

# Tidelines

September 2020

St. Petersburg Shell Club, Inc.

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

In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, it is the general consensus of the membership that we should not have a physical meeting in September. The Suncoast Conchologists have also decided not to have a meeting then.

Instead, we are working to have a joint virtual meeting via Zoom with a talk presented by the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum. Dorrie Hipschman, previous director of the museum, had graciously volunteered the museum to provide a presentation via Zoom. Rebecca Mensch is set to present a talk on *Junonia volutes*. The meeting will take place Sep 1st at 7PM. Zoom info will be sent via email to all members

How to participate in a Zoom meeting. It is simple. A link to the meeting will be included in an email along with the date and time for the meeting. Click on the link near the time for the meeting (you can do this before the meeting starts; recommend 15 minutes before). If the meeting hasn't started, a box will open to let you know the meeting will start shortly.

Computer directions:

Open your email account. Find and open the invitation email. Click on the link in the email for the zoom meeting. A white Zoom screen will come up and say "When system dialog prompts, click open Zoom meeting." And a lot more. Just wait and a small window will come up that says "This site is trying to open Zoom meeting" and there is a button "Open": click the button. Wait and a small window comes up that has a video of you and at the bottom is a button that says "Join with Video": click that button. A window comes up saying "Wait for Host to let you in"; when the host lets you in, you will see a window that shows your video and the host...then a window pops up "Join with audio": click the button. If the zoom meeting window is not full screen you can make it full screen by clicking the square in the upper right corner.

On the Zoom window there are buttons across the bottom Like mute, video, share, participants etc. You will not need to use most of them.

Android phone:

1st time only

Open the email invitation on your phone, write down the meeting ID number and the Passcode; you will need it later. Tap on the link in the email and it will come up with "Download from Google play store" or "Download from Zoom" Either one will work, and load about the same way. If you choose Google play store you will tap "install". Complete account setup comes up and tap "continue" (tap skip when asks for credit card), and tap "Not now" when asks about Google play pass. Wait until the install is done (takes seconds) and then tap "open". ZOOM white screen comes up, then a screen Start a meeting. Tap the "Join a meeting" button. Screen comes up asking for the Meeting ID number (glad you wrote it down). Enter the number and tap Join Meeting. Screen asking for Passcode, enter it. Screen comes up asking if you want to Join with video, tap the button. A screen will come up saying to Wait for host to let you in....Host will. Once host lets you in, you should get a window asking to Allow Zoom to take video, tap Allow. You will get a window "call over internet" tap it. This allows you to get audio. And you're in.

If you have zoomed before on your phone, it's really easy. Open invitation email and click on the link. It will ask for your name, type in if not there, hit OK. Then you are in...I get a button that says "Call over internet" and I click it to get the audio. Not really making a call, but if you don't click it, you can not hear anything. Buttons for the zoom meeting are on the bottom, and may have to turn on the video button to share my picture.



## ***A MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT***

Hi all,

It seems that Florida can't get a break from the pandemic. No improvement in the situation is on the horizon, and this is causing us here in Florida, as well as, elsewhere, to cancel events we otherwise would be enjoying in person. The American Malacological Society held a 2-day meeting via Zoom which went over very well. Their business meeting was held July 31st, also via Zoom. I "attended" both meetings, and these were my first participations in Zoom events. There were other similarly held events in August I enjoyed. Because of not having a physical meeting in September, I hope you all can attend the Zoom meeting scheduled for Sep 1st with a talk presented by the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum. There are plans for future Zoom get togethers, if future physical meetings are not held.

The rest area at the South end of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge is now open, and I've been informed that the shelling area access is still there, so we are planning a trip there in November or December.

People continue to show off their finds on facebook, and you can too. You can tell about a favorite recent find or something you've had in your collection for decades. So, check out the club's facebook page and other pages to see shell enthusiasts' postings; you'll be glad you did.

Be safe, my friends. Wear masks, clean your hands, and observe social distancing.

