



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**

Summer, 2024 Edition

President's message...July, 2024

Election of Officers

Hello to Everyone!



I'm back in the saddle again and the new shelling season is just around the corner. Our first meeting will be the 2nd Thursday in September at Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church and I hope you will all come. We will have a special guest speaker...Tara Blanchard, our very first recipient of the Bopp/Timmermann scholarship. Please show your support by attending. We have some great field trips, guest speakers and activities planned. We would like to reinstate bimonthly beach walks this year. There have been quite a few requests for this but to make it happen we need your help. We need someone who can decide where and when for people to meet for these morning walks. It doesn't take a lot of work. Just decide where and when and send out the info via email and anyone who wants to go shows up. It's fun and we used to have brunch at the end and could do that again. These activities are a great way to socialize, meet other members and look for shells too! Please let me know ASAP if you are interested in helping with this.

I hope you've all had a great summer. I have been traveling a lot myself. Spent a month out west, a week in the Keys and then ten days in Kona, Hawaii. I have lots of pictures and stories to tell. Had a great time and even found some shells! I hope everyone has had the opportunity to have new experiences and find new shells to share this season. We have some interesting plans in the works so we want you to stay tuned into what's going on.

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

The following members were elected to the named positions at the April, 2024 membership meeting:

- 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)

Please get your 2024-2025 membership forms and dues into Lisa Kinney, our membership chair, as soon as possible. There are copies of the form on our website, www.sarasotashellclub.com. See everyone in September!

Sally Peppitoni

***Celebration of Life for
Maryilyn ("Linn") Silvia Gaulin
1940-2024***



Much of our lives has been spent elsewhere. In Lynn's case NY State was at least part time home for 23 years. For the last part we have lived in Florida. Lynn especially loved her kids from kindergarten, 3rd and 4th grades to Cub Scouts, and day campers as well as others she encountered on her life's path. I suspect some of those "kids" will be with us. Join us on Thursday, August 8th, 2024 at Christ Episcopal Church, 4030 Manatee Ave, Bradenton, FL. The casual celebration will be in the church hall from 2 to 4 PM with a video and a chance to share memories. Refreshments will be available. At 1 PM there will be a short service by the parish priest for the family and any friends that wish to join us in the chapel. A visitor's book in the hall will be on a table for you to sign.

Please call me, Ed Gaulin, at 585-545-8005 with any questions.

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
Historian	Duane Kauffmann
Field Trips	Gary Martinez
Librarian	Debbie McDermott
Membership	Lisa Kinney
Shell Show	Ron Bopp
Sunshine	Debbie McDermott
Webmaster	Bruce Paulsen

-
- * **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.
-

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

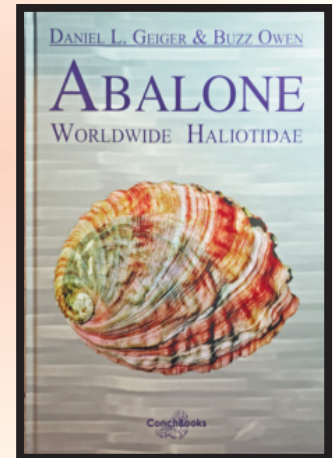
Our Sarasota Shell Club library is located at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church in Sarasota. A list of our books is on our website www.sarasotashellclub.com. For more info on some of our books, go to www.mdmshellbooks.com

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.

