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September 2024

Celebrating
our
88th year!

St. Petersburg Shell Club, Inc.
Founded 1936
Web site: stpeteshellclub.org

Shell Club meetings are held on the first Friday of the month, except June, July, August, & December at the **Seminole Recreation Center, 9100 113th Street North, Seminole**. The doors open at 6:30p.m. and the meetings start at 7:00p.m. The public is always invited.



Mary Ellen Akers receiving the Conchologists of America Neptunea Award from John Jacobs at the Melbourne convention

THE SHELL COLLECTOR'S CODE OF ETHICS

I realize that molluscs are part of our precious national wildlife resources, therefore:

I WILL make every effort to protect and preserve them not only for my own future enjoyment, but for the benefit of generations to come.

I WILL always leave every shelling spot as undisturbed as possible.

I WILL take only those specimens needed for my collection and for exchange at the time... Shells in a box cannot reproduce while I am waiting for a place to send them.

I WILL leave behind the damaged and the young specimens so that they may live and multiply.

I WILL **NOT** collect live egg cases unless they are to be used for study, and then, only in small quantities.

I WILL **NEVER** "clean out a colony" of shells.

I WILL practice and promote these conservation rules in every way possible.



A MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT

Happy Autumn, everyone.

For starters, we had a wonderful time at the COA convention in Melbourne, FL this past June. The presentations were informative, the food was great, and the shells were fabulous. We're very much looking forward to the 2025 convention in Corpus Christi, Texas. (See page 3). I hope y'all can join us there. It was especially enjoyable seeing one of our own, Mary Ellen Akers, being awarded the Neptunea Award for all she has done for the COA and shelling. Congratulations, Mary Ellen!

Shell Shows and related events are listed on page 3. For Florida, we have the Gulf Coast Shell Show in Panama City coming up in November. This is a great show and I highly recommend attending it. For the fossil-minded of us there is the Florida Fossil Hunters Fossil Fair in Sanford taking place in October. We start off running in January with many great shows beginning with the Astronaut Trail Shell Show.

The end of an era has arrived with the closing of The Shell Store. As of Aug 21st, the store, owned by Bob & Betty Lipe, and taken over by their son, Ken, closed its door for the last time. Ken is focused on creating bases and frames for shell art such as sailors' valentines.

Your club is looking for a few volunteers. Recording Secretary, Refreshments, Field Trips and Picnic Chair need some good people to take on these positions. Contact me if you are interested.

Lastly, I would like to bring to your attention that in two years, 2026, we will be celebrating our 90th year. I'm looking for ideas on how to celebrate then.

I wish every one of you a safe and happy Labor Day, Discoverers' Day and Halloween.

John

Forecast Minus Tides

October

18 Fri 7:53AM -0.2
19 Sat 8:44AM -0.3
20 Sun 9:38AM -0.3
21 Mon 10:38AM -0.2

November

3 Sun 7:32AM -0.2
4 Mon 8:15AM -0.2
14 Thu 5:14AM -0.3
15 Fri 6:03AM -0.4
16 Sat 6:51AM -0.6
17 Sun 7:41AM -0.6
18 Mon 8:32AM -0.5
19 Tue 9:27AM -0.3
20 Wed 10:23AM -0.2
29 Fri 5:37AM -0.3
30 Sat 6:13AM -0.3

December

1 Sun 6:50AM -0.4
2 Mon 7:31AM -0.4
3 Tue 8:14AM -0.4
4 Wed 9:02AM -0.4
5 Thu 9:53AM -0.3
6 Fri 10:44AM -0.3
7 Sat 11:35AM -0.2
12 Thu 4:22AM -0.4
13 Fri 5:14AM -0.6
14 Sat 6:04AM -0.8
15 Sun 6:52AM -0.8
16 Mon 7:39AM -0.8
17 Tue 8:24AM -0.6
18 Wed 9:06AM -0.5
19 Thu 9:47AM -0.3
20 Fri 10:26AM -0.2
26 Thu 3:57AM -0.3
27 Fri 4:43AM -0.4
28 Sat 5:26AM -0.5
29 Sun 6:07AM -0.6
30 Mon 6:48AM -0.7
31 Tue 7:28AM -0.7

Tides are for Pass-a-Grille. Other specific locations may be up to 2 hours later or earlier. Listings from saltwatertides.com.



