



Sarasota Shell Club 63rd Annual Shell & Marine Life Festival

February 5 - 6, 2027

Dear Exhibitor,

The Sarasota Shell Club invites you to exhibit at our 63rd Annual Shell & Marine Life Festival February 5-6, 2027. The show location is in the Robarts Arena building, 3000 Ringling Blvd, right off Fruitville Road in Sarasota.

We have made changes to the rules, categories, and awards, so PLEASE READ THIS PACKET CAREFULLY to be sure you place your exhibit in the proper category. **The Artistic Chair or Scientific Chair, in consultation with the Festival Chair, reserves the right to place exhibits in their proper categories.** Exhibit space is limited, so we encourage you to submit your entry forms as early as possible.

Available on our website are the **2027 Festival Rules, list of awards, categories, and exhibit entry forms.** We hope you will participate in our show and we look forward to receiving your entry form. As you plan the space needed for your exhibit, *please remember to account for any spacing between your cases and any extra space needed for an easel, frame, or anything else that might sit next to your exhibit.* **Measure your exhibit carefully and document your requirements accurately.** Once our layout is made, it is difficult to change it the day of the show set up.

Entry forms must be received by December 14, 2026. Email entries will be accepted and should be sent to:

- Artistic entries: Sally Peppitoni at shellmaniac8@gmail.com,
- Scientific entries: Ron Bopp at rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com
- Snail mail addresses are on the entry forms.

All email entries will be acknowledged within 10 days. Any snail mail entries will receive an acknowledgement within two weeks. If you have not received an acknowledgement within this time, please follow up with the contact person at the bottom of the entry form.

Please bring your exhibits to Robart's Arena building for check-in on Thursday, February 4 between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. You may park behind the building and bring your exhibits in one of two sets of double doors. Exhibits not in place and ready by 1 p.m. will NOT be accepted for judging. We recommend that you bring a cart to use.

SPECIAL NOTE: All exhibitors must be off the auditorium floor by 1 p.m. on Thursday, as this is when the judging will commence. Any exhibitor who approaches or speaks to a judge on Thursday during judging will be disqualified.

All exhibitors and Sarasota Shell Club members are encouraged to spend time at the show volunteering at various assignments as time permits. We take pride in being friendly to all exhibitors and hope you will consider joining us at the awards banquet on Friday night. Please note: the Sarasota Shell Club will not be providing food or drinks other than coffee and donuts. Food and drinks may be purchased on sight at the concession stand in the Robart's Arena building.

Information about the 2027 Shell & Marine Life Festival is available on our website: www.sarasotashellclub.com.

Regards,

Ron Bopp
Festival Chairman
Scientific Exhibits Chairman

Sally Peppitoni
Artistic Exhibits Chairman
Dealer Chairman