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January 2021



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.



This is a rare New Year picture postcard actually showing a shell (the boat pulled by a swan). It was mailed Dec 29, 1906. The card portends a bright future which I thought appropriate for 2021.

As we welcome in the New Year, there is a real hope for better days ahead. With the several covid-19 vaccines, we may just get this terrible pandemic under control. Please do not be complacent with this virus as we still have to deal with it for several months to come. Keep wearing a mask when in public. When the vaccine does become available to you, I wholeheartedly encourage you to take it.

Most shell clubs are not having physical meetings this season, opting for virtual zoom meetings which are working out nicely. Our club, along with the Suncoast Conchologists, has been working to provide joint virtual meetings. Please join us as we venture to stay in touch with all our members.





A MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT

Happy New Year all!

Here we are with a new year starting which promises to provide a healthier time. I have a very positive outlook of better days ahead. We will continue to have only virtual

meetings until things improve sufficiently to allow us to physically get together.

Sanibel is having a virtual shell show in March, and it sounds like it will be fun. See inside for more information.

The Melbourne COA Convention is still a go for June. I encourage all to attend if you feel it is safe enough. The convention committee will be discussing how we will proceed in a safe manner with this convention. Registration forms should be available soon.

We had a field trip to the Sunshine Skyway Bridge south rest area with great weather, and a great time. Also, a trip to Fred Howard Park happened Dec 17th. Pics and stories inside. These field trips are a great way to get out of the house, and enjoy the outdoors with friends. Our next trip is to the north rest area of Skyway on Jan 13th at 7am.

Be safe, my friends. Wear masks, clean your hands, and observe social distancing. Hang in there, everyone.

THE ARGYLE SWEATER

BY SCOTT HILBURN

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

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
- 23 Sat 2:53AM -0.3
- 24 Sun 3:46AM -0.5
- 25 Mon 4:32AM -0.6
- 26 Tue 5:14AM -0.6
- 27 Wed 5:53AM -0.7
- 28 Thu 6:29AM -0.7
- 29 Fri 7:04AM -0.7
- 30 Sat 7:38AM -0.6
- 31 Sun 8:11AM -0.5

Feb

- 1 Mon 8:44AM -0.3
- 5 Fri 12:44AM -0.2
- 6 Sat 2:09AM -0.5
- 7 Sun 3:22AM -0.6
- 8 Mon 4:21AM -0.7
- 9 Tue 5:11AM -0.7
- 10 Wed 5:52AM -0.7
- 11 Thu 6:27AM -0.6
- 12 Fri 6:57AM -0.6
- 13 Sat 7:23AM -0.4
- 14 Sun 7:47AM -0.2
- 21 Sun 2:12AM -0.3
- 22 Mon 3:16AM -0.4
- 23 Tue 4:07AM -0.5
- 24 Wed 4:50AM -0.6
- 25 Thu 5:28AM -0.6
- 26 Fri 6:02AM -0.6
- 27 Sat 6:33AM -0.5
- 28 Sun 7:03AM -0.3

Mar

- 3 Wed 9:41PM -0.2
- 4 Thu 11:00PM -0.3
- 6 Sat 12:31AM -0.3
- 7 Sun 2:01AM -0.4
- 8 Mon 3:13AM -0.5
- 9 Tue 4:08AM -0.6
- 10 Wed 4:52AM -0.5
- 11 Thu 5:26AM -0.4
- 12 Fri 5:54AM -0.3
- 23 Tue 3:35AM -0.2
- 24 Wed 4:28AM -0.3
- 25 Thu 5:11AM -0.4
- 26 Fri 5:48AM -0.3
- 27 Sat 6:22AM -0.2
- 30 Tue 8:34PM -0.3
- 31 Wed 9:30PM -0.4

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

Jan 5-Virtual meeting 7pm: Cathy Petre
"New Happenings at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium"
Feb 2-Virtual meeting 7pm: John Jacobs
"Shells on Stamps"
Mar 2-Virtual meeting 7pm
Apr 6-Virtual meeting 7pm
May 4-Virtual meeting 7pm

UPCOMING SHELL SHOWS & RELATED EVENTS

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

Jan 30: **Virtual SCUM XXV** hosted by the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. 12-6pm EST.

Mar 5-6: **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!



