

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

December, 2024 Edition

President's message...December, 2024

Happy Holidays to all our members!

Thanksgiving is over and I hope everyone didn't get so stuffed on turkey that you can't shell...that would be just terrible!

The holidays are now in full swing and much is planned. The regular December meeting will be a social with a gift swap. If you are interested in joining us, please call or text Karin Ehlers at 90-41-320-5613 and let her know. You will need to bring a nice wrapped gift (\$10-\$15 value) and a treat (either appetizer or dessert) to share and bring a drink (but no alcohol since we'll be at the church).

Our first Carefree Learner trip of the season is coming up on Tuesday, December 17th, as well as the trip to Kice on the 15th. Don't forget the popular Keewaydin Island trip on January 29th. There is plenty of room on the Carefree Learner trip if you're still interested, just please let me know. I'm not sure if the Kice trip is full or not, but feel free to ask Gary Martinez at 1-310-347-8942. There is nothing like being out on the water on a mild winter morning with the sun coming up and the fresh breeze in your face!

We are working on the upcoming shell show diligently. The deadline for artistic entries is December 19th. Scientific is now full. We are going to have a great show this year with all the great dealers lined up.

Our snowbird members are returning and we should have a full room come the January meeting.

We are all busy, busy but I want to remind everyone to be kind, be helpful and let's have fun this holiday season but don't forget to be safe.

Jingle shells, jingle shells, jingle all the way...oh, what fun it is to pick up jingles every day!

Sally Peppitoni
President



November's Speaker



Dr. José Leal, Science Director and Curator of the Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum (Sanibel), presented an interesting discussion on the progress of the restoration of the museum's great shell hall following the devastation due to the recent hurricane. Afterwards he answered several questions from members.

Shell Education

This month's educational opportunity was presented by Cathy Desrochers on the *Chicoreus florifer*, also known as the Flowery Lace Murex. This shell, named in 1863, has a fusoid shape and leafy spines. Cathy did an outstanding job sharing the knowledge she acquired on this gorgeous shell.



Officers & Board Members

President Sally Peppitoni
Vice-President Karen Huether
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 & Guelda Wooldridge
<i>The Beauii</i>	Ron Bopp
Field Trips	Gary Martinez
Librarian	Debbie McDermott
Membership	Lisa Kinney
Shell Show	Ron Bopp
Sunshine	Debbie McDermott
Webmaster	Amy Bentley

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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

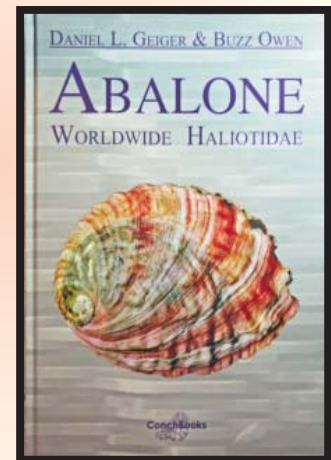
Our Sarasota Shell Club library is located at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church in Sarasota. A list of our books is on our website www.sarasotashellclub.com. For more info on some of our books, go to www.mdmshellbooks.com

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



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.

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.

Dec 12, 2024 **Membership Gift Exchange:** bring wrapped gift and food item (see page 5)

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

Dec. 17, 2024 **Carefree Learner** (Tuesday)

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 9, 2025 **Missouri Key** (Saturday) 4:10 pm -0.23 low tide

Apr 10, 2020 Membership Meeting: **Dr. Ron Bopp** “Shells and their Stories”

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

Historian’s Report

50 Years Ago and 25 Years Ago

The Club archives have no minutes for December 1974 or December 1999. Apparently what did happen at the Christmas party was either (a) not worth recording, (b) not recorded due to neglect or incapacity of Club secretary, or (c) of such questionable character as to best be lost to history.

After 11 years as Club historian, I have indicated to President Peppitoni that I am signing off in this role. As no one has stepped forward to take on this responsibility, this column in the Beauii will now go silent.