Club Officers and Committees

President John Jacobs; Vice President Robert Gould; Recording Secretary open; Treasurer Kathy Hofstad; Newsletter Editor John Jacobs; Directors at Large: Carolyn Petrikin, Jane McKinney, Otis Taylor; COA Representative John Jacobs; Refreshments open; Photographer John Jacobs; Field Trips Entire Board; Corresponding Secretary open, Shell Show Chair Jerry Puigdomenech; Annual Picnic the Board; Raffle/Door Prizes Cheryl Jacobs; Facebook Cheryl Jacobs; Webmaster Cheryl Jacobs.

*Upcoming Club Meetings
6:30PM Meet and Greet, 7PM Meeting*

Sep 3: Suncoast Conchologists meeting 7PM
Sep 6: St. Pete meeting 7PM **John Jacobs will present a short program on the Conchologists of America convention;** Shoebox display: Summer finds (newly acquired shells)
Oct 1: Suncoast Conchologists meeting 7PM
Oct 4: St. Pete meeting 7PM
 Shoebox display: Halloween colors and **spooky** shells
Nov 1: St. Pete meeting 7PM
Nov 5: Suncoast meeting 7PM
Dec 6: Holiday Party 5-8PM Seminole Recreation Center

Happy Birthday Toasts

Birthday Shells per R. Tucker



September

2 – Otis Taylor
 10 – Linda Taylor
 11 - Sharlene Totten
 20—Robert Marchiselli
 27—Tiffany Schofield

October

11 – Barbara Fite
 19 – Doug Thompson
 21 – Earl Petrikin

September—Heliotrope Star Shell
(Astraliu heliotropium)

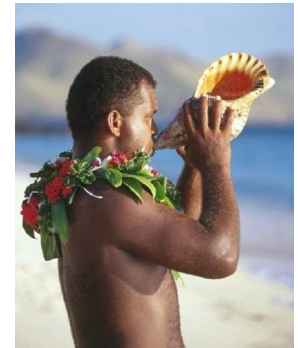
October—Superb gaza
(Gaza superba)



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UPCOMING SHELL SHOWS & RELATED EVENTS

Oct 18-19: Texas Shell Show/Jamboree
 Lake Jackson, TX
Oct 19-20: Florida Fossil Hunters Fossil Fair
 Sanford Civic Center, 401 E. Seminole Blvd, Sanford, FL
Nov 8-10: Gulf Coast Shell Show,
 Panama City, FL
Nov 23-24: Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Bead & Fossil Show
 South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East, 9067 Southern Blvd., West Palm Beach, FL
Dec 6-8: Withlacoochee Rockhounds Gem, Mineral, Fossil, & Jewelry Show
 Veterans Memorial Park, 14333 Hicks Rd., Hudson, FL
Jan 18-19: ATSC Shell Festival
 Eau Gallie Civic Center, 1551 Highland Avenue, Eau Gallie, FL
Jan 25-26: Broward Shell Show
 E. Pat Larkins Community Center, 520 NW 3rd St., Pompano Beach, FL
Feb 7-8: Sarasota Shell Show
Feb 21-22: St. Petersburg Shell Show
 Seminole Recreation Center, 9100 113th St., Seminole, FL
Mar 6-8: Sanibel Shell Show
 Marriott Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa
 17260 Harbour Point Drive, Ft. Myers, FL
March 14-15: Marco Island Shell Club Spring Expo & Sale
 New Life Community Church, 489 W. Elkcam Circle, Marco Island, FL
March 15-16: Tampa Bay Fossil Club Fossil Fest
 Tampa State Fairgrounds
April: Florida United Malacologists (FUM) Meeting
July 7-12: COA Convention Corpus Christi, Texas



Show 'n Tell

Bring that special shell to the meeting and talk for a few minutes about it. What was it that appealed to you about that shell? Was it the color, the family, the location it came from?

Do you have a question on the identification of a shell? Whatever the reason, blow your horn, show it off.



Bailey-Matthews
National
Shell Museum
& Aquarium

The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum & Aquarium

The Living Gallery of Aquariums is now open at a reduced admission as of March 1st. This is great news! There is still a lot of work to be done before opening completely, but progress is being made. The gift shop is also open.

As of May 1, 2023, the museum was closed (after being open in a limited mode) to renovate the damage caused by Hurricane Ian which is now complete. Museum staff will also incorporate a number of upgrades to existing exhibits. So when the Museum reopens completely, things will be different from pre-hurricane status. I encourage you all to visit the Museum then. Also, by becoming a member, you will be supporting this wonderful institution. Additionally, donations can be made via the Museum's website at shellmuseum.org. At the top of the home page is a **Donate** button.

This isn't just a museum. Researchers here conduct vital research expanding our knowledge of molluscs, especially in the Florida, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean areas. If you have a specific interest and wish to examine the Museum's specimens, you only have to ask.

