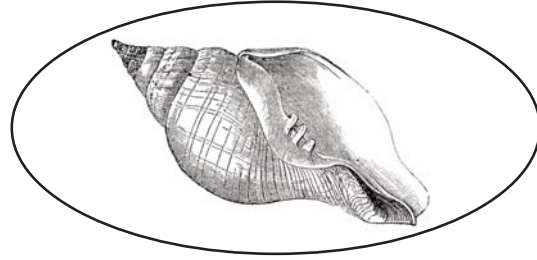
Vi Hertweck: 1982-1984
Richard Forbush: 1984-1985
June Bailey: 1985-1987,
1995-1997, 2002-2003
Bob Hansen: 1987-1988
Beverly Chouinard: 1989-1991
Bonnie Christophel: 1990-1992
Pat Amsel: 1994-1995
Debra Ingrao: 1997-1998
Cathy Aschliman: 1998-1999

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
Sally Peppitoni: 2024-2025

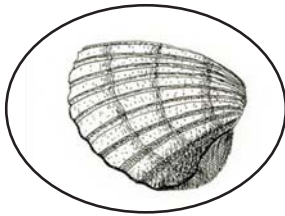
SSC Members win awards at the 2014 Shell Show - - - A look back!



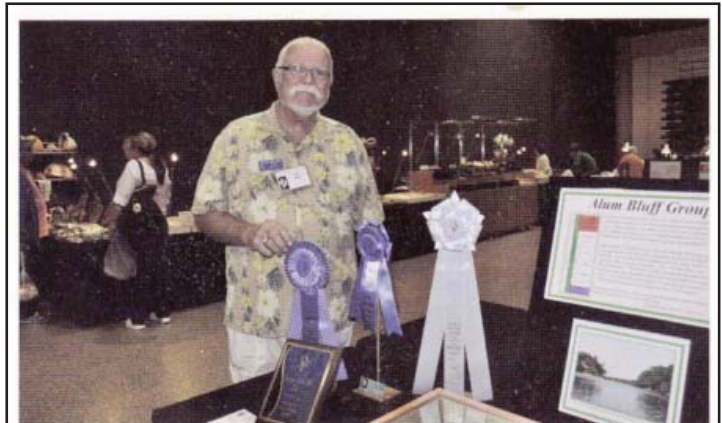
SSC's Best Small Scientific: Harry Barryman (right) for "Seldom Seen Cones of Cape Verde." Standing with him is award sponsor, Bruce Paulsen. Harry also won the Mote Gold Award for his display "Philippine Cones."



SSC's Best Self-Collected Trophy: Sally Peppitoni "Palma Sola Causeway."



SSC's Members Trophy; Dwayne Kaufmann; "Identification of Small Gastropods."



SSC's Charles & Violet Hetweck Fossil Trophy: Ron Bopp "Alum Bluff Group."



Editor's Note

These photographs and captions were copied from the 2014 *Beauii*. The current editor was not responsible for the mistakes of "Dwayne Kaufmann" (actually Duane Kauffmann) as well as "Hetweck" (actually Hertweck).

Frogs & Snails . . . #10

A Snail and A Frog with a Violin

Once upon a time, in the heart of a vibrant, green forest, there lived a frog named Ferdinand. Ferdinand was no ordinary frog—he was a violin virtuoso. Every evening, he would sit on his favorite toadstool, just as the sun began to set, and play his violin. The notes would dance through the air, weaving a tapestry of sound that enchanted all who heard it.

One evening, as Ferdinand tuned his violin, he noticed something unusual. A small, curious snail named Silas had made his way onto a nearby leaf. Silas had heard tales of Ferdinand's music from other forest creatures and had traveled all day to experience it for himself. Silas wasn't like the other animals who would quickly come and go; he was a patient listener, eager to soak in every note.

As Ferdinand began to play, the forest seemed to hold its breath. The melody flowed like a gentle stream, rippling through the leaves and branches. Silas was mesmerized. He had never heard anything so beautiful. The music was sweet and sorrowful, full of the stories of the forest—the rustling of the leaves, the whispers of the wind, and the gentle rain on the forest floor.

Ferdinand, noticing his tiny audience, played with even more passion. His bow moved gracefully across the strings, producing sounds that seemed to sparkle in the air. Silas, with his tiny monocle perched delicately on his face, swayed ever so slightly to the rhythm, completely absorbed in the performance.

The sun dipped lower, casting a golden light across the forest, and the music became softer, like a lullaby. The other animals in the forest, drawn by the music, gathered quietly around, but Silas remained Ferdinand's most devoted listener. He listened not just with his ears, but with his heart, understanding the emotions behind every note.