But alas for those who might wish otherwise, my presence in the Beauii will not totally cease. Beginning in January, I hope to provide an informational column of malacological information on a topic that strikes my interest.



The Artisan's Holiday Tree Ornament Class



Social Gift-Exchange Meeting

Don't forget the Social meeting on Thursday Dec. 12 at 7 pm at the church in our normal meeting room. Please bring an appetizer/munchie/treat to share and a drink (no alcohol). Also, I've been asked to clarify to bring a NICE wrapped \$10-\$15 gift (not a joke gift) to the social for swapping.

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

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 Beauui. Please complete and mail it in to renew or sign up at our next meeting. 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

It was a Holly Jolly Luncheon!

The Venice Yacht Club venue was superb & the room beautifully decorated.



Sharon Radigan Debbie McDermott Karen Huether & Debbie Smith.
Thank you again Debbie for sponsoring us!

We welcomed new attendees this year



Bob & Evelyn Martinez next to Frankie & Jim Groover, Lisa Kinney.



Joanne Mainberger



Sharon Radigan (above left)

Mitch Gowland & John Hashim on left
Cheryl & John Jacobs on right

How wonderful to have Karen & Bruce Paulsen as well as Rae Potter back!



Cliff & Beverly Root



Karen Paulsen, Ray Potter & Bruce Paulsen

Although some of our dear members were absent this year, they were in our hearts and were not forgotten.

Note: all members present are found in this photographic essay except Jennifer Marlow who was there but escaped the photographer's lens.



Jim Grover Lisa Kinney Amy & Doug Bentley



Cindy Boyd, Pam Desruisseaux, Gary Martinez & Sharon



Donna Cassin & Donna Bartels



Frank Peppitoni, Allan Banko & Ron Bopp



Grilled Shrimps in orange sauce



Chicken Piccata



Barbara Evans Gwelda Wooldridge, Donna Cassin, Donna Bartels, Marilyn Parker & Rich Evans

Congratulations to the chef!
Everyone agreed that the food was delicious!



Mitch raised her paddle many times
Karen Banko amused by a very active bidding



Sally Peppitoni auctioneer and Kristin Ehlers showing the item around.

Thank you everyone who generously gave items for the auction and
thank you to all those who participated so lively in the bidding!
It was fun and the proceeds will go to fulfill your Sarasota Shell Club Mission which includes
contributing to scholarships.

Nancy M Cadieux

More Party photos will appear in the next issue of *The Beauii*

A big thanks to Nancy Cadieux for setting up this wonderful Holiday Party and working so diligently to submit the previous three-pages of the party in time for this issue of “The Beauii”



SSC Polo Shirts



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 ANNOUNCES MEMBER TRIP TO

KICE ISLAND

The early bird catches the worm in the 10,000 islands.

This trip leaves at the crack of dawn for the amazing -1.1 negative low tide at 7:09. Be at the marina by 6:00 am

- Florida Adventures leaves from the Goodland Marina at 750 Palm Point Dr., Goodland, FL.
- Once we know who has committed to the trip we will make recommendations for lodging in the area so car-pooling will be possible.
- Sturdy footwear is needed for walking on sharp broken shells.
- Insects may or may not be an issue, so bring some effective repellent.
- Bring snacks and extra water to avoid dehydration.
- Following the trip we can meet at The Crabby Lady or other local venue for brunch



Florida Adventures

- December 15, 2024
- Leave dock at Goodland as soon as daylight allows.
- **Four hour** trip to location based on conditions that day for the best shelling opportunities.
- The cost for this trip is **\$130 per person**. Make check payable to Sarasota Shell Club and mail it to Gary Martinez, 1061 Euclid Avenue, #102. Miami Beach, FL 33139. **Checks must be received by December 5. Tips are the responsibility of each participant.** This trip is very popular. Time is of the essence so please don't delay. **There will be no refunds unless the trip cancels.** Contact Gary Martinez at yonsider@msn.com or (310)347-8942 to sign up or if you have questions.