The Bailey-Matthews is a national treasure which deserves to continue its goal of educating and bringing awareness of these fascinating animals which have a lineage going back more than 500 million years. Let's keep the Museum going for generations to come.



Conchologists of America, Inc.

2025 Convention

When: July 7-12, 2025
Where: Corpus Christi, Texas

To attend the convention and participate in the presentations and silent auctions, **you must be registered**. Registration forms will soon be available on the COA web site conchologistsofamerica.org.

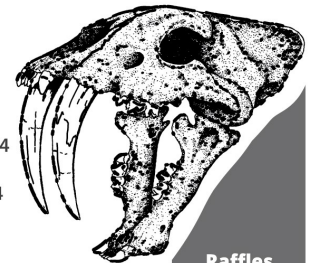
The convention consists of the Welcome Party, Presentations/Talks, Silent Auctions, the Banquet, an Oral Auction, and the Dealers Bourse. No registration is required to attend the Oral Auction and the Bourse. The Bourse can consist of up to 10,000 square feet of space with dealers from around the world displaying a huge variety of shells and shell-related items.



2024 FOSSIL FAIR

Thirty-Third Annual
Fossils, Rocks,
Gems & Minerals

Saturday, October 19, 2024
9:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday, October 20, 2024
10:00 - 4:00pm



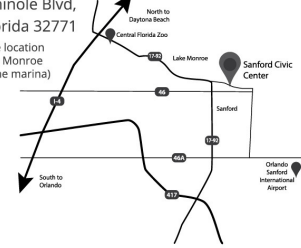
\$5.00 Adults | \$1.00 Children

LEARN to dig in Florida and see what can be discovered!

Sanford Civic Center

401 E. Seminole Blvd,
Sanford Florida 32771

A picturesque location
right off Lake Monroe
(across from the marina)



For more information
contact us at one of the following info@floridafossilhunters.com,
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Raffles

Vendors

Silent
Auctions

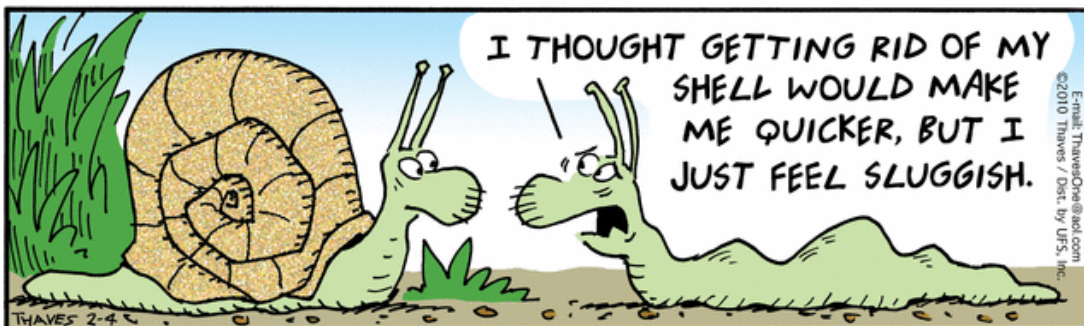
Children's
Activities

Educational
Displays

Airconditioned!
INDOORS!

Social distancing
& face masks
requirements
dependent on
current State of
Florida Phase
level policies.

Florida Fossil Hunters



Molluscan Highlight

John Jacobs

There are so many wonderful shells it is somewhat difficult to decide what to talk about. Newly named species are being described constantly adding to our knowledge and understanding of these fascinating animals. Several species have become state shells or state fossils. Here are the recent species.

#1: Our own Florida designated the Florida horse conch (*Triplofusus giganteus*) as our state shell in 1969. As the second largest gastropod species in the world, this was very fitting.

#2: North Carolina chose the Scotch bonnet (*Semicassis granulata*) in 1965.

#3: In 1974, both Mississippi and Virginia selected the oyster (*Crassostrea virginica*).

Four states in 1987 chose state shells:

#4: Georgia has the knobbed whelk (*Busycon carica*). #7: Massachusetts picked the New England Neptune (*Neptunea lyrata decemcostata*). #8: Rhode Island has the northern quahog (*Mercenaria mercenaria*). #9: Texas chose the lightning whelk (*Sinistrofulgar pulleyi*).

#5: In 1988, New York chose the bay scallop (*Argopecten irradians*).

#6: 1989 saw Oregon choose the Oregon triton (*Fusitriton oregonensis*).

