

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**

October, 2024 Edition

President's message...October, 2024

Hello Everyone!

Well, it's been an interesting and, in many cases, stressful few weeks. So many of our friends are now facing devastating losses from Hurricane Helene. Not only friends here in Florida but also in Georgia, Tennessee, the Carolinas and even Virginia. I've been keeping up with news on social media and it is heartbreaking to see. Anna Maria Island is devastated along with other local keys like Long Boat and Lido, St. Armand's too. All up the coast, the beaches and their towns have been destroyed. One of the saddest is Cedar Key. I've seen several drone flyovers of places on Cedar Key where we have stayed, eaten and enjoyed times on shelling trips. These places are just...gone. Wiped out. It will take a long time for recovery from this catastrophic storm. Please be aware of your neighbors who've been affected. Volunteer a little time to help clean up or, if you have the skills, help rebuild. Cook a meal for friends who currently don't have a home to eat in. Donate unused items you have that can be useful to someone who has lost what they had. Let's show our communities, state and country just how strong we are when we work together.

See you soon!



Sally Peppitoni
President



An Artisan Invitation!

The Artisans would like to invite you to a Christmas snowflake ornament "make it and take it" on 6 pm on October 10. It will be in the Artisan's studio. One hour prior to the regular meeting.

Be there and have some fun!

Debby Alexander

September's Presentation

Tara Blandhard, our recent Bopp-Timmermann Scholarship Recipient, gave a presentation on oyster Reef Restoration in Mosquito Lagoon, Florida. It was enthusiastically received by the record numbers of attendees.



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

Committee Chairmen

Artisans	Debby Alexander &
<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.
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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

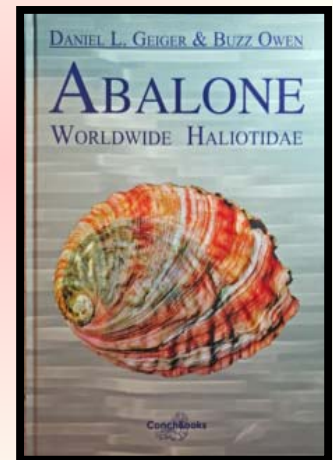
Our Sarasota Shell Club library is located at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church in Sarasota. A list of our books is on our website www.sarasotashellclub.com. For more info on some of our books, go to www.mdmshellbooks.com

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@gothen.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.

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** (Tuesday)

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

Jan 9, 2025 Membership meeting: **Dr. Emily Lancaster**: “Pushing the Boundaries - Investigating Physiological Limits of Invasive Species and eDNA detection methods”

Jan. 14, 2025 **Carefree Learner** (Tuesday)

Jan 29, 2025 **Keewaydin** (Wednesday) 7:20 am -068 low tide

Jan 30, 2025 **Carefree Learner** (Thursday)

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

Mar 13, 2025 Memberhip 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 -1.11low 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”.