Kice Island Trip

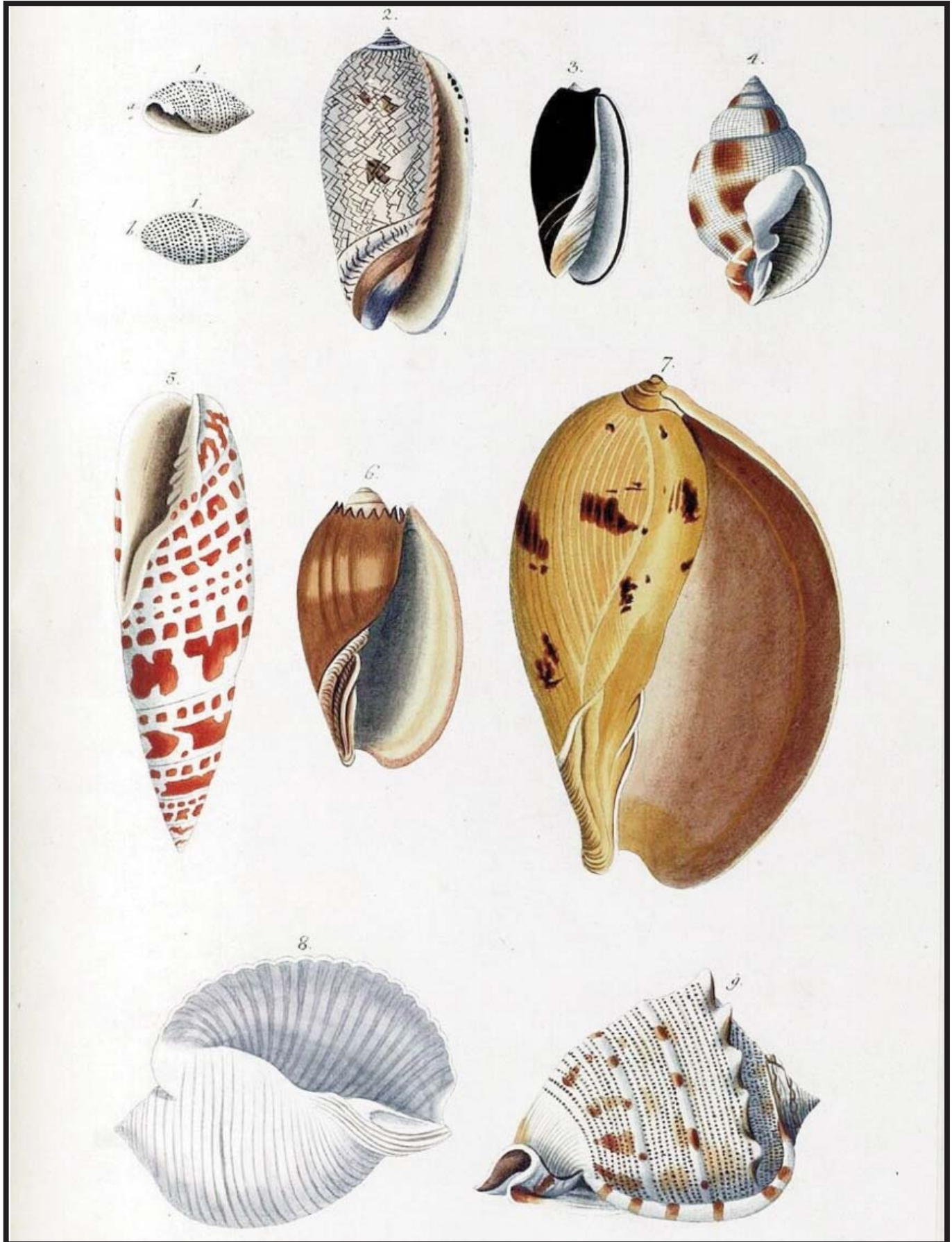


Part of Southwest Florida's 10,000 Islands

Kice Island is a premiere location for collecting iconic Gulf Coast species. Shells less common elsewhere, such as the Rose Murex, Scotch Bonnet and Wentletraps are often found there.