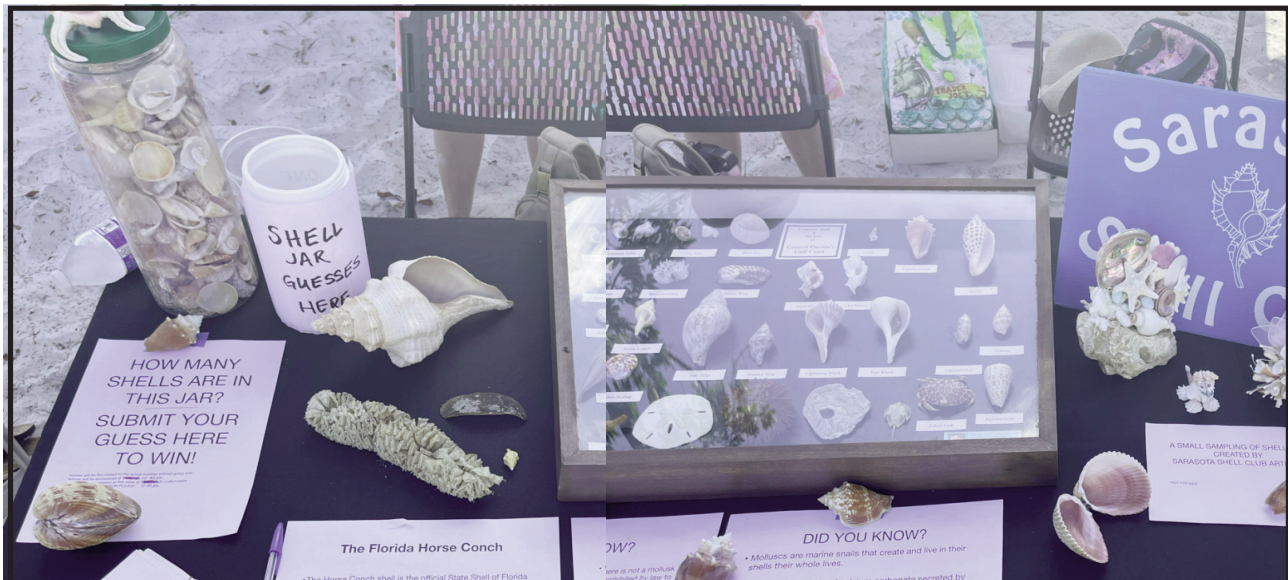
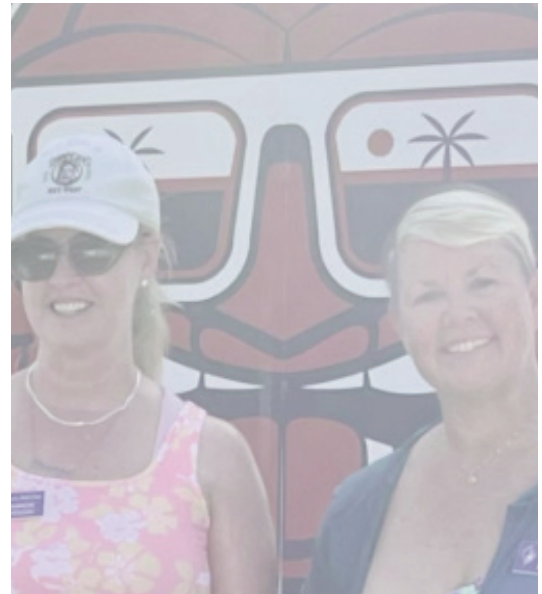
World Ocean Day

World Ocean Day was observed at Siesta Key Saturday June 8 with a beach cleanup and exhibitors. As you know, SSC was invited to participate and participate we did!

Our table was excitedly visited by over 70 people! We educated people about mollusk life on the beach, how to handle live shells, shell identification, why it's important to leave live shells at the beach, etc. Equally as important, we shared everything about the shell club ~ what we do and what we give to the community at large.

Many young people took brochures and cards, which was so encouraging, and many asked questions and said they learned things they never knew about shells and mollusks. We had shell giveaways, and a “guess how many shells are in the jar?” game after which a lovely spider conch was the prize to an excited seven-year old girl!

Our table was hosted by no less than seven SSC members at different times throughout the event. All those who helped in making this event a success, THANK YOU! We keep increasing SSC's visibility within the community, especially to the next generation of those who love shells and the mollusks that create them!



