

# *Tidelines*

**March 2024**

**St. Petersburg Shell Club, Inc.**

Founded 1936

Web site: [stpeteshellclub.org](http://stpeteshellclub.org)

Celebrating  
our  
88th 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 5:30p.m. and the meetings start at 6:00p.m. The public is always invited.



This is the wonderful cake that Sharlene Totten ordered from Costco. She added home-made shell-shaped candies to the cake. Thank you, Sharlene!



The special 75th Shell Show trophy presented to a Florida shell. Ron Bopp was awarded this for his fossil *Macrostrombus mayacensis*

## 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

The first two months of 2024 started off in a frenzy with four shell shows, including our own. But the year isn't over yet. The Sanibel Shell Show is approaching fast, followed by the Tampa Bay Fossil Club's Fossil Fest. April has the Florida United Malacologists meeting on Sanibel. The first weekend in May will see the North Carolina Shell Show. And June will bring us to the Conchologists of America convention in Melbourne, Florida. It's a busy time of year for the shell community.

While we don't have all the monetary figures done for the show, I consider the show a success from the exhibitor and dealer participation viewpoint. Exhibits were nothing short of outstanding. We had our regular dealers consisting of Randy Allamand, Donald Dan and Sharlene Totten. Bev Dolezal joined us this year, as well. First timers saw Rich Goldberg and Janet Nedescu here. I thank them all for joining us this year and hope to see them next year.

The exhibits were wonderful and I thank our judges this year for their difficult decisions deciding who got what. Dr. José Leal of the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum & Aquarium, Kevan Sunderland and Linda Sunderland worked hard to fairly honor the exhibitors.

As a joint operation between our club and the Suncoast Conchologists, we had help from both clubs and I wish to thank all who made this show a wonderful event. I look forward to future partnerships.

Pictures of people and exhibits are included inside. Enjoy!

**John**

## Forecast Minus Tides

### March

1 Fri 11:04PM -0.2  
3 Sun 12:25AM -0.2  
4 Mon 1:55AM -0.3  
5 Tue 3:12AM -0.4  
6 Wed 4:13AM -0.5  
7 Thu 5:01AM -0.6  
8 Fri 5:42AM -0.6  
9 Sat 6:18AM -0.5  
10 Sun 7:49AM -0.3  
12 Tue 9:20PM -0.3  
13 Wed 10:17PM -0.3  
14 Thu 11:22PM -0.3  
16 Sat 12:38AM -0.3  
17 Sun 2:07AM -0.3  
18 Mon 3:31AM -0.3  
19 Tue 4:35AM -0.3  
20 Wed 5:23AM -0.3  
21 Thu 5:59AM -0.3  
27 Wed 9:06PM -0.2  
28 Thu 9:48PM -0.3  
29 Fri 10:39PM -0.3  
30 Sat 11:43PM -0.2

### April

1 Mon 1:04AM -0.2  
2 Tue 2:29AM -0.3  
3 Wed 3:41AM -0.3  
4 Thu 4:37AM -0.3  
5 Fri 5:22AM -0.3  
8 Mon 7:33PM -0.2  
9 Tue 8:22PM -0.3  
10 Wed 9:12PM -0.4  
11 Thu 10:06PM -0.4  
12 Fri 11:05PM -0.3  
14 Sun 12:15AM -0.3  
15 Mon 1:32AM -0.2  
24 Wed 8:17PM -0.3  
25 Thu 8:55PM -0.3  
26 Fri 9:40PM -0.3  
27 Sat 10:34PM -0.3  
28 Sun 11:38PM -0.3  
30 Tue 12:49AM -0.3

**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 Cheryl 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 open; 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 1 Dr. José Leal** of the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum and Aquarium via Zoom: "Cool Florida Shells"

**Mar 5** Suncoast Conchologists meeting 7pm

**Apr 2** Suncoast Conchologists meeting 7pm

**Apr 5**

**May 3**

**May 7** Suncoast Conchologists meeting 7pm

**UPCOMING SHELL SHOWS & RELATED EVENTS**

**Mar 8-9: Sanibel Shell Show**, Marriott Sanibel Harbour Resort, 17260 Harbour Pointe Drive, Ft. Myers, FL

**Mar 16-17: Tampa Bay Fossil Club Fossil Fest**, Tampa Fairgrounds, Tampa, FL

**Apr 13: Florida United Malacologists (FUM) meeting** Held at Sanibel Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, Florida

**May 3-5: North Carolina Shell Show**, Crystal Coast Civic Center, 3505 Arendell St., Morehead City, NC

**Jun 11-16: Conchologists of America Convention** Hilton Hotel, Melbourne, Florida

**Aug 24-25: West Coast Shell Show**

**Oct 18-19: Texas Shell Show/Jamboree**

**Nov 8-10: Gulf Coast Shell Show**

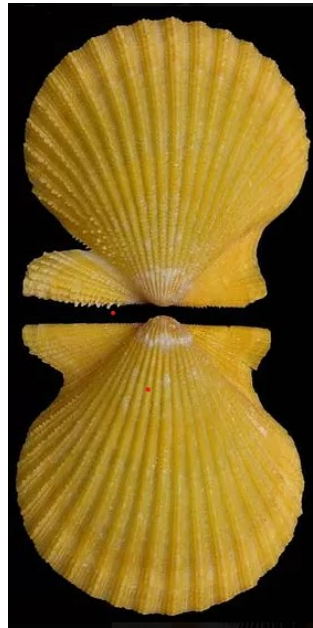
## Happy Birthdays

### Birthday Shells per R. Tucker Abbott

#### March

8—Betty Fearn  
8—Phil Monnig

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



#### April

9—Mildred Sides  
17—Crystal Mazur  
17—Grace Monnig

April—Coquina shell (*Donax variabilis*)



**Conchologists of America, inc.**

### 2024 Convention

When: June 12-16, 2024

Where: Hilton Hotel, Melbourne, Florida

To attend the convention and participate in the presentations, field trips, and silent auctions, you must be registered. Registration forms are 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 for dealers from around the world displaying a huge variety of shells and shell-related items.