A Vintage Shell Print found on Pinterest



Frogs & Snails . . . #12

A Snail and a Frog at a Holiday Party

It was the evening of the annual Forest Friends Holiday Party, a grand celebration held at the meadow clearing. All the woodland creatures dressed in their festive best and brought goodies to share. Among them were two unlikely companions: **Simon the Snail** and **Felix the Frog**.

Simon was a thoughtful snail with a shell polished to a shimmering sheen, while Felix, ever the exuberant one, had donned a tiny bowtie and a sprig of holly tucked behind one ear. The two friends had arrived together, though at Simon's pace, it had taken them a bit longer to get there. Felix didn't mind; he had a knack for making a journey entertaining. He hopped in spirals, told jokes, and sang carols in his croaky voice, keeping Simon laughing all the way.

When they arrived, the meadow was buzzing with excitement. A towering fir tree adorned with fireflies blinked in the center, casting a warm glow over the gathering. Tables were laden with acorn pies, berry tarts, and jars of honey. "Let's grab some hot moss tea first," Felix said, steering Simon toward the refreshment table. Simon nodded. "I'll catch up," he said, inching along. Felix grinned. "You know what? I'll bring it to you. This party is about enjoying ourselves, not rushing."

As Felix hopped away, Simon watched the festivities. He loved the way the other animals mingled, exchanging gifts and laughter. But he couldn't help but feel a little out of place. His slow nature often meant he missed the action. "Mind if I join you?" asked Bella, a butterfly with iridescent wings. She fluttered down beside Simon, offering a plate of sugared leaves. "Not at all," Simon said, grateful for the company.

Soon, Felix returned, balancing two steaming mugs of tea on a lily pad. "One moss tea, as promised!" he announced with a flourish. The three of them sat together, sipping tea and watching a group of squirrels perform an acorn juggling act. Simon found himself laughing so hard his shell wobbled.

As the night wore on, Felix convinced Simon to join the dance circle. At first, Simon hesitated, worried he'd be too slow to keep up. But Felix encouraged him, hopping in a slow, exaggerated rhythm that matched Simon's pace. To their surprise, the other animals began to join in, adapting their moves to create a slow, swaying dance. It was a sight to behold—frogs, snails, mice, and even the occasional owl moving in perfect



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

61st Annual Shell Show News

Friday and Saturday, February 7th and 8th 2025

Dear members,

Raffle Table chairman in place: Thank you Daniel Hager for volunteering as chairman and thank you Linda Greiner for helping him with the bags!

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	No need
Entrance/Admission	Rick Evans	Beverly Root
Artisans	Debby Alexander Gelda Woolridge	No need
Raffle	Daniel Hager	Linda Greiner (assistant)
Membership	Lisa Kinney	Margo Heck
Scientific	Ron Bopp	Assistant: Linda Greiner
Artistic	Sally Peppitoni	
Club Table	Duane Kauffmann	Gordon Fushikoshi
Lunch Area	Debbie Smith	
Children Education Table	Debbie McDermott	
Security (Theft)	Amy Bently	

Volunteers sign-up: January monthly meeting OR Call/Text Nancy Cadieux 941-228-1758

ALL NEW MEMBERS are strongly encouraged to sign-up too. All that is needed to qualify is a big smile and the love of shells. Chairperson will teach you and support you!

SUMMARY OF EACH VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY

Tablecloths: one time only for a few hours. Cover each table (excluding vendor tables) with a tablecloth and secure with binder clips.

Loading the truck from the church: A few hours. Follow instructions from the Artisans and from Duane. Men are welcomed for heavier items.

Unloading the truck at the show and set-up: Often done by the same crew who loaded the truck and many more. Unloading items and bringing them to the designated table. The Chairman of each table will provide instructions.

Awards table set-up: assemble the award ribbons on sticks planted on a base. Instructions provided by Linda Greiner.

Lunch Area: assist Chairman with the kitchen set-up, distributing the sandwiches/snacks/drinks and keeping the list of who received a lunch.