Frogs & Snails . . . #9

A Snail and a Frog in the Fall

Once upon a time, in a quiet forest, lived a curious snail named Sylvie and a cheerful frog named Freddy. As the days grew shorter and the leaves began to change color, Sylvie and Freddy noticed the crispness in the air that signaled the arrival of fall. Sylvie, with her spiral shell, loved the cool autumn mornings. She would glide slowly over the damp forest floor, enjoying the smell of fallen leaves and the earthy scent of mushrooms that popped up after the rains.

One such morning, as Sylvie was nibbling on a tasty leaf, she heard a familiar croak nearby. "Good morning, Sylvie!" croaked Freddy, hopping over a patch of moss. His green skin was speckled with dew, and his wide smile was infectious. "Good morning, Freddy," replied Sylvie. "Are you ready for our adventure today?" Freddy's eyes twinkled with excitement. "Absolutely! I thought we could visit the old oak tree by the pond. I heard it's a perfect spot to find the last of the autumn insects." Sylvie nodded in agreement, and together, they set off towards the pond.

The path was scattered with fallen leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow. Sylvie moved slowly, taking in every detail of the changing season, while Freddy hopped ahead, occasionally waiting for his slower friend. As they reached the oak tree, the pond came into view, its surface reflecting the golden hues of the surrounding forest. Freddy leapt onto a rock near the water's edge, scanning for insects. Meanwhile, Sylvie found a cozy spot under a large leaf and settled in to watch. "Look, Sylvie!" Freddy called out, his voice filled with glee. "There are so many bugs here. It's like a feast!" Sylvie smiled, happy to see her friend enjoying himself.

As Freddy caught his fill, Sylvie admired the beauty of the pond and the serenity it brought. The two friends spent the day there, sharing stories and enjoying the crisp autumn air. As the sun began to set, casting a warm orange glow over the forest, Freddy turned to Sylvie with a thoughtful expression. "You know, Sylvie, soon it will be winter. We won't be able to have these adventures until spring." Sylvie nodded. "Yes, but we'll have our memories to keep us warm. And when spring comes, we'll have new adventures to look forward to." Freddy smiled, his heart warmed by Sylvie's words. "You're right. Until then, we'll find the coziest spots to rest and dream of all the fun we'll have." With that, Sylvie and Freddy made their way back to their favorite spots in the forest. Sylvie found a sheltered nook under a log, while Freddy burrowed into the soft mud at the edge of the pond.

As the first stars appeared in the night sky, Sylvie and Freddy settled down for the long, cold months ahead, comforted by the thought of their friendship and the promise of spring. And so, the curious snail and the cheerful frog drifted off to sleep, dreaming of the adventures that awaited them in the seasons to come.

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
Sally Peppitoni: 2024-2025

Photos from President Sally's Hawaii Trip (Summer, 2024)



Wawaloli Beach Park where I did some shelling.



A seahorse at the Seahorse Farm in Kona, Hawaii.



Exotic sea urchins on rocks at Wawaloli Beach Park.



Sea turtles resting on Punalu'u Black Sand Beach.

FUM (Florida United Malacologists)

Three SSC members participated in this year's FUM (4/13/24). They are circled below



SSC Members Present . . .

Duane Kauffmann, Past President, gave a presentation on “Trends in Species Frequency” at the April FUM meeting.



Ron Bopp, Editor, gave a presentation on Florida’s Fossil Shells to Mote Matine’s “Florida’s Naturalist Program” in the spring.



Both presenters also gave presentations at the 2024 COA International Convention in Melbourne, FL in June, 2024.



A Banded Slug, *Lehmannia valentiana* (Férussac, 1822) on the Editor’s driveway, early in a July morning. Pictured at actual size.

SSC Members at the 2024 COA Convention



.Donna C. bidding on a favorite shell.



Duane K. caught bidding on a silent auction item.



Duane K., Donna C. and Ron B. enjoying a light moment.



Dennis Sargent and wife at the welcome party dressed for the occasion.



A Snail appears on a TV AD

An advertisement promoting a medicine for the treatment of an eye disease featured this snail on a woman's face. What the connection was is beyond the Editor's comprehension but at least the viewer was able to enjoy an image of a colorful snail.

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(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 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, 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

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