When the last note finally faded, the forest was silent for a moment, as if savoring the music that had filled its heart. Then, slowly, the animals began to applaud—soft rustles and quiet chirps of appreciation. But the loudest applause came from Silas, who clapped his tiny snail hands together with all his might.

Ferdinand hopped over to Silas and bowed deeply. "Thank you for being such a wonderful audience," Ferdinand said with a smile. "Your presence made this concert truly special."

Silas blushed, his snail shell turning a slight shade of pink. "The pleasure was all mine, dear Ferdinand. Your music is like a dream—a dream I never want to wake up from."

And so, from that day on, Ferdinand and Silas became the best of friends. Every evening, Ferdinand would play his violin, and Silas would be there, sitting on his leaf, the most loyal and appreciative audience a musician could ever wish for. Their friendship became as legendary as Ferdinand's music, and their concerts together were said to be the most magical events in the entire forest.

And so, the music played on, echoing through the trees, filling the forest with its magic, and reminding everyone that the best things in life are meant to be shared with friends.

C.G.



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

September first re-opening of Shell Island! By Nancy Cadieux

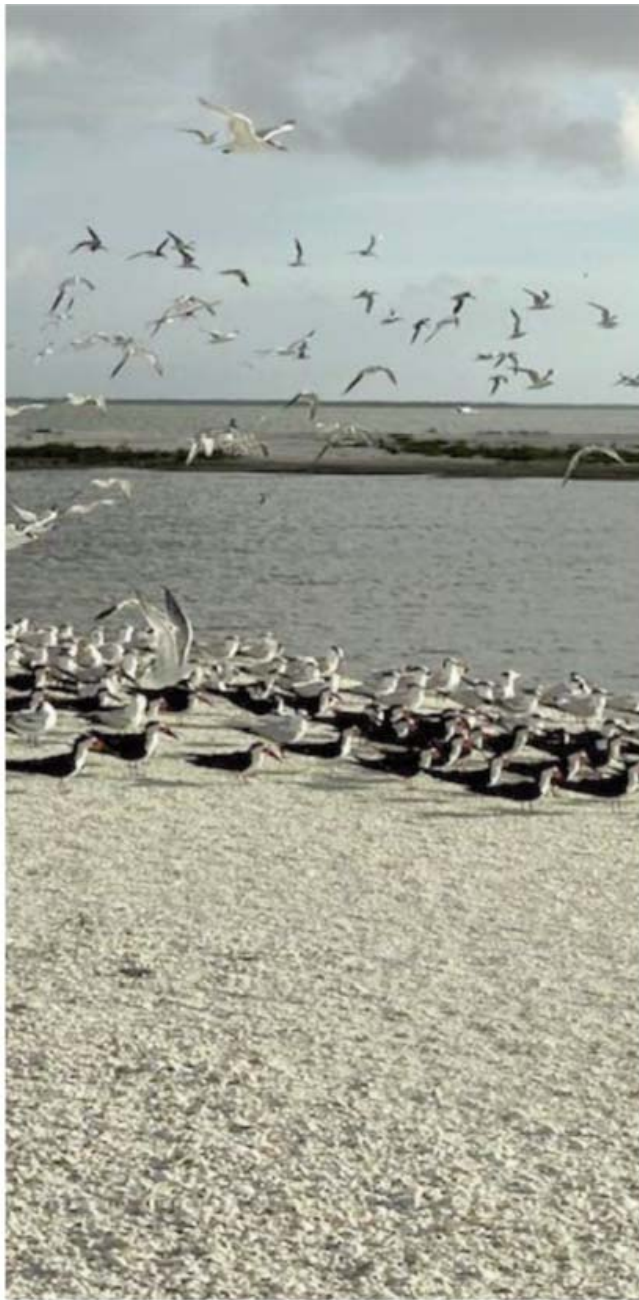
This Shell Island sandbar is accessible by boat from the Goodland Boat Park in Collier County. It is a refuge for nesting birds and is closed to the public from March first to September first every year. The September re-opening is a big event which is no secret to shells addicts. Serious shellers arrive on the island before sunrise. Six Sarasota Shell Club members were at the dock that exciting morning by 6:15 AM. The boat ride was choppy. We marveled at the piles of shells as we stepped foot on the island. A nice breeze kept us cool and the no-seeums away. The overwhelming feeling of exploring an island that had seen no human for 6 months is hard to explain. I did not find any shells that I don't already have, nevertheless, I filled my bucket!!! Of particular abundance were angel wings that I can never pass. Lisa Kinney found 2 palm size heart urchins (Moiria Atropos), Gary Martinez was very proud of his 10" Florida Horse Conch, the Evans pointed out their Florida cone and yellow scallop (I love their brown alphabet cone!) and our Sally Peppitoni was happy with her true tulip and other finds. I am still cleaning my shells!