Happy Birthdays

Jan

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

Feb

17—Sandra Gann
25—Pat Linn

Mar

8—Betty Fearn

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

Birthday Shells per R. Tucker Abbott

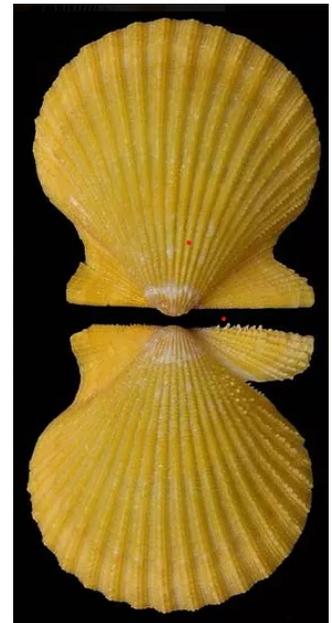


January—Orange banded cowry (*Lyncina carneola*)



February—Purple sea snail (*Janthina janthina*)

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



THE SHELL COLLECTOR'S CODE OF ETHICS

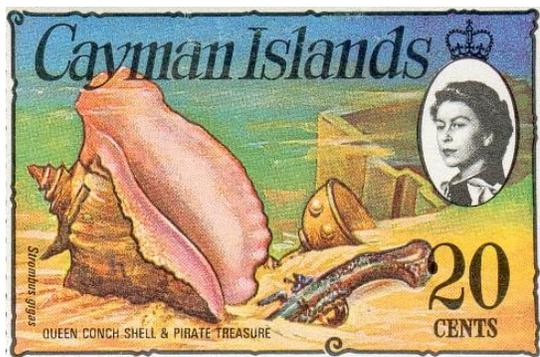
I realize that molluscs are part of our precious national wildlife resources, therefore:
I WILL make every effort to protect and preserve them not only for my own future enjoyment, but for the benefit of generations to come.
I WILL always leave every shelling spot as undisturbed as possible.
I WILL take 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

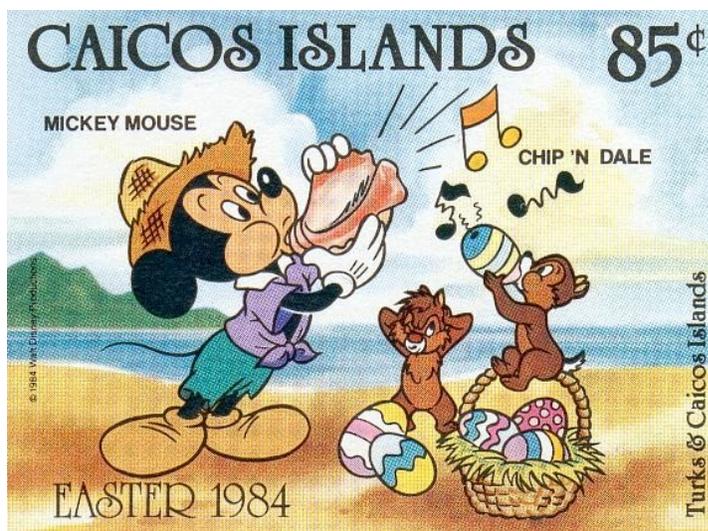
Story and scans by John Jacobs

The Queen conch, now called *Aliger gigas*, has appeared on more stamps than any other molluscan species. It's first appearance was on the first issue of the Bahamas in 1859. The species is so important to the Bahamas that it was included in their coat-of-arms which has appeared on many of the Bahamian stamps.

There are only a few US stamps depicting shells, but the postcard rate stamps issued in 2017 did include *A. gigas* on one stamp.



The Cayman Islands issued a set in 1974 for Pirate Treasure which had shells in each of the four designs including the 20 cent stamp above.



Disney characters get in on the act with Mickey Mouse using a queen conch as a horn on this 1984 Caicos Islands stamp issued for Easter.



Turks & Caicos Islands issued a Tourism set in 1981. This 20c stamp shows their flag depicting part of their coat-of-arms with a queen conch.

I could do a whole book about stamps showing *Aliger gigas*. But, for now, I hope you enjoy looking at these few stamps.

Field Trips: Sunshine Skyway Rest Area and Fred Howard Park

Story & pics by John Jacobs

On Nov 17th, a few of us gathered at the south rest area of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge. The newly renovated area still had access to the flats we've been going to for decades. We met about 7am with an outgoing tide. Shells were making an appearance almost immediately. *Sinum perspectivum* was the first one I came across revealed by its tell-tale sand mound. Enjoy these views.



Olivella pusilla (Marrat, 1871)



Amerioliva sayana (Ravenel, 1834) and trail



View towards rest area



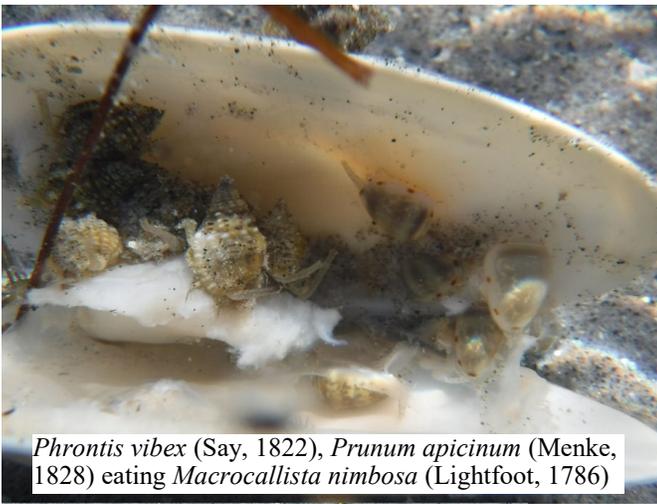
Dinocardium robustum (Lightfoot, 1786)



Cardites floridanus (Conrad, 1838)



Neoterebra dislocata (Say, 1822)



Phrontis vibex (Say, 1822), *Prunum apicinum* (Menke, 1828) eating *Macrocallista nimbosa* (Lightfoot, 1786)



Luidia clathrata (Say, 1825)

The sea star, *Luidia clathrata* (Say, 1825), were common this day. The other echinoderm we saw was the sand dollar *Mellita tenuis* Clark, 1940.