Entrance/Admission: Extremely busy table. People's first impression of the Sarasota Shell Club. Must be a very personable individual to volunteer. Collect the money for the admission, give "People's Choice" ballots (2), a door prize ticket, and a little bag of shells to paid attendees. These volunteers maintain a log of admissions and of how visitors learned about the show.

Artisans table: Show the beautiful Artisans' creations, state the prices and wrap up the purchases. Chairman handles \$\$\$.

Children Education Table: games and exhibits readily available to interact with children. No shell show experience necessary. Very basic knowledge of shells is required (elementary school level).

Guard of the Artistic Exhibits: Answers questions about the exhibits & categories of ribbons, walks around the table or sits in a spot where he/she can watch the public looking at the exhibits and if needed to, quickly discouraging anyone from touching them as all are fragile. Visitors are frequently tempted to touch the exhibits...

Awards packing: one volunteer 1 volunteer collects & packs the sticks and the bases on Saturday afternoon after 3:45 P.M.

Club Table: answer questions, sell the shells that were donated to our club by private collectors & accept payment. Incredible finds are possible at discounted prices for the treasure hunters.

Membership: A perfect fit for a person who really loves our SSC. Answer questions about the club activities, membership fees, method of payment and provide brochure. Detailed written information will be provided to those volunteers.

Raffle table: Explain how the raffle works re: the drawing will be on Saturday at 4:00 P.M. and there is no need to be present to win. Sell tickets (detailed fees & instructions provided). Usually it is quite busy.

Volunteers at large: **super helpful if we are in a pinch.** Sign-up for the day and shift that you are available if you have no preference.

Thank You! It takes a Village!!!!

Needed

Just a few more members to help with the expenses of the awards. . . Please contact

Linda Greiner at 941-993-5161

or

luvseashells@gmail.com

**She will be happy to TALK
with you!**

Sarasota Shell Club General Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2024

The guest Presenter was Dr. Jose Leal from Bailey Matthews Shell Museum. Dr Leal is the former Science Director and Curator at the Museum. He is originally from Rio de Janeiro and is world-renowned for his shell knowledge. Dr Leal gave an in-depth on-screen tour of the New Great Hall of Shells being completed at the Museum.

The entire Museum sustained major damage from Hurricane Ian in 2022 and this evening's presentation centered on the renovations and updates to the Great Hall specifically. Dioramas showcasing Southwest Florida shells, micro mollusks, fossils, and Global Distribution of shells are just a few of the sections highlighted in the New Great Hall. The renovation is expected to be complete during the first quarter of 2025 and we are as excited as Dr Leal and his whole staff to be able to see the project complete and enjoy all the shared knowledge and displays in this wonderland of shells in Sanibel, right in our backyard here in SWFL.

Dr Leal was very generous to come and share the whole project plan with us in detail. It was fascinating to see how much has been completed and how much will be offered. Thank you Dr. Leal for making the trip to be with us, and for a wonderful presentation!

Secretary's Report: Debbie McDermott

The minutes were approved from the previous meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Allan Banko

SSC Primary Checking: \$9182.35

Money Market: \$8387.45

Long Term Savings: \$ 10,548.60

COA 2026 Savings: \$ 2043.23

Totals: \$28,974.82

Shell Show: Ron Bopp

All Scientific entry spots are filled. There are a few spots left for Artisan entries. This year the Shell Show has one more dealer and we are at full capacity on all fronts!

Nancy Cadieux had sheets out for volunteers to sign up for the Show in various duties. Dan Hager volunteered to take the position of Raffle Table Chairperson. Thank you, Dan!

Linda Greiner spoke about the opportunity to sponsor Awards for the show. About ten more sponsors are needed. Please contact Linda to sponsor an award in the amount of between \$25-\$50 per award.

Programs: Karen Huether

Karen is working on getting a better microphone for our presenters.

December 2024 there will be no formal meeting and consequently no speaker.

January's presenter is Dr Emily Lancaster.

