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November 2025

St. Petersburg Shell Club, Inc.

Founded 1936

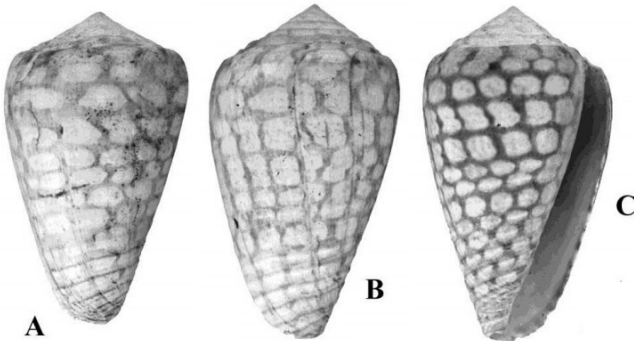
Web site: stpeteshellclub.org

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.



This is an abnormal *Conus yaquensis* Gabb, 1873 from Sarasota County. 37.93mm. The abnormal shape is most likely due to shell damage earlier on. The species is known from late Pliocene deposits in the Tamiami Formation. *Conus jonesorum* Petuch, 1994 is a synonym. Pics by John Jacobs



Normal specimen showing the brick-like pattern. (pic from zanziplast.it)

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 CLUTTERED DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT

Hi all,

The holiday season is upon us! Visits with family and friends, seasonal parties to celebrate our clubs, and hoping that one present holds a rare shell for our collection.

Time to get those letters off to Santa. And stockings hung by the fireplace filled with shells. Forget the candy.

With the new year, there are new shell shows starting up in January. See page 3 for the listings. As always, I encourage attendance to as many shows as you can. There is a tremendous amount of knowledge available at these events between the exhibits and the people attending.

Our Holiday Party is scheduled for Dec 5. This will be a pot luck affair. We'll have a shell-related gift exchange (under \$15), play some CROWN, and enjoy each other's company. Sign up at the next club meeting or email me at stpeteshellclub@gmail.com or johncheryl@earthlink.net.

Wishing you all safe and happy shelling.

John

Forecast Minus Tides

November

5 Wed 6:10AM -0.3
6 Thu 7:10AM -0.5
7 Fri 7:54AM -0.5
8 Sat 8:52AM -0.4
9 Sun 9:57AM -0.3
10 Mon 11:05AM -0.2
18 Tue 5:35AM -0.2
19 Wed 6:09AM -0.3
20 Thu 6:43AM -0.3
21 Fri 7:18AM -0.3
22 Sat 7:56AM -0.3
23 Sun 8:39AM -0.3
24 Mon 9:26AM -0.3
25 Tue 10:16AM -0.2

December

2 Tue 4:27AM -0.3
3 Wed 5:18AM -0.6
4 Thu 6:10AM -0.8
5 Fri 7:03AM -0.8
6 Sat 7:56AM -0.8
7 Sun 8:49AM -0.7
8 Mon 9:41AM -0.5
9 Tue 10:31AM -0.3
16 Tue 4:43AM -0.3
17 Wed 5:23AM -0.4
18 Thu 6:01AM -0.5
19 Fri 6:39AM -0.5
20 Sat 7:15AM -0.6
21 Sun 7:52AM -0.5
22 Mon 8:28AM -0.5
23 Tue 9:05AM -0.4
24 Wed 9:42AM -0.3
25 Thu 10:20AM -0.3
30 Tue 3:23AM -0.4
31 Wed 4:24AM -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: 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.



Shell Show
Chairperson

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

Nov 4: Suncoast Conchologists meeting 7PM.
Speaker: Ashley Oliphant

Nov 7: St. Pete meeting 7PM. Joyce Matthys
video: "Trails & Tales of Living Seashells".
Shoebox display: Shells for the holidays (actual
shells, ornaments, decorations, etc.)

Dec 5: St. Pete Holiday Party.

Jan 2: St. Pete meeting 7PM.

Jan 6: Suncoast Conchologists meeting 7PM.

Feb 3: Suncoast Conchologists meeting 7PM.

Feb 6: St. Pete meeting 7PM.

Mar 6: St. Pete meeting 7PM.

Apr 3: St. Pete meeting 7PM.

May 1: St. Pete meeting 7PM.

Happy Birthday Toasts

Birthday Shells per R. Tucker Abbott



November

4 – Rob Geater
7 – Isabel McKinney
9 – Carolyn Petrikin
13 – Marilyn Myers

November—Thorny oyster/
Chrysanthemum shell
(*Spondylus* any species such as *S.*
americanus)



December

12 – Robert Gould
29—Carol Lionakis

December—Abalone
(*Haliotis* any species)



UPCOMING SHELL SHOWS & RELATED EVENTS

Nov 1-2: 26th Gulf Coast Shell Show Lyndell Senior Center, Panama City Beach, FL

Jan 17-18: 45th Astronaut Trail Shell Club Space Coast Seashell Festival, Wickam Park
Community Center, 2815 Leisure Way, Melbourne, FL

Jan 24-25: 59th Broward Shell Show E. Pat Larkins Community Center, Pompano Beach, FL

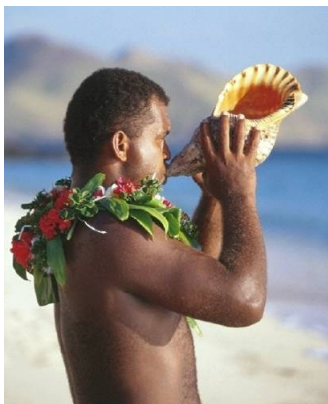
Feb 6-7: Sarasota Shell and Marine Life Festival, Sarasota Fairgrounds, FL

Feb 13-14: 77th St. Petersburg Shell Show Seminole Recreation Center, Seminole, FL

Mar 5-7: 89th Sanibel Shell Show & Festival, The Community House, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel,
FL

Mar 13-14: Marco Island

Apr 11: Florida United Malacologists meeting Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum & Aquarium.
Registration required. Free event.



