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May 2020

St. Petersburg Shell Club, Inc.

Web site: stpeteshellclub.org

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



Emerson Point Preserve Field Trip

More about the fun we had is on page 4.



A MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT

Hi all,
The COVID-19 virus has caused numerous events to be canceled or postponed. We canceled the April meeting, and now, we must also cancel the May meeting. The decision to do so is not made lightly. My

foremost concern is for the health and well-being of our members and their friends and families.

There is much on the internet about molluscs that you can find. There are several facebook pages on various types of shells. The internet is a great resource for information and research that can assist you while you work on your collection. Our own facebook page allows you to post questions, comments and photos. If you just want to show off a favorite shell, please post a pic of it on the facebook page. We all love seeing pictures of shells.

On a humorous note, some items I had purchased at the Broward Shell Show in January were finally cataloged by me. They had been carefully wrapped in toilet paper to keep them protected. So my supply of this highly desirable item increased to a small extent.

In all seriousness, take care of yourselves. Follow the guidelines set forth to prevent the virus from spreading.

I expect to see you all on September 4th at the next club meeting.

Be safe, my friends.

John

Tides are for Mullet Key Channel (Skyway). 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 Tamara Hein; Newsletter Editor Cheryl Jacobs; Directors at Large: Carolyn Petrikin, Peggy Dill, Jane McKinney, Otis Taylor; COA Representative John Jacobs; Refreshments open; Photographer John Jacobs; Field Trips Entire Board; Corresponding Secretary Pat Linn, Shell Show Cheryl Jacobs; Annual Picnic the Board; Raffle/Door Prizes Cheryl Jacobs & Peggy Dill; Facebook Cheryl Jacobs; Webmaster Cheryl Jacobs.

Forecast Minus Tides

May

- 1 Fri 2:02AM -0.2
- 2 Sat 3:00AM -0.1
- 6 Wed 6:42PM -0.2
- 7 Thu 7:30PM -0.4
- 8 Fri 8:19PM -0.5
- 9 Sat 9:10PM -0.5
- 10 Sun 10:04PM -0.4
- 11 Mon 11:01PM -0.3
- 13 Wed 12:02AM -0.1
- 21 Thu 6:56PM -0.1
- 22 Fri 7:31PM -0.2
- 23 Sat 8:09PM -0.3
- 24 Sun 8:50PM -0.4
- 25 Mon 9:38PM -0.4
- 26 Tue 10:30PM -0.3
- 27 Wed 11:27PM -0.3
- 29 Fri 12:24AM -0.2

Jun

- 3 Wed 5:51PM -0.2
- 4 Thu 6:40PM -0.4
- 5 Fri 7:28PM -0.5
- 6 Sat 8:15PM -0.5
- 7 Sun 9:01PM -0.5
- 8 Mon 9:48PM -0.4
- 9 Tue 10:34PM -0.2
- 10 Wed 11:21PM -0.1
- 18 Thu 6:04PM -0.1
- 19 Fri 6:43PM -0.2
- 20 Sat 7:23PM -0.3
- 21 Sun 8:03PM -0.4
- 22 Mon 8:45PM -0.4
- 23 Tue 9:30PM -0.4
- 24 Wed 10:15PM -0.3
- 25 Thu 11:02PM -0.2

Jul

- 2 Thu 5:49PM -0.3
- 3 Fri 6:39PM -0.4
- 4 Sat 7:25PM -0.4
- 5 Sun 8:07PM -0.4
- 6 Mon 8:46PM -0.3
- 7 Tue 9:23PM -0.2
- 18 Sat 6:29PM -0.2
- 19 Sun 7:11PM -0.3
- 20 Mon 7:51PM -0.3
- 21 Tue 8:31PM -0.3
- 22 Wed 9:10PM -0.2
- 23 Thu 9:49PM -0.1
- 31 Fri 5:46PM -0.1

Aug

- 1 Sat 6:33PM -0.2
- 2 Sun 7:13PM -0.1
- 3 Mon 7:48PM -0.1
- 17 Mon 6:48PM -0.1
- 18 Tue 7:26PM -0.1

No more minus tides thru Sep

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

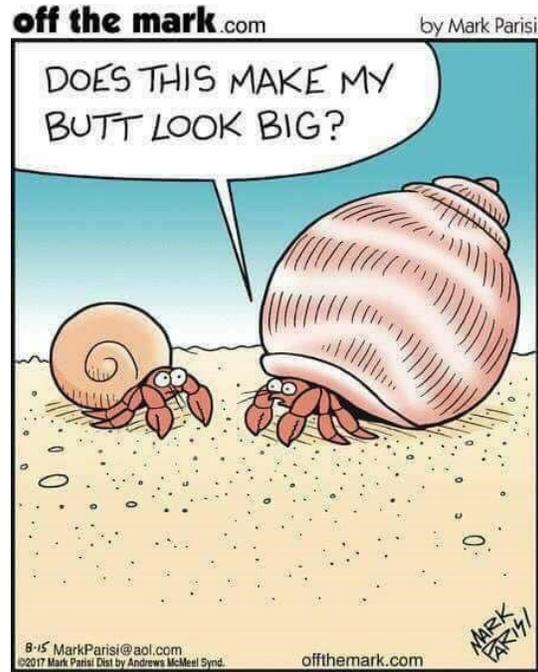
Due to the COVID-19 virus situation, meetings will cease until September 4th. Our primary concern is for the health and well-being of all our members both present and future.