Sarasota Shell Club Speaker Forum

Karen Huether



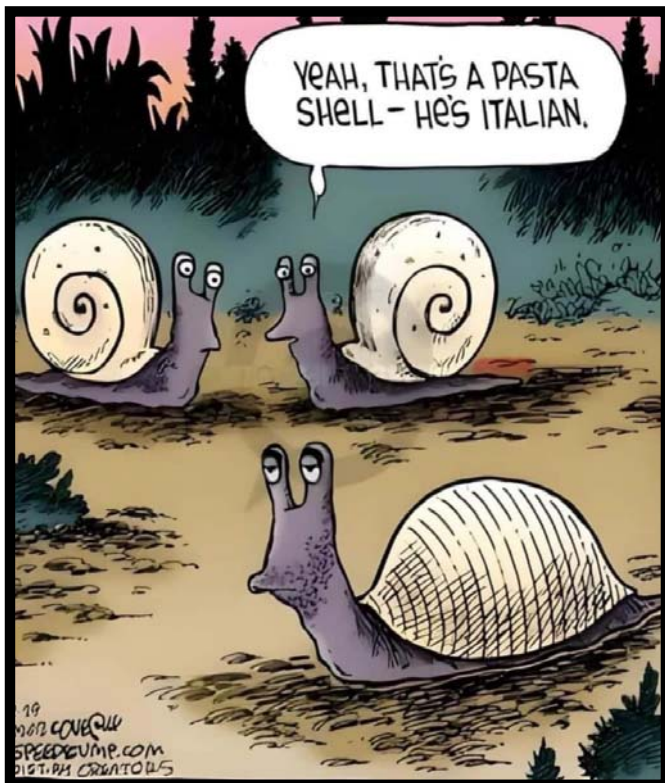
Hi Everyone, I have lined up a wonderful speaker for our October 10th SSC General Meeting. Jason Robertshaw who is with Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium, is our speaker. He will be presenting a deep dive into the fascinating world of marine science. Jason is the Program Manager for Virtual Learning at Mote. He manages Mote's education technologies such as distance learning studies and computer lab and connect schools and organizations to Mote's STEM experts through virtual programs.

His presentation will be on discussing how Mote Marine Laboratory is pioneering efforts to save Florida's Coral Reefs with the first Caribbean King Crabs hatchery. We will learn about the crucial role these crabs play in maintaining reef health and the innovative techniques used in their cultivation. We will also explore the mysterious world of blue holes, underwater sinkholes that are rich with unique marine life. His talk will highlight how Mote's diverse efforts interconnect in the broader mission to protect and defend our oceans.

I am so looking forward to seeing everyone at our general meeting and introducing everyone to Jason. See you soon.

Karen Huether

On the lighter side . . .



Membership Update

Thank you to all of you that renewed your membership with our shell club. For those of you that still need to renew, the membership form is at the end of the Beauii. Please complete and mail it in to renew or sign up at our next meeting. We are going to have a shell of a season with great guest speakers, exciting shelling trips, and an incredible shell show. We have a holiday party and end of year picnic in the works. Continue to read the Beauii for details. I am hoping 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 shelltastic time!

Lisa Kinney

Website Information

Please visit our website, sarasotashellclub.com, for 2025 Shell Show entry rules and entry applications in the Artistic and Scientific categories, and to view the new 2024-2025 club event and excursion calendar. Also, please refer your friends and fellow shelling enthusiasts you run into at the beach to the website for membership information as well. People interested in joining the club can get the membership form on our website. Thank you.

Amy Bentley

Shell Show Scientific Update

Any member who wishes to enter the scientific portion of the 2025 SSC Shell Show should do it sooner than later as we have only nine (9) feet left of exhibit space. 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