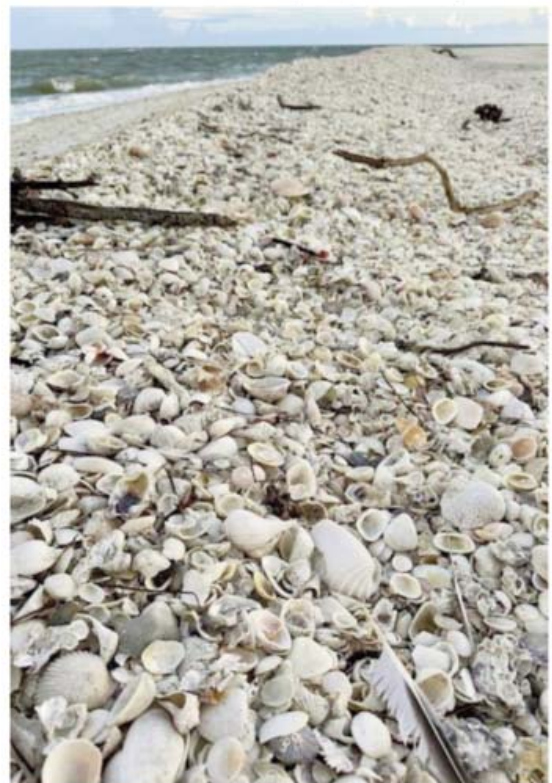
Shelling at sunrise on Shell Island 9/01/2024

Left: Captain Tyler, Rick and Barb, Nancy, Sally, Gary and Lisa





Birds thought process (if any):
"What in the heck is going on today!!!!"



Rick & Barb Evans' finds



On the Right: Sally's

61st Annual Shell Show News

Dear members,

Preparations for the 2025 Shell Show began several weeks ago. The contract has been signed, vendors have already committed, judges have been selected, and the floor plan has been designed. There is so much volunteer work behind the scenes! I plan to write an article in the Beauii every month to familiarize all our new members with this highly regarded annual event in Sarasota and surrounding communities.

As you can see below, we are still in need of volunteers to fill three chairpersons positions. A chairperson is a resource for volunteers to go to for information or assistance. The chairpersons are usually present during the two-day show unless they have an alternate who can replace them when needed.

Entrance & membership chair positions are best filled by members who have volunteered in prior years at those tables.

The Children's Education Table chair loves interacting with our younger visitors. We have games and exhibits readily available, and you are welcome to bring or create your own.

No shell show experience is necessary. Very basic knowledge of shells is required (elementary school level). I will recruit volunteers for each shift to assist or replace you at that table during the two-day show.

Please call me if you are interested in one of those. Nancy Cadieux 941-228-1758

Chairpersons:

Shell Show Chair: Ron Bopp

Assistant: Linda Greiner

Floor Plan: Bruce Paulsen

Vendors Coordinator: Sally Peppitoni

Treasurer: Allan Banko

Publicity/Social Media: Amy Bentley

Volunteers Coordinator: Nancy Cadieux

Volunteer Areas	Chairperson	Alternate just in case
Loading & unloading truck	Gordon Fushikoshi	
Tablecloths	Marilyn Parker	
Entrance/Admission		
Artisans	Debby Alexander Gueda Woolridge	No need
Raffle	Donna Krusenoski	In place
Membership		
Scientific	Ron Bopp	Assistant: Linda Greiner
Artistic	Sally Peppitoni	
Club Table	Duane Kauffmann	Gordon Fushikoshi
Lunch Area	Debbie Smith	
Children Education Table		
Security (Theft)	Amy Bentley	

SSC Polo Shirts



Welcome Back!

We will again be ordering photo shirts with our Shell club logo. If interested bring your checkbook to the September meeting and we'll get you sized up and looking good.

Donna Krusenoski

Artisan Update

The artisans have had an awesome summer. We have been busy creating for the February Shell show. We have begun work on the Christmas party table decorations. Always a project in the works.

Many new ideas this year.

We are looking forward to the return of our seasonal members. We are continuing to meet at the Bee Ridge, Presbyterian Church, on Thursdays, 10 to 1 pm. If you are thinking of Christmas shopping, our items are available for purchase. Feel free to stop in on Thursdays and shop or just to say hello and check on the creative process. Welcome one and all to join in the fun. It's shared creativity at its finest.

A big thank you to Guelda for opening the studio each Thursday. See you there.

Debby Alexander

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(es): _____
(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(s) 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)

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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