### COA 2024 SHELL-OLYMPICS





## The 75th St. Petersburg Shell Show

Here are pictures from our recent show. Enjoy.



Judges Dr. José Leal, Linda & Kevan Sunderland



*Macrostrombus mayacensis* winner of our special 75th Shell Show award for a Florida shell collected by Ron Bopp



Kim Nealon, Dr. José Leal, Bill & Carol Lyons



Ron Bopp with the COA Award and the Florida Museum of Natural History Award for his "World-wide Terrestrial Mollusks"



John Jacobs with the John E. duPont Trophy from the Delaware Museum of Natural History for his "Fossil Mollusks of Hawai'i"



Doug Thompson with the National Museum of Natural History Award for his "Florida's Spectacular Spiny Oysters"





Dealer Rich & Meg Goldberg



Dealer Bev Dolezal



Dealer Mark Geiser, Donald Dan



Dealer Sharlene Totten



Dealer Randy Allamand



Dealer Janet & Rick Nedescu



Guelda Wooldridge:  
People's Choice Winner  
Reginald "Reggie" the Rooster







Shell of the Show Self-collected: purple *Spondylus americanus* exhibited by Doug Thompson



Shell of the Show: *Conus adamsonii* exhibited by Vicky Wall



Shells for sale



The first case in Ron Bopp's award-winning exhibit of land shells





"Fossil Molluscs of Hawai'i" first case by John Jacobs



"Florida's Spectacular Spiny Oysters" first case by Doug Thompson



"Fifi the Flamingo" by Guelda Wooldridge



"Shel-delier" by Cindy Boyd. Earl Clark Award



## The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum & Aquarium

The Living Gallery of Aquariums is now open 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.

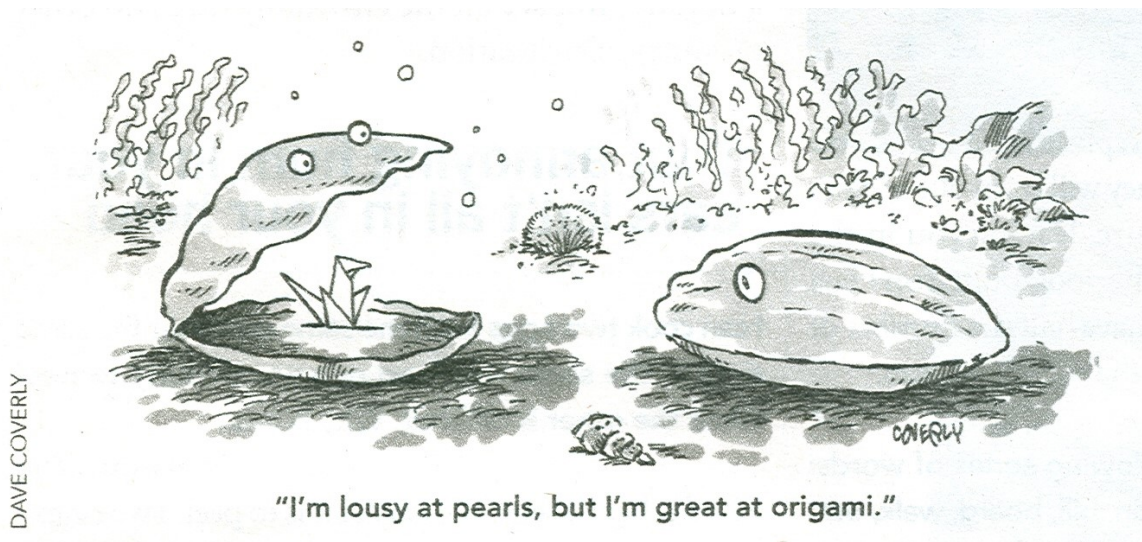
As of May 1st, the museum was closed to renovate the damage caused by Hurricane Ian. Museum staff will also incorporate a number of upgrades to existing exhibits. So when the Museum reopens completely, things will be different from pre-hurricane status. I encourage you all to visit the Museum then. Also, by becoming a member, you will be supporting this wonderful institution. Additionally, donations can be made via the Museum's website at [shellmuseum.org](http://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.

To me, 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.



*Aliger gigas* (Queen cinch) donated by Randy Allamand for the 2025 Shell Show Raffle





New Zealand a set of Marine Reserve stamps on February 7, 2024 depicting various marine life. Included was a \$2 stamp showing the clown nudibranch (*Ceratosoma amoenum*).

While the image shows a predominately yellow animal, this species is found in several color varieties.



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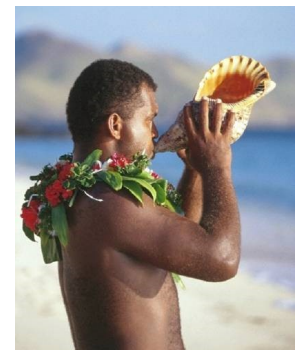
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### *Show 'n Tell*

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.

## 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.”

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**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

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