Historian's Report for October, 2024

50 Years Ago

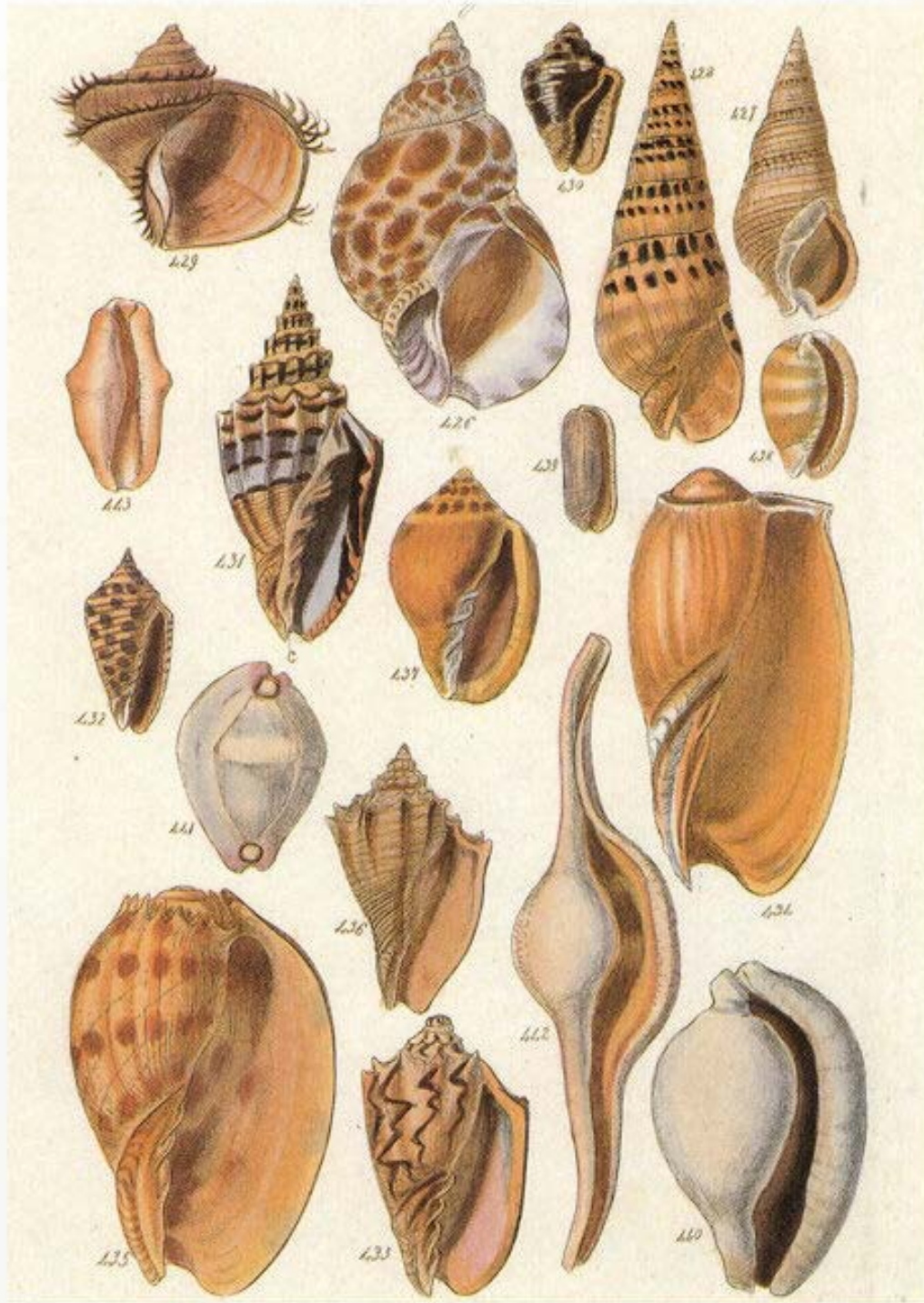
The October's report will appear with the November's report in the November issue of *The Beauii*.

25 Years Ago

Ibid

Duane Kauffmann

A Vintage Shell Print found on Pinterest



Frogs & Snails . . . #11

A Snail and A Frog at the Grocery Store

Imagine a fun and quirky scene where a snail and a frog are at a grocery store together. The snail is leisurely sliding along, slowly perusing the fresh produce aisle, its little eyes peering at the colorful fruits and vegetables. Meanwhile, the frog, a bit more energetic, is hopping from aisle to aisle with excitement, looking for snacks and drinks.

The snail is likely carrying a small basket, inching its way toward a pile of shiny apples, while the frog, already with a full cart, is eyeing the frozen section. Maybe the frog is looking for something more suited to its tastes—like a box of "Fly Snacks" or a drink labeled "Pond Water Refresher."

All around them, humans are going about their business, perhaps not even noticing this delightful pair. The frog and the snail exchange banter—perhaps the snail is a bit annoyed with the frog's speediness, and the frog is amused by the snail's slow, methodical approach to shopping. It's a lighthearted, whimsical adventure as the two unlikely grocery store companions go about their shopping day.



