



Sarasota Shell Club's 63rd Annual Shell & Marine Life Festival
February 5 - 6, 2027

Artistic Categories

1. **Shell Art (non-professional/commercial):** *All entries **MUST** be the original creation of the exhibitor and made primarily of shells, fish bones, scales or other sea life.* All components of an art piece that are made of shells but altered or combined to resemble flowers or animals must be the original work of the exhibitor. **Only one exhibit may be entered per category, with a maximum of six (6) categories.** Please make sure to give a name to your exhibit on your entry form.

Note: Exhibitor must provide a table top easel for ALL hanging items. Hanging items cannot exceed 30 inches high by 24 inches wide. There will be no pegboards to hang items.

- A. Multi-media: Pictures of shells and/or sea life that **do not use actual shells**. Paintings, collages, seascapes, artistic renderings, drawings, acrylics, oils, pencils, etc. Maximum size: 30" high x 24" wide. No kits allowed.
- B. Photography: (Open or glass enclosed) Shells and/or sea life. Maximum size: 30" high x 24" wide.
- C. Flower Arrangement: Shells and/or sea life.
- D. Miniature Flower Arrangement: Not to exceed 6" x 6" x 6". Shells and/or sea life.
- E. Single Flower: Sea life or shells on stem or no stem.
- F. Jewelry or Personal Accessory: Single or multiple piece(s) of jewelry/accessory in a covered case. Shells and/or sea life. Purses, hats, shoes, belts – wearable.
- G. Shell Frame or Mirror: Shells and/or sea life.
- H. Mosaics: Small shells attached to a background, box or other item to form a design. No kits allowed. Shells and/or sea life. Chests, birdhouses, etc.
- I. Single Sailor's Valentine:
 - I1: Traditional Single Sailor's Valentine: Design incorporating a compass rose and/or heart motif in a single octagonal box. No kits. Shells and/or sea life.
 - I2: Contemporary Single Sailor's Valentine: Design may incorporate modern themes and/or techniques in a single octagonal box. No kits allowed. Shells and/or sea life.
- J. Double Sailor's Valentine:
 - J1: Traditional Double Sailor's Valentine: Design incorporating a compass rose and/or heart motif with a motto in a double octagonal box. No kits. Shells and/or sea life.
 - J2: Contemporary Double Sailor's Valentine: Design may incorporate modern themes and/or techniques in a double octagonal box. No kits allowed. Shells and/or sea life.
- K. Novelties: Animals, caricatures, oddities, dolls, chess sets etc. made of shells and/or sea life. On single base or easel.
- L. Holiday Motif: Any holiday. Ornament, tree, wreath, etc. with holiday theme. Shells and/or sea life.
- M. Hanging Item: Any item such as a non-holiday wreath, a plaque, mask, etc., containing real shells, fish bones, scales or sea life. You must provide a table top easel for your entry. Maximum size: 30" high x 24" wide.
- N. Driftwood Base: Single piece of driftwood decorated with shells and/or sea life.
- O. Lamp, Vase or other flower container: Single item decorated with shells and/or sea life. No contents in vase or flower containers.
- P. Miscellaneous Item: Any item made with shell and/or sea life, displayed tabletop or on floor and not identified in Categories A-S above.
- Q. Artist Beginner: Any creation of an exhibitor over 18 years of age with less than two years experience and who has never entered the Sarasota Shell Show in the artistic category previously.

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- R. Junior/Student: (two groups: 10 and under, and 11 through 17 years old) must show age and grade but not name on exhibit. Any kind of shell art.
- S. Shell Club Field Trip: Creative arrangement of items collected on any Sarasota Shell Club Field Trip.

2. **Commercial/Professional:** A professional or commercial dealer is defined as someone engaged in an ongoing enterprise to sell shell related art, or who have promoted their products in the media or on the internet commercially within the 12 months prior to this show. All items entered must be the work of the commercial/professional exhibitor. **Only one exhibit may be entered in each category, with a maximum of six (6) categories.** Please make sure to give a name to your exhibit on your entry form.

Note: After judging is completed, if the exhibitor wishes, exhibitors will be allowed to place a small card with his/her exhibit indicating that it is "For Sale, please inquire" along with the exhibitor's phone number.

Note: Exhibitor must provide a table top easel for ALL hanging items. Hanging items cannot exceed 30 inches high by 24 inches wide. There will be no pegboards to hang items.

- A-C. Multi-media: Pictures of shells and/or sea life that **do not use actual shells**. Paintings, collages, seascapes, artistic renderings, drawings, acrylics, oils, pencils, etc. Maximum size: 30" high x 24" wide. No kits allowed.
- B-C Photography: (Open or glass enclosed) Shells and/or sea life. Maximum size: 30" high x 24" wide.
- C-C. Flower Arrangement: Shells and/or sea life.
- D-C. Jewelry or Personal Accessory: Single or multiple piece(s) of jewelry/accessory in a covered case. Shells and/or sea life. Purses, hats, shoes, belts – wearable.
- E-C. Shell Frame or Mirror: Shells and/or sea life.
- F-C. Single Sailor's Valentine:
 - F-C1: Traditional Single Sailor's Valentine: Design incorporating a compass rose and/or heart motif in a single octagonal box. No kits. Shells and/or sea life.
 - F-C2: Contemporary Single Sailor's Valentine: Design may incorporate modern themes and/or techniques in a single octagonal box. No kits allowed. Shells and/or sea life.
- G-C. Double Sailor's Valentine:
 - G-C1: Traditional Double Sailor's Valentine: Design incorporating a compass rose and/or heart motif with a motto in a double octagonal box. No kits. Shells and/or sea life.
 - G-C2: Contemporary Double Sailor's Valentine: Design may incorporate modern themes and/or techniques in a double octagonal box. No kits allowed. Shells and/or sea life.
- H-C. Novelties: Animals, caricatures, oddities, etc. made of shells and/or sea life. On single base or easel.
- I-C. Holiday Motif: Any holiday. Ornament, tree, wreath, etc. with holiday theme. Shells and/or sea life.
- J-C. Hanging Item: Any item not identified in Categories A-C through I-C above containing real shells, fish bones, scales or sea life. You must provide a table top easel for your entry. Maximum size: 30" high x 24" wide.
- K-C. Lamp, Vase or other flower container: Single item decorated with shells and/or sea life. No contents in vase or flower containers.
- L-C. Miscellaneous Table Item: Any item made with shell and/or sea life, displayed tabletop only and not identified in Categories A-C through K-C above. Carvings, ceramics, glass, etc.

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M-C. Driftwood Base: Single piece of driftwood decorated with shells and/or sea life.

- 3. Snail Parade:** Any snail figurine of any material (except a natural shell). Limited to one entry per category. Groups of snails should be placed on something to keep them together. Please make sure to give a name to your exhibit on your entry form.
- A. Most Beautiful.
 - B. Most Unique.
 - C. Most Useful.

Exhibits should be checked in between 9 a.m. and 1:00 pm on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2027.

All exhibitors must be off the auditorium floor by 1:00 pm on Thursday, Feb. 4, as judging will begin at this time. Exhibits that are not completely set up by 1:00 pm will not be judged.

The Shell Show will be open to the public Friday, Feb. 5 and Saturday, Feb. 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.