



# Sarasota Shell Club's 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Shell & Marine Life Festival

February 5 - 6, 2027

## Scientific Categories

1. **Florida/Caribbean**
  - a. Self-collected
  - b. Collected in any manner
2. **Sarasota Shell Club Field Trip:** Self-collected on any Sarasota Shell Club field trip.
3. **World Wide:**
  - a. Self-collected
  - b. Collected in any manner
4. **Regional Collection:**
  - a. Self-collected
  - b. Collected in any manner
5. **One Major Family:** Included Murex, Cone, Cypraea, Pectens, Volutes, and Strombus.
6. **Minor Family, Order or Class:** Includes groups not mentioned in Category #5.
7. **One Genus:** All exhibited specimens must be from the same genus.
8. **One Species:** All shells must be of one species to show growth, color or variation.
9. **Miniature Adult Specimens:** Adult specimens only. MUST BE LESS THAN 1 INCH in length or diameter and identified to at least genus. Living or fossil species.
10. **First Time Exhibitor:** Limited to one case and the exhibitor has never exhibited in the scientific category at any shell show. (the exception is the Sarasota Shell Club Field Trip, Category 2)
11. **Land and/or Freshwater Shells**
12. **Fossil Shells:** May be general, specialized or localized.
13. **Marine Life:** Non-molluscan (corals, crabs, sea stars, sand dollars, etc.)
14. **Educational:** The prime objective of these exhibits is to educate. Therefore, they must include more than just labels to qualify for this category.
15. **One Case:** Exhibits are limited to one case, contents are your choice.
16. **Single Shell: (choose one category)**
  - a. Self-collected
  - b. Collected in any manner
  - c. Single Fossil Shell
  - d. Marine Life
17. **Young Scientist:** Exhibitor is under 21 years of age at the time of the shell show. Include age and grade in the exhibit, **but not name. Entrants in this category will be eligible for the Robert and JoAnn Morrison Award.**
18. **Dealers:** Shell dealers may only enter in a self-collected or educational category. **Only self-collected dealer category is eligible for "shell of show".**
19. **Miscellaneous:** Any exhibit not covered by the preceding categories.

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

All exhibitors must be off the auditorium floor by 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 4, as judging will begin at this time.

Exhibits that are not completely set up by 1 p.m. will not be judged.

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