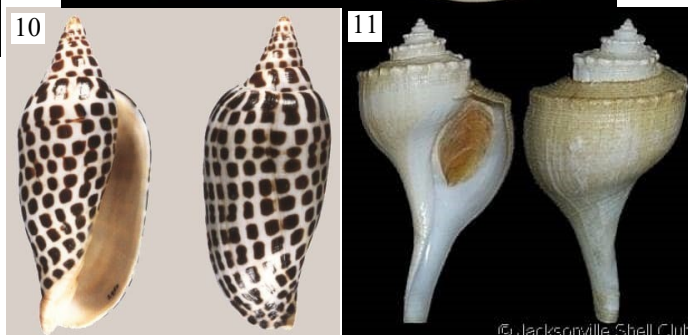
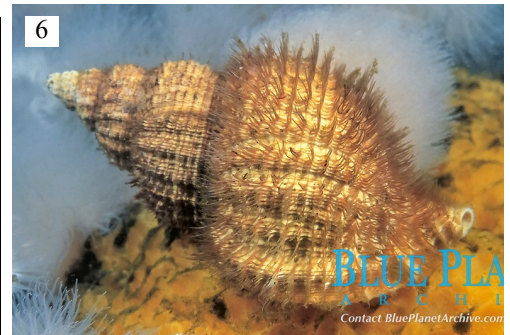
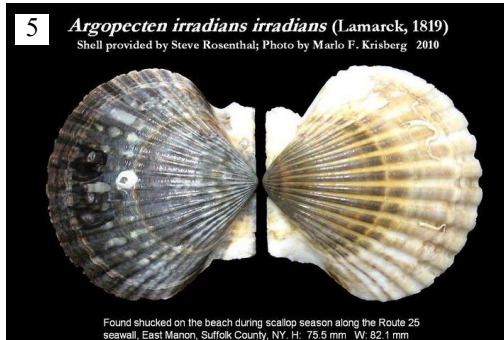
#10: 1990 had Alabama going with *Scaphella junonia johnstoneae*.

#4: In 1995, New Jersey chose the knobbed whelk (*Busycon carica*).

#11: The newest addition to the list is that of Delaware, who in 2014 chose the channeled whelk (*Busycotypus canaliculatus*).



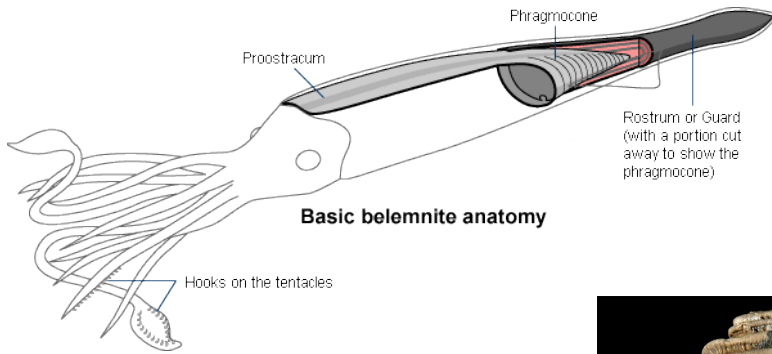
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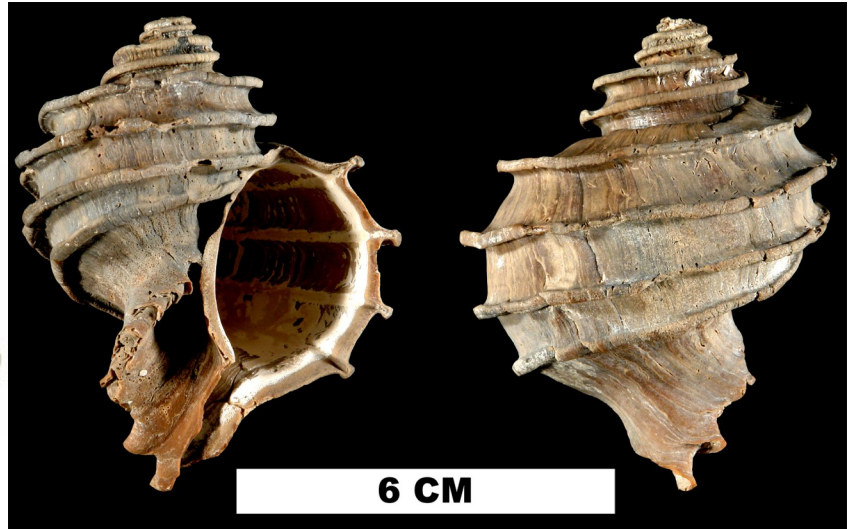
State Fossils: Molluscs

Continuing from above, here are the molluscan fossils which have been named state fossils.