***John***

Tides are for Mullet Key Channel (Skyway). Other specific locations may be up to 2 hours later or earlier. Listings from [saltwatertides.com](http://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**

### Sep

No minus tides for the month

### Oct

18 Sun 7:53AM -0.1  
19 Mon 8:47AM -0.2  
20 Tue 9:45AM -0.1

### Nov

3 Tue 7:33AM -0.1  
4 Wed 8:17AM -0.1  
14 Sat 5:13AM -0.2  
15 Sun 6:01AM -0.5  
16 Mon 6:50AM -0.6  
17 Tue 7:42AM -0.6  
18 Wed 8:36AM -0.5  
19 Thu 9:34AM -0.3  
20 Fri 10:35AM -0.1  
28 Sat 5:05AM -0.1  
29 Sun 5:38AM -0.3  
30 Mon 6:12AM -0.4

### Dec

1 Tue 6:48AM -0.4  
2 Wed 7:26AM -0.4  
3 Thu 8:09AM -0.4  
4 Fri 8:57AM -0.4  
5 Sat 9:50AM -0.3  
6 Sun 10:45AM -0.2  
7 Mon 11:40AM -0.1  
11 Fri 3:29AM -0.1  
12 Sat 4:22AM -0.5  
13 Sun 5:12AM -0.6  
14 Mon 6:01AM -0.8  
15 Tue 6:48AM -0.8  
16 Wed 7:35AM -0.7  
17 Thu 8:22AM -0.6  
18 Fri 9:08AM -0.5  
19 Sat 9:53AM -0.3  
20 Sun 10:38AM -0.1  
25 Fri 3:26AM -0.1  
26 Sat 4:10AM -0.3  
27 Sun 4:49AM -0.5  
28 Mon 5:27AM -0.6  
29 Tue 6:04AM -0.6  
30 Wed 6:41AM -0.6  
31 Thu 7:19AM -0.6

### Jan 2021

1 Fri 8:01AM -0.6  
2 Sat 8:41AM -0.6  
3 Sun 9:23AM -0.5  
4 Mon 10:05AM -0.3  
8 Fri 2:17AM -0.2  
9 Sat 3:23AM -0.6  
10 Sun 4:21AM -0.7  
11 Mon 5:14AM -0.8  
12 Tue 6:02AM -0.9  
13 Wed 6:45AM -0.8

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

Schedule is tentative

Sep 1 Virtual Meeting: Bailey-Matthews  
National Shell Museum joint Zoom  
meeting with Suncoast Conchologists  
Oct 2 Virtual meeting:  
Oct 6 Suncoast Conchologists meeting  
Nov 3 Suncoast Conchologists meeting  
Nov 6 Regular meeting pending

UPCOMING SHELL SHOWS & RELATED EVENTS

The Seashell Searchers of Brazoria County Shell Show  
has been cancelled until Oct 15-17, 2021.

The following shows have been canceled: Broward,  
Sarasota, Sanibel, and St. Pete

Birth Shells (an excerpt)  
by R. Tucker Abbott 1981

Birth stones and birth flowers have been established for many years, mainly through the encouragement of jewelers, florists and believers of astrology. There has long been a need for an appropriate birth shell, one that would have some real or fancied significance commensurate with the tradition of birth stones and flowers.

Having interviewed a number of shell dealers and conchological soothsayers, I assembled the following list which I hope will gain acceptance and enhance the pleasures of giving appropriate birthday presents to shell lovers, and make it possible for astrologically informed conchologists to wear correct jewelry adorned with their special birth shells.

September—Heliotrope star shell (*Astrarium heliotropium*)

Editor: We've listed only the birthdays  
mentioned in this issue.

October—Superb gaza (*Gaza superba*)