March presenter is Dr Ashley Oliphant.

April is our last meeting of the season and presenter will be Ron Bopp.

Librarian: Debbie McDermott

Debbie reported that she was contacted by the Englewood Shell Club Librarian with an offer of 100+ back issues of *American Conchologist* that they would like to give to SSC.

Debbie will pick up the collection from the ESC library and transport and install it in the SSC library before the end of the year.

Membership: Lisa Kinney

Lisa reported that the Club has 163 members with many new people signing up! She asks that if you have not already done so, kindly make your membership current by paying your dues. Contact Lisa for more info if needed.

Field Trips: Gary Martinez

Sally made a note that the Beauii needs correction for the December Carefree Learner trip - the trip actually takes place on Dec 17.

Ron announced there is a new field trip added for Feb 15, 2025, a silent fossil auction at the home of Gary Schmeltz in Fort Myers. Please contact Ron to sign up or for further details on this event.

Gary reminded members who have signed up to go to Kice Island on December 15 to have their passage paid in full by December 5. The total is \$130pp.

Web Page: Amy Bentley

Amy says the site is looking good. Our next web update will be added after the 2025 Shell Show. The current issue of the Beauii is posted on the website.

Newsletter: Ron Bopp

Ron asks members to send him material The next Beauii needs any information you would like to share regarding shells and the club!

Education Opportunity:

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Next meeting Jet Davis will present another species of Murex.

Sunshine: Debbie McDermott

A sympathy card was sent on behalf of the Club to the family of new member Jeff Kelchner.

Thank you cards were sent to Denise LaPointe, Candy Nizoil, and the Family of Fran Schlusemann to thank them for the donations of shell collections.

Do you know someone in the Club who needs a Get Well / Thinking of You / Sympathy Card? Please contact Debbie with their name and address and the nature of your request.

Artisans: Debby Alexander

Artisans have four new members - wow!

The "make-and-take" ornament craft was well-attended with over 10 members participating! A beautiful snowflake ornament and a poinsettia ornament were the shell crafts offered and everyone had a great time.

Artisans have been working on the table centerpieces for the Holiday Party. Can't wait to see what everyone has created! These centerpieces will be auctioned off at the close of the event.

Holiday Party: Nancy Cadieux

The Holiday Party is December 3, 11 -3 at Venice Yacht Club. Thanks to SSC Member Debbie Smith for being our sponsor for this venue. An elevator is available on-site.

There is a cash bar, and please make your reservation with Nancy by November 25. Remember to bring your checkbook for the Silent Auction!

Sally asks for more donations for the Silent Auction, please.

End of Year Party: Guelda Wooldridge

The party will be held at Urfer Family Park (corner of Honoré and Bee Ridge) on March 2, 2025, from 1 to 4:30. Attendance is by reservation only and will be announced in January. The event will be a Potluck, and the club voted to subsidize hamburgers/ hot dogs/ buns. Donna Cassin offered to donate all the paper goods for this event. Thank you, Donna!

Other Business:

White Elephant/Dirty Santa Exchange:

We will have a social get-together for our December 12th meeting. Same time, same location as our regular meetings. Please bring an appetizer or dessert treat to share. Also, please bring your own drink but remember it cannot be alcoholic because of our location at the church. Also, please bring a pre-wrapped gift, \$10-\$15, to exchange during the Dirty Santa game. Please contact Karin Ehlers, at 941-320-5613, if you plan to attend.

Sally asked for volunteers for the Nominating Committee for the 2025-2026 Board. Three people are needed for this Committee. Please consider volunteering.

Broward County Shell Show is in Pompano Beach from January 25-26, 2025.

The opportunity is presented to donate gift cards in the amount of \$20 to the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church for their Christmas Hope event. Anyone may donate. Contact Karen Huether to do so.

Door prizes were awarded by raffle tickets.

Meeting Adjourned at approx 10:00 pm.

Thank you all for your attendance!

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(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 New Member

Amount paid \$ _____ Date _____

Check# _____ Cash _____

Card Badge ordered