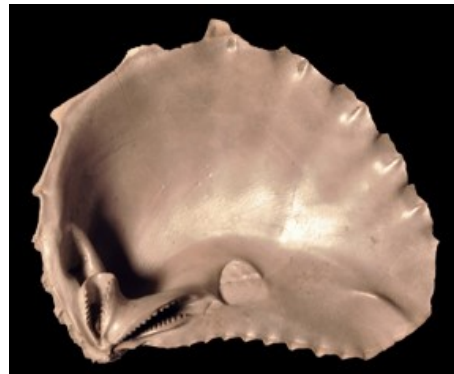
Delaware in 1996 chose the squid *Belemnitella americana*. The rostrum/guard of this animal is commonly found there.



Maryland chose the muricid *Ecphora gardnerae* in 1984. This is a Miocene species.



Tennessee has the bivalve *Pterotrigonia thoracica* adopted in 1998. Found exclusively in west Tennessee within the 70 million year old Coon Creek Formation.



Virginia chose the giant scallop *Chesapecten jeffersonianus* in 1993. This specimen is from the author's collection and measures ca. 170mm x 190mm.



Molluscs on Stamps

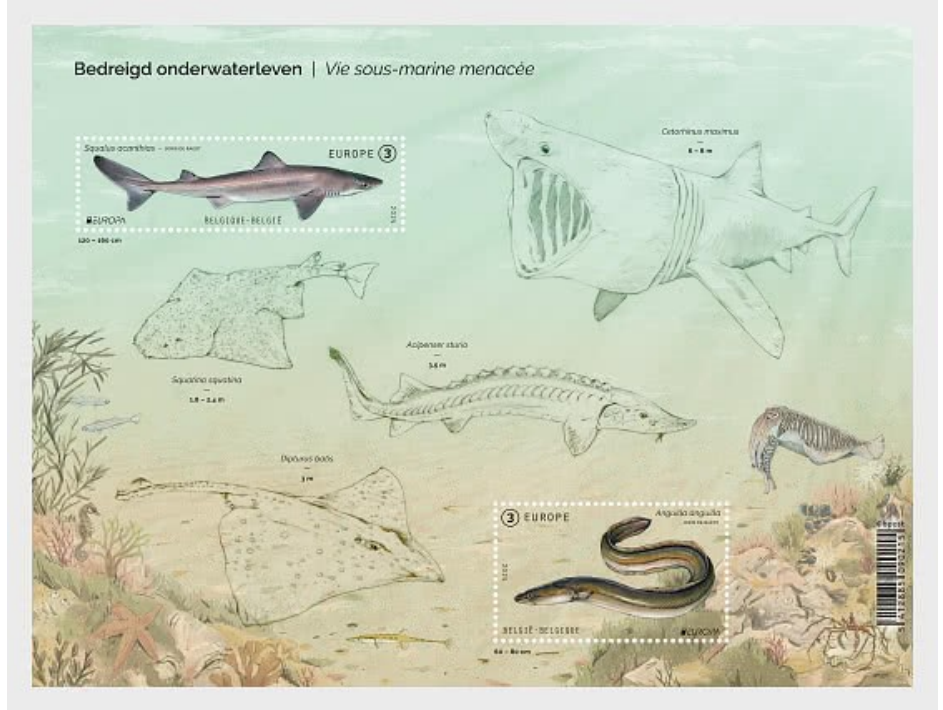
by John Jacobs

This year saw quite a number of stamps issued depicting molluscs. The annual EUROPA theme for 2024 was “Underwater Flora and Fauna”. Here are six of these.



Åland May 8
bivalve

Belgium April 2
Cuttlefish



Bosnia & Herzegovina
April 5
Pinna nobilis



Croatia May 9
Pinna nobilis



Faroe Islands May 27
Facelina bostoniensis



France May 13
Octopus

Have I renewed ?

Our club membership runs from January to December. If you are not sure if you have renewed, please call or email us.

Contact Cheryl & John Jacobs
stpeteshellclub@gmail.com
or 813-309-2608



“It’s never too early to renew.”

St. Petersburg Shell Club, Inc.
Founded 1936
Annual Dues: Individual \$15.00
Family \$20 (1 copy of TIDELINES per household)

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Return the application to the membership chairperson at the address below.

Please complete—Detach and Return

New Member: Individual _____ Family _____
Renewal: Individual _____ Family _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Apt# _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail: _____

Birthday: _____ Shell Interests: _____

If you use another address part of the year, please list where & when here:

Return to: Membership Chairperson
P. O. Box 3472
Seminole, FL 33775-3472

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