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November 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.



Polychrome mosaic emblema (panel) showing fish and sea creatures, 100–1 BC Pompeii, House of the Geometric Mosaics,

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT

Hi all,

We had a very successful joint virtual Zoom meeting with the Suncoast Conchologists on Sep 1. Rebecca Mensch, of the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum, gave a wonderful presentation on *Scaphella junonia*, with an attendance of around 23 members from both clubs. Nancy Holcombe, Suncoast president, and I worked at learning Zoom so this event could happen. The present situation in Florida and around the country makes this kind of meeting the new norm for now. The October joint Zoom meeting had Suncoast member Debi McCreary presenting "Shifting Sands of Time", about the different kinds of sand in Florida. Mark your calendars for Friday Nov 6 when I will give a joint virtual presentation on Family Strombidae.

The rest area at the South end of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge is now open, and I've seen that the shelling area access is still there, so we are planning a trip there on November 17th, meeting at 7am (details page 6).

It appears that there will be no shell shows during the first three months of 2021. The Tampa Bay Fossil Club has scheduled their annual Fossil Fest for March 20-21, 2021. This event was cancelled at the last minute during 2020. Time will tell if this event will happen in 2021.

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.

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

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
14 Thu 7:24AM -0.7
15 Fri 8:00AM -0.6
16 Sat 8:34AM -0.5
17 Sun 9:05AM -0.3
18 Mon 9:36AM -0.1
22 Fri 1:52AM -0.1
23 Sat 2:53AM -0.3

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

Nov 6 Virtual meeting: joint Zoom meeting with Suncoast Conchologists. John Jacobs will be presenting.

Dec: No Holiday Party

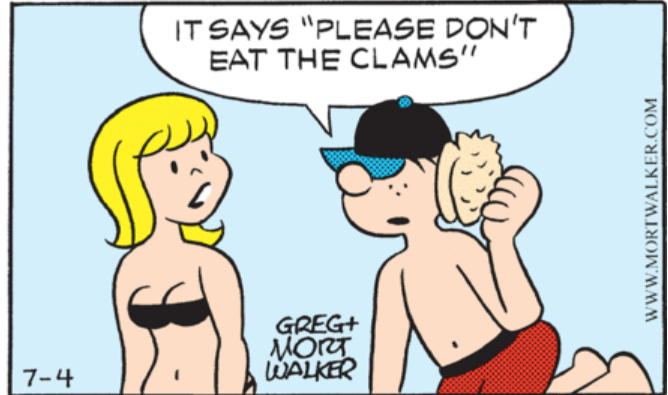
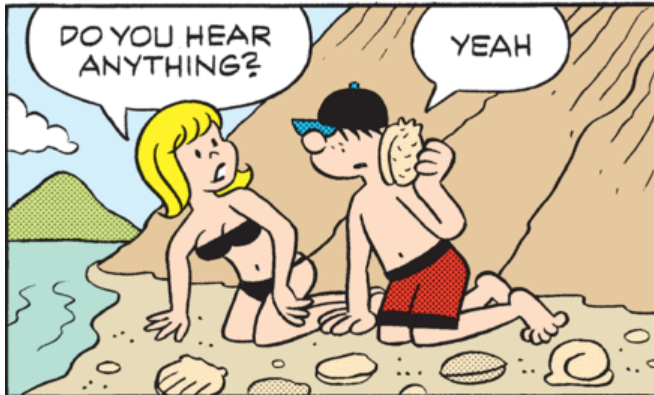
Hoping to resume in person meetings in January.

UPCOMING SHELL SHOWS & RELATED EVENTS

No physical shell shows are scheduled for the first 3 months of 2021.

Mar 5-6, 2021: Virtual Sanibel Shell Show, details to come.

Mar 20-21: Tampa Bay Fossil Club Fossil Fest at the Florida State Fairgrounds in Tampa. The largest fossil show in Florida!



Birthday Shells per R. Tucker Abbott



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



December—Abalone



January—Orange banded cowry (*Lyncina carneola*)

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

Over the years the United States Postal Service has issued a few stamps depicting molluscs, mostly as a minor part of the design. Exceptions include the 1985 Shells booklets with five different shells depicted on the 22¢ stamps (the then 1st class rate). On Jan 28, 2017 a set of four designs were issued at the then 34¢ postcard rate (now 35¢). These “forever” stamps are self-adhesive and come in two formats: a small sheet of 20 and a coil version. Below are enlargements of each stamp and the species depicted.



Conus spurius

Puperita pupa

Aliger gigas

Argopecten irradians concentricus

Australia issued a set of four opalized fossils stamps and a souvenir sheet on August 17, 2020. One of these depicts a moon snail which appears to be an internal cast (trace fossil). These fossils are Cretaceous in age. Opalized fossils are very rare, which makes these finds all the more special. The postal card, aka maximum card, shows a modern living moon snail for comparison. The pictorial cancel depicts fossil molluscs in matrix. The other stamps show a theropod dinosaur tooth, a pine cone, and pine tree wood



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The Squishy World of the

topps

This cartoon doesn't grab me.

Long ago, octopi inspired tales of horrible sea monsters. Today we understand that they are unique and intelligent animals capable of using trial and error to solve problems and are even able to learn from their experiences.

Quick Change Artist

An octopus can rapidly change the color and texture of its skin to match its surroundings. They change their color using special pigment cells called "chromatophores."

Cleared For Take-Off

When an octopus needs to move quickly, it uses a form of jet propulsion. It does this by filling its mantle with water and then blasting the water out through a small hole called a siphon. The jet of water quickly shoots the octopus for a short distance.