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



Donna Timmermann, Tara Blanchard and Ron Bopp pose for a photo after Tara's excellent presentation at the September membership meeting.

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

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	Lisa Kinney	
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	

Sanibel Island

Saturday, October 19, 2024



The Sarasota Shell Club announces its October trip to Sanibel Island. The trip is scheduled for October 19. A negative -0.18 low tide will occur at 10:02 am.

Participants will gather at 8:00 am at Bowman's Beach. Parking is \$5/hr. 24 hours a day. If you meet up with more experienced shellers on the trip, they will be happy to share techniques

for locating Sanibel's many treasures.

While shelling is always better after a winter storm, you can almost always get a few specimens of the Sanibel 7, including fighting conchs, alphabet cones, banded tulips, lightning whelks, horse conchs, apple murexes, lettered olives, as well as many bivalve and other species.

From Bowman's Beach it will be easy to shuttle to either Turner Beach to the west or to Lighthouse Beach Park to the east for those wanting to scope out a different location.



Turner Beach

We will plan to gather for lunch at 11:30 at Island Pizza, 1619 Periwinkle Way.

Unfortunately, the Bailey Matthews Shell Museum is not yet ready for prime time.

If you are interested in participating and have not already done so, please notify Gary Martinez at yonsider@msn.com, or (310) 347-8942.



Island Pizza

SSC General Meeting Minutes 9.12.24

Introductions and Welcome Back to another great Shell Club Learning and Activities season! As outlined in the most recent issue of the *Beauii*, VP Karen Huether has lined up an outstanding roster of presentations for the 24-25 Season of meetings!

Presenter

Our September Meeting presenter was the first-ever recipient of the Bopp-Timmermann Scholarship Fund, Tara Blanchard. If you had the opportunity to attend this meeting, you were treated to an excellent presentation by Tara about her ongoing work with Oyster Reef Restoration in Mosquito Lagoon. Tara Lives in Orlando and was gracious enough to drive out to Sarasota to share her passion and work with the Club. She has just started a PhD program centering on habitat and biodiversity restoration of oyster reefs using non-plastics. She is excited about continuing her work with camera traps as well as observing shorebird nesting habits on dead reefs. As we know, oysters are a keystone species here in the waters of Florida, and Tara's findings are to be published in the *Journal of Restoration Ecology*.

So exciting to see this research being done! Thank you, Tara, ~ the Club looks forward to updates about you and your work!

OLD BUSINESS

The motion was approved to accept the April 2024 Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer's Report - Allan Banko

The club's Reconciled Balance stands at \$9274.85. COA Fund for 2026 is currently \$2043. Goal of \$2500. Nice to have you back, Allan!

Shell Show Report - Ron Bopp

Ron reports there WILL BE a Shell Show :) The preliminary report for the Shell Show is that everything is on track and going well.

Bopp-Timmermann Scholarship Fund

Judges of entries for this Scholarship are Sally Peppitoni, Ron Bopp, and Donna Timmermann.

Secretary's Report - Debbie McDermott

Welcome back and hope you had a wonderful summer and found some nice shells wherever you went! Debbie reminded members that should they need guidance or direction with any shell club-related matter, she is ready to help. Please contact her by email at washashore76@yahoo.com.

Sunshine Report - Debbie McDermott

Debbie shared that over the summer longtime and loved SSC Members Lynn Gaulin and Fran Schlusemann transitioned from their earthly life. Expressions of love and sympathy were sent to their families on behalf of the club. A thank you card from the family of Lynn Gaulin was shared aloud.

Debbie reminded all club members to contact her when a card is needed for any member, be it for illness or sympathy, or to celebrate a milestone or accomplishment. Please be sure to have the correct address for the person who will be receiving the card.

Librarian's Report - Debbie McDermott

Debbie reminded members of the vast and wonderful library resources available to them during the season for research or general knowledge. Some of the photos in our library will be the only ones you will ever see of certain shells! Please contact Debbie and she will meet you at the library if you would like to browse or check out a book. Thanks to Gary Martinez for multiple magazine donations to the library.

