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March 2025

St. Petersburg Shell Club, Inc.

Founded 1936

Web site: stpeteshellclub.org

**Celebrating
our
89th year!**

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.



Congratulations to Mary Ellen Akers on being granted an Honorary Life Membership in the St. Petersburg Shell Club. She has been a member for 48 years and has done so much for the club and the shell community. Very much deserved. Thanks for all you do.

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

Hi all,

Well now, our 76th Shell Show was wonderful with outstanding exhibits both scientific and artistic. This was a joint show with Suncoast Conchologists and we had helpers from them, as well as, our club. Thank you to all who volunteered their time to fill the several positions that helped make this show a success. Next year, we will be celebrating our 90th anniversary as a club, and I'm looking for ideas to note this momentous occasion. One thought was to have a special commemorative pin made that we could sell, and I've already started looking into the potential production cost of this.

Just a reminder: There will not be a shell club meeting in March due to a scheduling conflict with a major event hosted by the recreation center. In other words, don't show up for the meeting in March. Also, our May meeting will be on the second Friday May 9th.

The largest shell show in Florida is the Sanibel show coming up on March 6th-8th. This is a fantastic show and worth going to for more than one day. Admission is \$8. The week after this is the Tampa Bay Fossil Club Fossil Fest Mar 15-16. This is the largest club-sponsored fossil show in the US. See info inside.

Our annual Picnic will be May 10th, joint with Suncoast Conchologists at Philippe Park Pavilion #8, 11AM. Food & Fun.

Wishing you all safe and happy shelling.

John

Please note that our May meeting will be on the **second Friday** of the month, May 9th. Mark your calendars.

Forecast Minus Tides

March

3 Mon 9:38PM -0.33
4 Tue 10:46PM -0.39
6 Thu 12:05AM -0.4
7 Fri 1:38AM -0.41
8 Sat 3:07AM -0.45
9 Sun 5:11AM -0.47
10 Mon 5:58AM -0.43
11 Tue 6:32AM -0.33
19 Wed 11:28PM -0.2
21 Fri 12:37AM -0.2
22 Sat 1:58AM -0.21
23 Sun 3:17AM -0.27
24 Mon 4:21AM -0.33
25 Tue 5:10AM -0.34
26 Wed 5:50AM -0.28
30 Sun 8:38PM -0.31
31 Mon 9:31PM -0.44

April

1 Tue 10:30PM -0.48
2 Wed 11:35PM -0.44
4 Fri 12:52AM -0.36
5 Sat 2:18AM -0.28
6 Sun 3:35AM -0.23
15 Tue 9:31PM -0.21
16 Wed 10:16PM -0.23
17 Thu 11:08PM -0.22
19 Sat 12:11AM -0.2
27 Sun 7:41PM -0.34
28 Mon 8:33PM -0.47
29 Tue 9:26PM -0.52
30 Wed 10:24PM -0.48

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



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

Mar 4: Suncoast meeting 7PM. Jerry Puigdomenech will present a talk on shell horns

Mar 7: St. Pete meeting **CANCELLED**

Apr 1: Suncoast meeting 7PM. Andrea Hutchinson on Utilitarian Uses of Shells in our Everyday Life: A large collection of mother of pearl, silver, and many more fascinating items.

Apr 4: St. Pete meeting 7PM

May 6: Suncoast meeting 7PM

May 9: St. Pete meeting 7PM

May 10: Annual Picnic

UPCOMING SHELL SHOWS & RELATED EVENTS

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. Elkcarn Circle, Marco Island, FL

March 15-16: Tampa Bay Fossil Club Fossil Fest

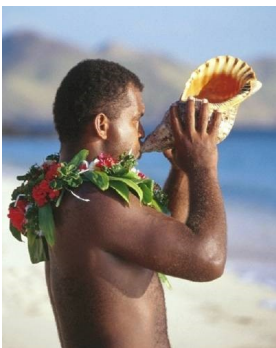
Tampa State Fairgrounds

May 2-4: North Carolina Shell Show

Crystal Coast Civic Center, 3505 Arendell St., Morehead City, NC

July 7-12: COA Convention Corpus Christi, Texas

Registration forms available on conchologistsofamerica.com



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.