The mouth of an octopus is similar to a parrot's beak.

Octopi
do not
have
bones.

How
do octopus
students get
to school?
They ride in
an octo-
bus.

Why do octopi rarely spill their drinks? They use suction cups.

When an octopus is in danger, it ejects a cloud of ink that confuses a would-be attacker. Octopus can jet long enough for the octopus to jet to safety.

An octopus
as three
hearts.

If an octopus loses a tentacle, it often grows a new

What is an octopus's favorite type of candy? Suckers.

What do you
call an octopus marathon?
An arms race.

Octopi feed on crustaceans like crabs and lobsters and mollusks like snails and clams.

We don't get around much anymore.

Each of the octopus's eight arms is lined with two rows of suction cups. A single arm may have more than 200 suction cups.

Word Search

find the hidden words? Search carefully
some words are backward or diagonal.

TENTACLE	SEA	I N A L I G H T H O U S E
OCTOPUS	INK	B A R Q U E S N A I L U
MOLLUSK	JET	E L M O C L U E O R C A I
SUCTION	BOB	P O S E O L Y C C A R K B
MANTLE	ARMS	S M O L L U S K T A N K S
COLOR	CLAM	P A A L O S B N O I S I T
EIGHT	BEAK	A R E N R E E F P O N D
CRAB	CUPS	E I G H T T A A U B A N D
SNAIL	BLUE	M A L C E L L K C S T O R E
		P A W J E W E L S L O B E

Octopus's Garden

Can you spot six differences between these two scenes?

Some octopi have tentacles that are nearly four m (13 ft.) in length.

The blood of an octopus is blue.

Teaching guides and list of topics available at: www.comics.com/shortcuts

ANSWERS: 1. Tentacle is missing. 2. Seed packet is moved. 3. Drops are missing. 4. Eyes are moved. 5. Hat is different. 6. Flower is missing.

Field Trip

Hi everyone, are you going stir crazy with everything being cancelled? Well, we've got a field trip set up for you to participate in.

Where: South rest area Sunshine Skyway Bridge

When: Tuesday, Nov 17, 2020

Time: Meet at 7AM

There's a really nice low tide that morning. The access is easy to traverse. For those unfamiliar with this area, you could see olives, baby's ears, king's crowns, sunray venus clams, and many other species, as well as, a variety of marine life. This is Manatee County, which means we are restricted to taking only 2 of each living species.

So, with that said, get off the sofa, put on your shelling clothes (hat, shirt, shoes), and dust off your collecting gear. If nothing else, come out and enjoy the fresh air, and have fun. See you there.



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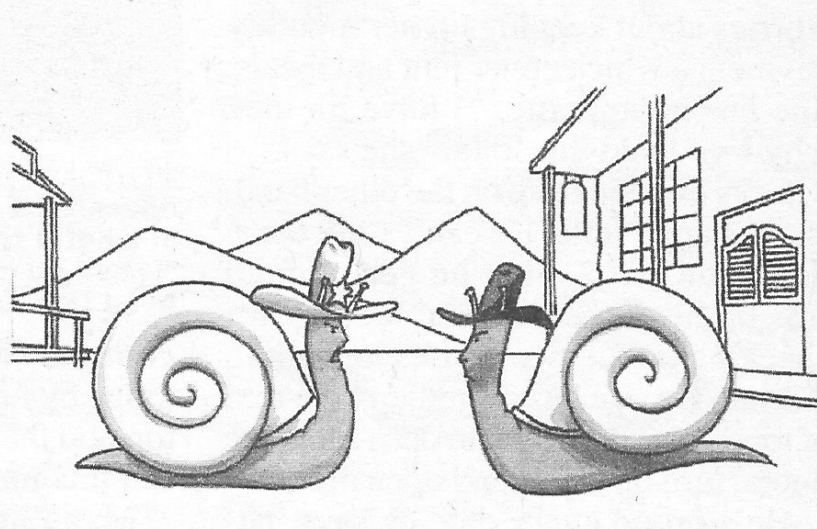
Merely Magnificent!
Made in Italy exclusively for The Collection, this table lighter is mounted into a *Conus Leopardus* sea shell (and nature has seen to it that no two shells have exactly the same coloring or size). The lighter is butane fueled and refillable. #3060A. **\$37.50** (1.50 postage and handling).

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An old ad. They named one shell correctly, but the top shell is a *C. quercinus*.

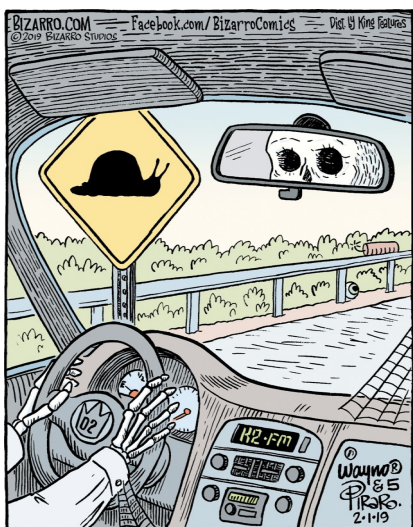


"I'm giving you 24 months to get out of town."

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MEMBER NEWS

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



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Nov

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

Dec

5 - Elizabeth Hixon
12 - Robert Gould
26 - Dianna Gilmore

Jan

5 - Jacqueline Sulek
6 - Tamara Hein
15 - John Barr
25 - John Jacobs



Would you like to help the club by sending out Birthday cards and more.
Contact Cheryl Jacobs at johncheryl@earthlink.net

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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 _____
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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Apt# _____

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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.

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 P. O. Box 3472
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 Membership \$ _____
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 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