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.



Final touches are being applied to bring the museum fully

open.

Several interesting Tide Talks, in-person and online, are being planned. Registration can be made via the museum's web site when the talks are scheduled. Past online talks are available

to see. Read Steve Geiger's article on these found on the next page.

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.

2026 COA Convention

When: June 7-13, 2025

Where: Bradenton, Florida

To 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 Field Trips, the Welcome Party, Presentations/Talks, Silent Auctions, the Banquet, an Oral Auction, and the Dealers Bourse/Marketplace. 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.

Donations of shells for the auctions can be sent to John & Cheryl Jacobs



Can't get enough programs?



Bailey-Matthews
National Shell Museum
& Aquarium

Did you know the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum hosts a summer virtual meeting series? Plenty of us have been to the museum and the aquarium, but they also host frequent on-line seminars about diverse topics. If you go to the website (<https://shellmuseum.org/>) search for the Learn and Experience tab.

Then find the Archive of Online Lectures.

<https://shellmuseum.org/learn-and-experience/lectures/>

There's a recent lecture by yours truly on oysters.

Other topics are incredibly diverse:

Carrier Shells (Gary Kidder)

Tiger Snails (Timothy Pearce)

Hawaiian land snails (Norine Yeung)

Seashells in Fashion (Jean M. Burks)

and many more including programs by José Leal and other staff of the museum.

If you want to hear the programs live, you need to register, a new link is provided each month.

Steve Geiger



GULF COAST SHELL CLUB'S 26TH

SHELL SHOW

SCIENTIFIC & ARTISTIC EXHIBITS
EXOTIC & RARE SHELLS
RAFFLES FOR SHELLS & SHELL DÉCOR
MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION
SHELLS FOR PURCHASE

NOVEMBER 1ST 9AM-5PM
NOVEMBER 2ND 10AM-5PM

LYNDELL CONFERENCE CENTER
423 LYNDELL LANE
PANAMA CITY BEACH, FL. 32407

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$5 - CHILDREN \$1

WWW.GULFCOASTSHELLCLUB.COM





THE 2025 COA CONVENTION AND WHY YOU SHOULD BECOME A COA MEMBER

Every year, Conchologists of America holds their annual convention. This year it was in Corpus Christi, TX. It was a smaller convention, with approximately 125 attendees, but the bourse (the shell sale) was well-attended by shell dealers, including six international vendors.

The convention offers a variety of activities. It begins with a Welcome Party, featuring a fun dinner with a themed costume contest.

Throughout the convention, there are silent auctions, book sales, and raffles. Each day includes lectures and presentations, which are my favorite part; always informative and educational. The oral auction is very popular with those who enjoy competitive bidding for a good cause; our academic grants.

The convention concludes with a banquet that provides a delightful dining experience where the prestigious Neptunea Awards are presented. In recent years, Dave Watts from Hawaii has shown a beautiful video showcasing diving in stunning locations such as Guam and the Marquesas Islands. It feels like you are diving alongside him and discovering those beautiful shells.

The highlight of the COA convention is reconnecting with friends year after year. The shared stories of shelling adventures are truly priceless. By the end of the convention, everyone expressed their feelings of melancholy, as if saying "summer camp" is over.

The 2026 convention will be held at the Marriott in Bradenton, FL from June 7-13. The theme is Pirates, which promises a lot of fun.

COA membership is only \$25/year which includes the quarterly journal, *American Conchologist*, a beautifully produced magazine filled with stunning photography and informative articles. In today's economy, the yearly membership is a fantastic value, and the board is working on ways to make joining and renewing easier for our members.

The location of the convention changes each year. From my experience attending, not only do you get to meet generous and interesting people from around the world, but you also have the opportunity to explore cities you may never have considered visiting. Join me in becoming a COA member and make a yearly sojourn to this fun-filled event.

New members: join now and receive the December 2025 journal as a bonus. The membership application can be found at our website, conchologistsofamerica.org. Please contact me at linda.powers1@gmail.com with any questions.

Warm wishes,

Linda Powers

Linda Powers
Membership Director



Presented by:
The St. Petersburg Shell Club

77th
Shell Show
For the Love of Seashells
Feb. 13th and Feb. 14th 2026
Friday, 10AM-5PM
Saturday, 9AM-3PM

Seminole Recreation Center
9100 113th St. North
Seminole, Florida
1 Mile North of Park Blvd.
Minimum Donation of \$5
for an Adult at the door
Children under 15 Free with Adult
Teachers with ID Free

Beautiful Exhibits
Door Prizes,
Raffle Items
Shells for Sale
Free Parking

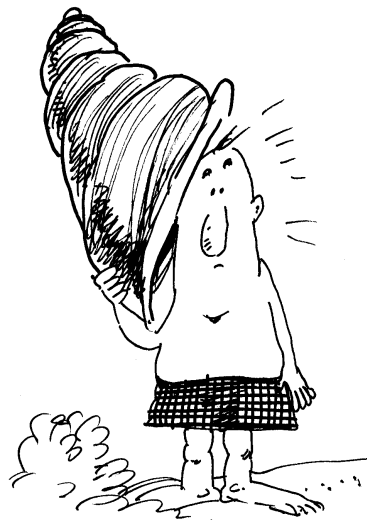
Website: stpeteshellclub.org
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Have I renewed ?

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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