Happy Birthday Toasts

Birthday Shells per R. Tucker Abbott



March

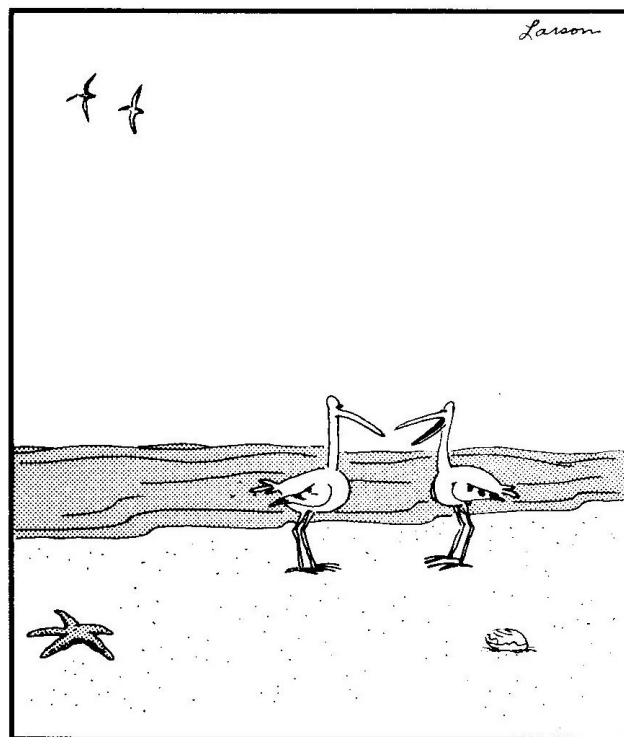
8—Betty Fearn
8—Phil Monnig
24—Lynn Rowlings

March—Lemon yellow pecten (*Aequipectin muscosus*)
Pic by Marlo Krisberg

April

9—Mildred Sides
17—Crystal Mazur
17—Grace Monnig
28—Leonard Dolney

April—Coquina shell (*Donax variabilis*)



"You're not fooling me, Ned. ... Taking a long walk on the beach sounds romantic, but I know you're just looking for crustaceans."



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. An abalone exhibit is on temporary display on the second floor along with the outstanding photographic art of Amy Tripp. The gift shop is also open.

The staff of the museum is working hard to design and construct the exhibits in the Great Hall. While an exact completion time can't be determined yet, the hope is that all will be done in a few months. Meanwhile, the live tanks present the opportunity to see living molluscs you normally might not get a chance to see in the wild. This includes the new giant Pacific octopus.

Several interesting Tide Talks are scheduled. Registration can be made via the museum's web site.

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 COA 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 are available on the COA web site **conchologistsfamerica.org**.

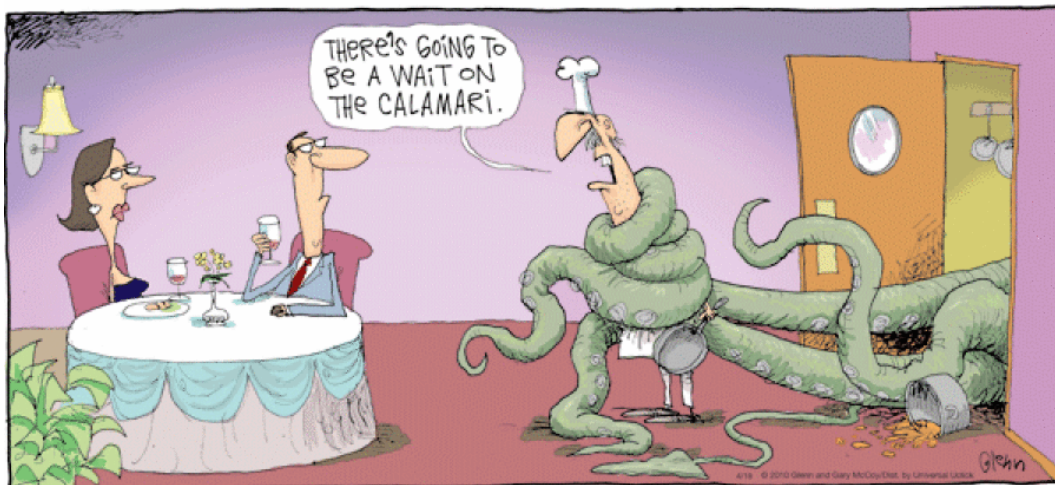
The convention consists of the Welcome Party, Presentations/Talks, Silent Auctions, the Banquet, an Oral Auction, and the Dealers Bourse.

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.



THE FLYING McCOYS

BY GARY & GLENN McCOY





MARCH 15 & 16, 2025

FOSSIL FEST

Tampa Bay Fossil Club

March 15 & 16, 2025
Sat: 9AM-5PM
Sun: 10AM-4PM

Florida State Fairgrounds
 4800 US HWY 301 Tampa, FL 33610

FOSSILS & ARTIFACTS

FOSSIL EXHIBITS - GEMS
 MINERALS - SHELLS - WORKSHOPS
 KIDS GAMES - FOSSIL MINE - RAFFLES
 DOOR PRIZES - SILENT AUCTIONS

FLORIDA'S LARGEST PREHISTORIC SHOW!

TICKETS
 AVAILABLE AT 0000
 \$9 ADULTS
 12 AND UNDER FREE!



PALEO WORKSHOPS

Learn about Florida's prehistoric past in a FossilFest workshop! Experienced collectors will teach you how to find, identify, and preserve fossil treasures of your very own! All workshops are FREE to FossilFest attendees!