Please take care of yourselves, and have a safe summer.

Due to current events this may be cancelled. Watch for an email.

UPCOMING SHELL SHOWS & RELATED EVENTS

There are no shell shows or events scheduled until October when the Texas Shell Show occurs.



CLUB PICNIC MAY 23, 2020!

WHEN: May 23 arrive around 11 so we can eat around Noon

WHERE: Philippi Park, Shelter #1 (2525 Philippi Parkway, Safety Harbor)

WHAT TO BRING: Club will furnish the fried chicken. You need to bring your own drinks along with a side dish to share. There will be plates, napkins, and utensils. Type of food: salads (lettuce, fruit, vegie), vegie plate, chips, desserts, cookies, brownies, cut up fruit, hot dishes (casseroles, beans), if you can keep it warm. So, put on your thinking caps and come up with something to bring.



We can play Crown, if it is not too windy. This is our shell version of Bingo.

There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting. You can also call Cheryl at 813-309-0295.

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.

Emerson Point Preserve: a field trip

Story and photos by John Jacobs

On March 9, 2020 a small group of intrepid shellers met at this location with a nice low tide taking place. Some of us were there during the sunrise, and had a nice beginning to the day. It was a little cool starting off but tolerable.

Almost immediately we began to find interesting things, and my cameras started their work. Various molluscs, sea stars, crustaceans (crabs and barnacles), and even some fossils were photographed by myself and others.





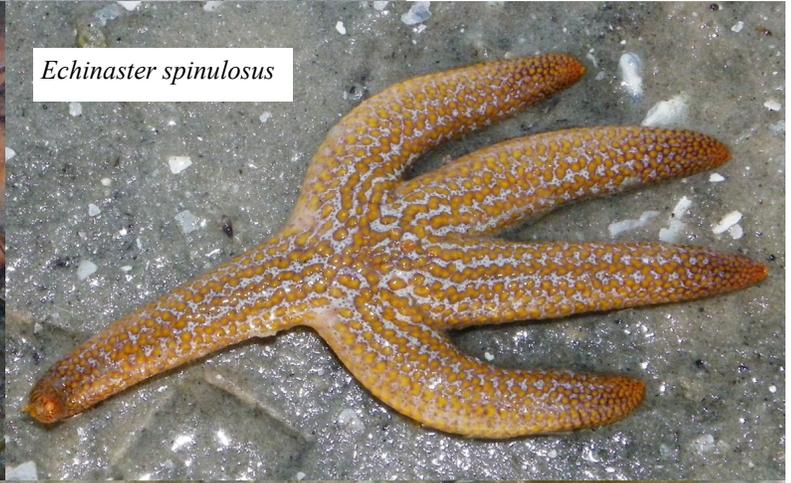
Fasciolaria lilium hunteria



Mercenaria siphons



Argopecten irradians



Echinaster spinulosus



Perna viridis
Invasive green mussel



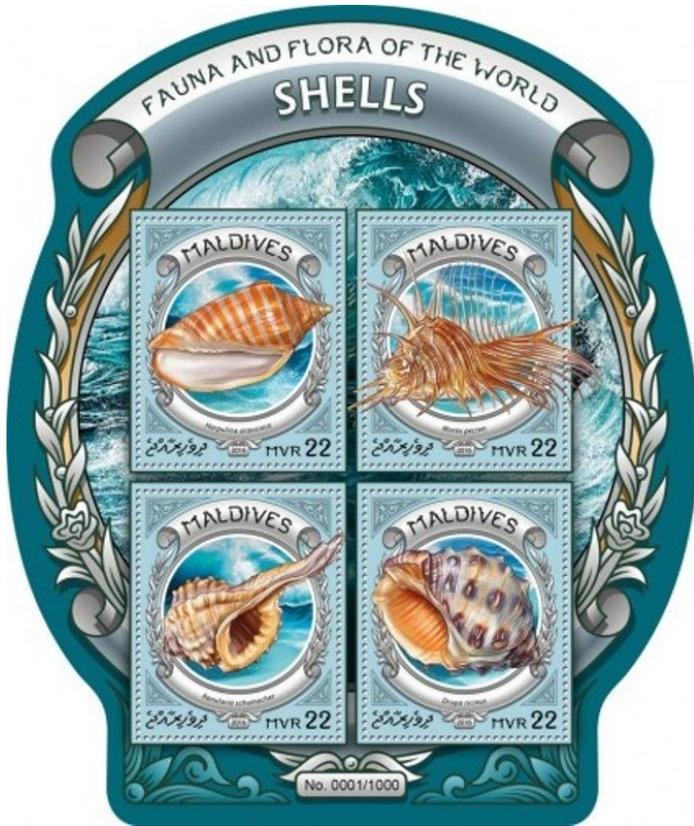
Aplysia brasiliana
Sea hair

Shells on Stamps

Story & pics by John Jacobs

Over the years, the Maldives Islands has issued a number of stamps depicting various shells. As the title “Fauna and Flora of the World: Shells” suggests, the species depicted are not necessarily found in the Maldives. The designs are well executed, with each species named. I hope you enjoy viewing these items from my personal collection.