Strombus alatus Gmelin, 1791 and buried under mound



Sunshine Skyway Bridge

Dec 17th was a bit chillier than the Skyway trip in November as we gathered at Fred Howard Park. Once we down to the south side of the causeway, it was a little less windy. We had searched the north side for a bit, but didn't find a whole lot. The south side revealed more shells. We found *Lampanella minima*, *Calotrophon ostrearum*, *Siphonaria naufragum*, *Isognomon alatus*, *Ostrea virginica* and other species. Here are some pics I took.



Calotrophon ostrearum (Conrad, 1846)

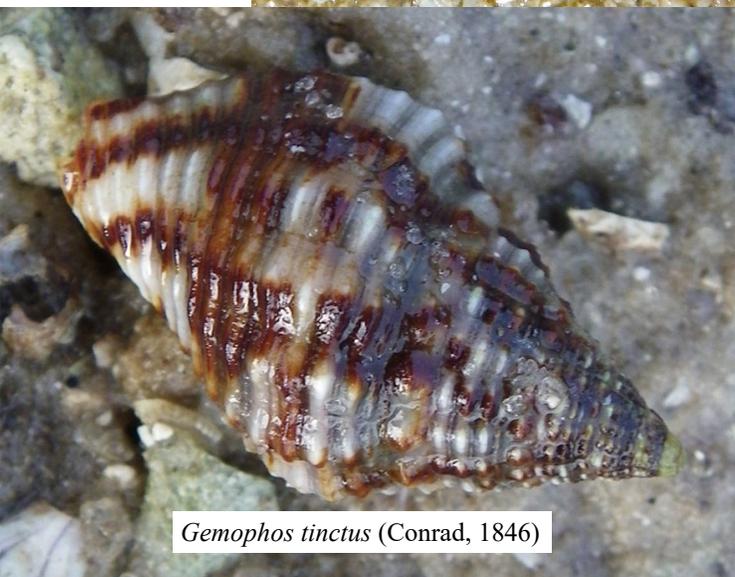
Lampanella minima (Gmelin, 1791)

Asterias forbesi (Desor, 1848)



Siphonaria naufragum Stearns, 1872

Isognomon alatus (Gmelin, 1791)



Gemophos tinctus (Conrad, 1846)

Polychaete worms

A promotional poster for the 2021 Virtual Sanibel Shell Show. The background is a bright blue sky with a palm tree on the left and a beach with waves at the bottom. The text is centered and reads: "2021 Virtual Sanibel Shell Show" in large black font, followed by "March 5 + 6, 2021 sanibelshellclub.com" in a smaller black font. Below this, "Silver Turban Sponsor" is written in yellow. The logo for the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum, featuring a stylized orange and yellow shell, is positioned to the left of the text "BAILEY-MATTHEWS NATIONAL SHELL MUSEUM" in blue. At the bottom, "Thank you!" is written in white cursive, and the Sanibel Captiva Shell Club logo is on the right.

2021 Virtual
Sanibel Shell Show
March 5 + 6, 2021 sanibelshellclub.com

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Conchologists of America, inc.

Conchologists of America 2021 Convention

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the planned conventions have all been delayed by a year.

When: June 14-20, 2021

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 should be available soon.

The convention consists of several pre-convention field trips, 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 normally consists of about 10,000 square feet of space for dealers from around the world displaying a huge variety of shells and shell-related items.

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



Heteromorph ammonite *Emeriticeras emerici* (Leveille, 1835), Cretaceous, Lower Barremian, Alpes de Haute Provence, France

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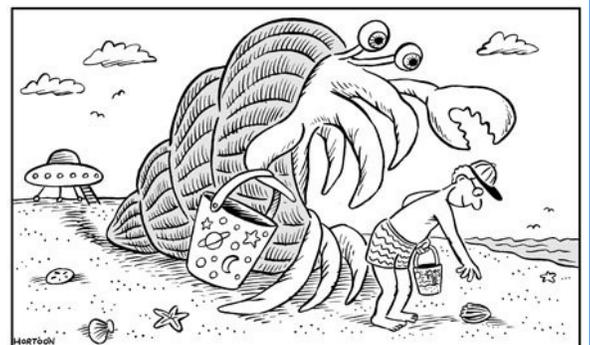
Next Field Trip

Where: North Sunshine Skyway Bridge rest area

When: Jan 13

Meet Time: 7AM

Low tide will be about 8AM, and is a -0.8 tide



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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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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