Saturday & Sunday

DISCOVERING FLORIDA'S FOSSIL TREASURES WITH TBFC'S DR. BOB SINIBALDI PH.D. LEARN WHERE AND HOW TO FIND FOSSILS OF YOUR OWN, RIGHT HERE IN FLORIDA!

FLORIDA'S FOSSIL VERTEBRATES & THE FOSSIL HUNTING PERMIT WITH RACHEL NARDUCCI OF THE FLORIDA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY. IT'S CHEAP AND EASY! LEARN HOW TO GET YOUR FOSSIL PERMIT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE SCIENCE OF PALEONTOLOGY.

FOSSIL IDENTIFICATION: BRING YOUR FOSSILS TO BE IDENTIFIED BY EXPERTS IN THE FIELD.

FLORIDA FOSSIL HUNTING PERMIT: APPLICATIONS & RENEWALS, JUST \$9!

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From Shore to Show

SCIENTIFIC DIVISION

Expert displays and research on shell species.



ARTISTIC DIVISION

Transforming nature's treasures into creative masterpieces.



VENDORS

RAFFLES, SALES & MORE
 Shop, bid, win and explore!



FAMILY FUN

SCAVENGER HUNT, KIDS DIVISION & MORE
 So much to see, learn & explore.



THE 2025 SANIBEL SHELL SHOW

MARCH 6-8

MARRIOTT SANIBEL HARBOUR RESORT & SPA

THE SANIBEL-CAPTIVA SHELL CLUB AWARDS GRANTS FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THIS ANNUAL EVENT. GRANTS ARE GIVEN TOWARDS EDUCATION AND RESEARCH IN THE FIELD OF CONCHOLGY AND MALACOLGY AS WELL AS FOR CONSERVATION AND WATER QUALITY PROJECTS PRIMARILY IN SWFL.




We had a great 76th Shell Show in February with 18 scientific and 19 artistic exhibits. Major winners include Linda Brunner Florida Museum of Natural History Platinum Award "*Worldwide Worms*", Jim Brunner du Pont Award "*Unusual Florida Panhandle Shells*", Ron Bopp Conchologists of America Award "*Worldwide Fossil Strombidae*" and John Jacobs National Museum of Natural History Award "*Fossil Molluscs of Hawai'i*".

Here are some pics from the show.



Ron Bopp



Jim Brunner



Linda Brunner



John Jacobs



Teri Barnett, Loretta Barksdale at Admissions Table



Vicki Wall with Selma Lawson Award "Bula! From Fiji"



Caryl Renz with her "Picasso Mini Portraits"



Kathy Hofstad at club sales table



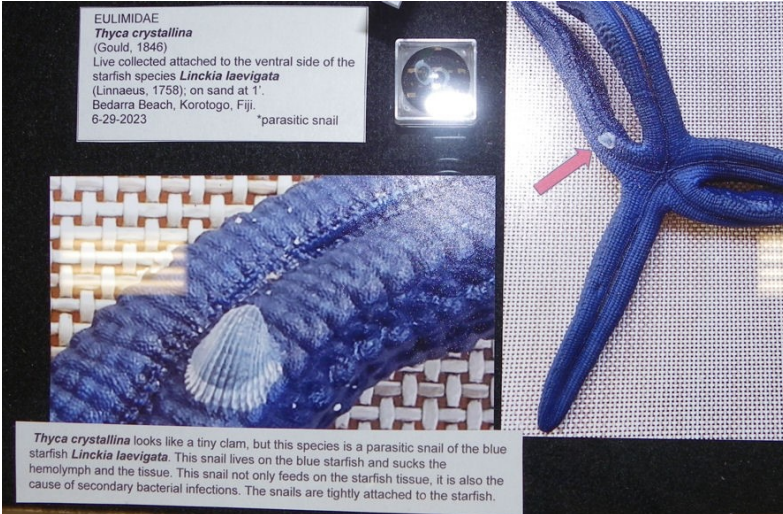
Calypso the Seahorse by Guelda Wooldridge (Judges Special and Peoples' Choice)



Shell of the Show: *Tenagodus ponderosus*
Linda Brunner



Otis & Linda Taylor manning the Raffle table



Shell of the Show Self-Collected: *Thyca crystallina*
Vicki Wall



Judges Steve Geiger, Mary Ellen Akers, Sharlene Totten, Duane Kauffmann

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)

Meetings are held on the 1st Friday of the month, except June, July and August, at the **Seminole Recreation Center, 9100 113th Street North, Seminole**. Meetings start at 7:00PM and include educational short programs, social times, opportunities to identify shells, and a main program on some aspect of the shell collecting hobby. The club publishes “**TIDELINES**” 5-6 times a year with a special edition at Shell Show time. The membership year begins Jan 1st and dues are delinquent after Mar 1st. Please make your check payable to the St. Petersburg Shell Club.

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: _____

“Tidelines” Newsletter: Email _____ Regular Mail _____

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

Membership \$ _____

Shell Show Awards and Ribbons Fund \$ _____

Total \$ _____

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