The species names are listed as they appear on the stamps.



Clockwise from top left:

Harpulina arausiaca

Murex pecten

Ranularia schumacher

Drupa ricinus

Aporrhais pegallinae on stamp

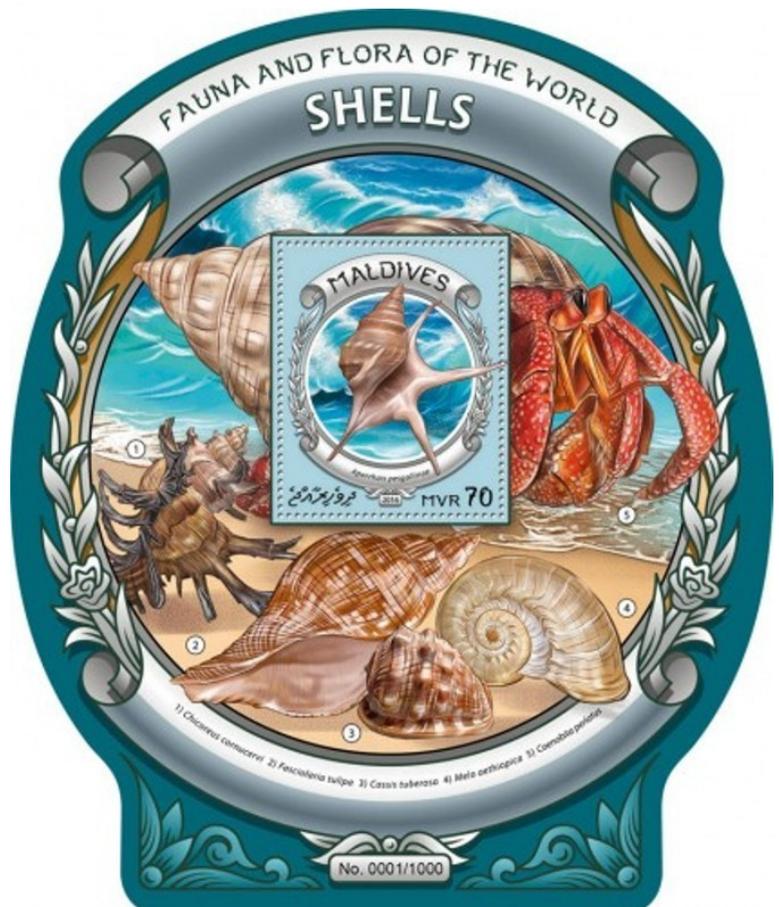
Chicoreus cornucervi

Fasciolaria tulipa

Cassis tuberosa

Melo aethiopica

Shell with hermit crab *Caenobita perlatus*



MEMBER NEWS

If you would like your picture in the Directory. Ask John to take it or send us one.
johncheryl@earthlink.net

Got a shell question???
Send me an email. I will try to answer it in the Tidelines.

Send in any member news to Cheryl Jacobs
Email stpeteshellclub@gmail.com



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Happy Birthdays

May

1 – Jerry Puigdomenech, Jr.
16 – Tina Murders
20 – Roger Smith
23 – Mary Ellen Akers
24 – Jackie Zajac

Jun

1 – Jennifer Kotimaki
7 – Maureen Keefe
12 – Julie Benedict-Dolney
13 – Karla Mason

July

11 – Elaine Smith
24 – Cynthia Beck
26 – David Ward
28 – Peggiann Ankrom
28 – Melanie Thoenes

Sep

2 – Otis Taylor
10 – Linda Taylor
11 – Pam Burrows
11 – Sharlene Totten
19 – Neil Gilmore
20 – Robert Marchiselli

Aug

1 – Gene Howard
3 – William Turner
11 – Gloria Gould
15 – Bob Linn
24 – Steve Geiger
29 – Cheryl Jacobs

Would you like to help the club by sending out Birthday cards and more.
Contact Cheryl Jacobs.

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:

Donation to the Awards and Ribbons Fund for the Shell Show

Print as you want to be listed.

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

	Total Enclosed:
Membership	\$ _____
Awards and Ribbons Fund	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

E-mail: stpeteshellclub@gmail.com
 Web site: stpeteshellclub.org
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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 specimen? 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 call or email us.

Contact Cheryl & John Jacobs
johncheryl@earthlink.net
 or 813-309-2608