Field Trips - Gary Martinez

Gary has organized a terrific line-up of near and far Shell Club outings to fit everyone's needs, budget, and availability. Sign-up sheets were out for members to leave their name for interest, or register for a trip.

*Anyone who signed up for a Carefree Learner Trip should have paid for their spot at the meeting. If you did not pay Gary *for Carefree Learner trips ONLY*, please do so asap.* Thank you.

Website - Amy Bentley

The SSC website is looking great and has new updates in place and forthcoming. Please look up the website at saratashellclub.com frequently on your devices so the site gets some needed visibility by online search engines.

Education and Outreach - Debbie McDermott

By invitation, SSC Members Debbie McDermott and Sharon Radigan gave an educational presentation about Shells and Mollusks and their importance to a very interested gathering of students in the Sarasota County Marine Explorer's Camp at Lemon Bay Park in July.

The students were excited and very interactive, asking lots of questions. They were happy to see and touch a very large Horse Conch specimen and take home their very own Florida Fighting Conch shell. The presentation was a great success and Debbie and Sharon were invited to present again in Summer 2025.

Shell Op/Ed Presentation - Donna Cassin

Donna asked for a volunteer for October's Op/Ed Shell Presentation. Cathy Desrochers volunteered and will present on *Chicoreus floriferous*, the Lace Murex.

Shell Finds

Sally Peppitoni brought in shells she had found in Hawaii over the summer, and Karin Ehlers brought in shells and rocks she had collected while traveling in Peru and Portugal. Thank you both for sharing!

Artisans - Debby Alexander

Debby reminds members that all are welcome to join the shell crafting happening every Thursday from 10-1 at the church in the artisan's room.

There is a make-and-take craft slated for 6 pm on October 10, right before the next general meeting, in the crafters room at the church. The project will be a pretty shell poinsettia ornament. Contact Debby Alexander to sign up for this event.

NEW BUSINESS

SSC has been invited to participate in Sarasota Bayfest on Saturday, November 2, from 11-2 at the Bay Park Conservancy. Our actions make waves - explore, educate, and engage. Ron Bopp graciously volunteered to be in charge of SSC participation for this event. Thank you, Ron!

Holiday Party - Nancy Cadieux

SSC 2024 Holiday Party is scheduled for a lovely luncheon at the Venice Yacht Club, courtesy of Shell Club Member Debbie Smith, who is also a Member of the Yacht Club and our connection to this venue. The Holiday Party will take place on December 3. Volunteers will be needed to help, and more info to follow.

White Elephant Gift Exchange

Karin Ehlers graciously volunteered to be in charge of this event. Thank you, Karin! Sally is checking to see if we can get the room for this December event.

End of Year Picnic

Guelda Wooldridge graciously volunteered to be in charge of this event. Thank you, Guelda!

Guelda announced that this event will take place earlier in the year and at a new, TBD venue than in previous years to accommodate those who fly north for the summer and to alleviate some traffic concerns for attendees.

Raffle

Five lovely shell items were given away to lucky winners of this meeting's raffle. Congrats!

In Closing

A total of 40 members were in attendance for this first meeting of the season. Thank you all for your attendance, participation, and excitement! Please join us for the October 10 General Meeting, where our guest speaker will be Jason Robertshaw from Mote Aquarium. Jason will be presenting "New Crabs on the Block". See you there, and in the meantime, happy shelling!

Debbie McDermott, Secretary, Sarasota Shell Club

Sarasota Shell Club

2024/2025 Membership Application

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)

Club Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month, September through April. Newsletters are sent out monthly by email.
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 <input type="checkbox"/>	New Member <input type="checkbox"/>
Amount paid \$ _____	Date _____
Check# _____	Cash _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Card	<input type="checkbox"/> Badge ordered

- 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: _____