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



**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.

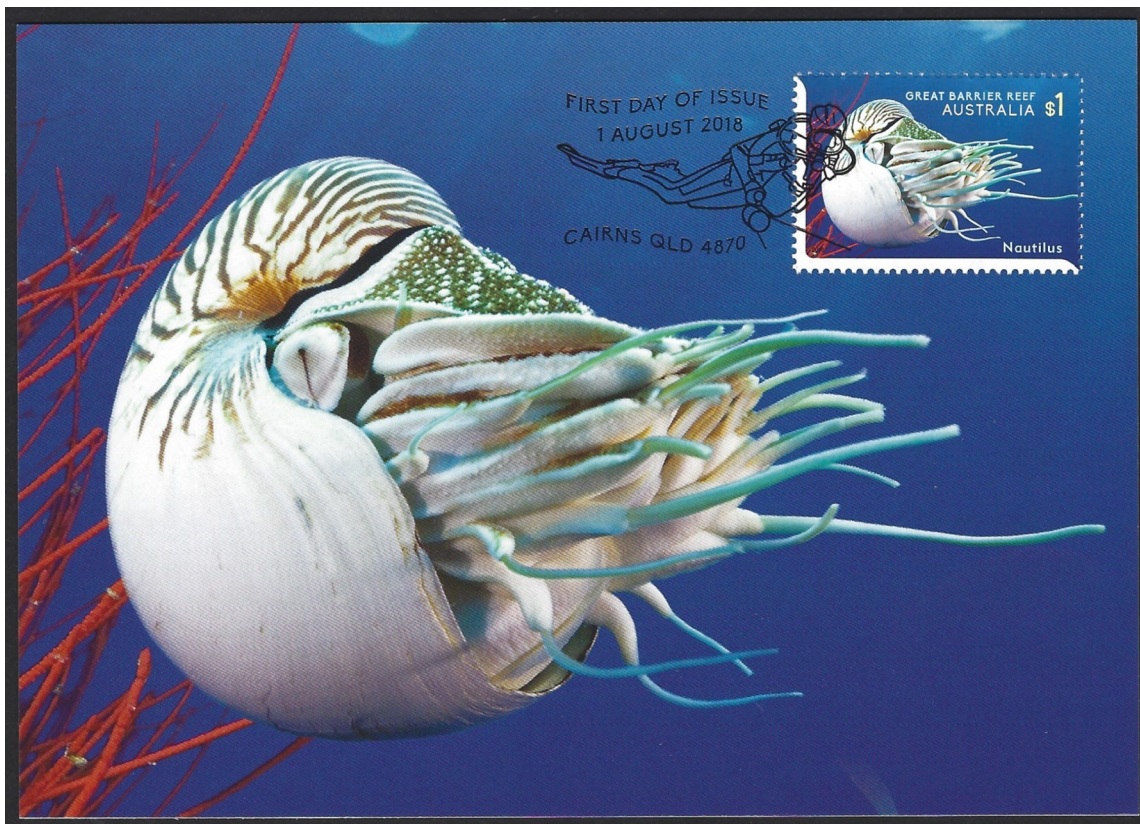


## Molluscs on Stamps

Story and scans by John Jacobs

In 2018 Australia issued a stamp set called Reef Safari showing a variety of marine life including a chambered nautilus (*Nautilus pompilius*). In addition to the Nautilus, the other stamps show a Green sea turtle, Olive sea snake, Emperor angelfish, and a Grey reef shark. The stamps were also issued in two self-adhesive booklet formats.

Australia has a huge marine fauna diversity which is often depicted on their stamps. Check out the currently available items on Australia Post's web site at [auspost.com.au](http://auspost.com.au).



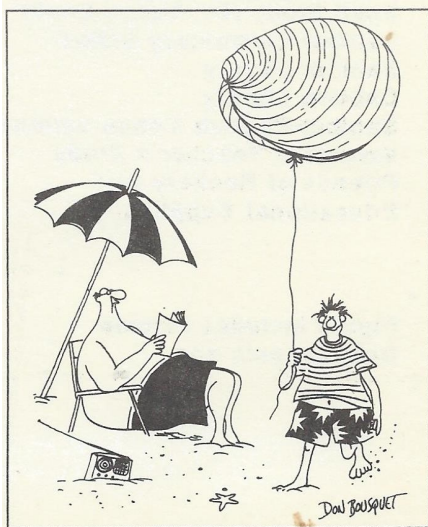
Postal card with the Nautilus stamp first day cancelled on August 1, 2018. Note the SCUBA diver pictorial cancel.



## MEMBER NEWS

New Address;  
Melanie Thoenes  
1884 Shore Dr S  
Apt 334  
S Pasadena FL 33707  
Summer :  
26 Wagon Wheel Trail  
Unit E  
Meredith NH 03253

If you would like your picture in the Directory. Ask John to take it or send us one. 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  
E-mail [stpeteshellclub@gmail.com](mailto:stpeteshellclub@gmail.com)



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## Happy Birthdays

### Oct

11 – Barbara Fite  
19 – Doug Thompson  
21 – Earl Petrikin  
21 – Peggy Dill  
24 – Meredith Myers  
26 – Dolores Seagren  
31 – Carol Harrison

### Nov

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

### Sep

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

Would you like to help the club by sending out Birthday cards and more.  
Contact Cheryl Jacobs at [johncheryl@earthlink.net](mailto:johncheryl@earthlink.net)

**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	\$ _____

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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  
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 or 813-309-2608