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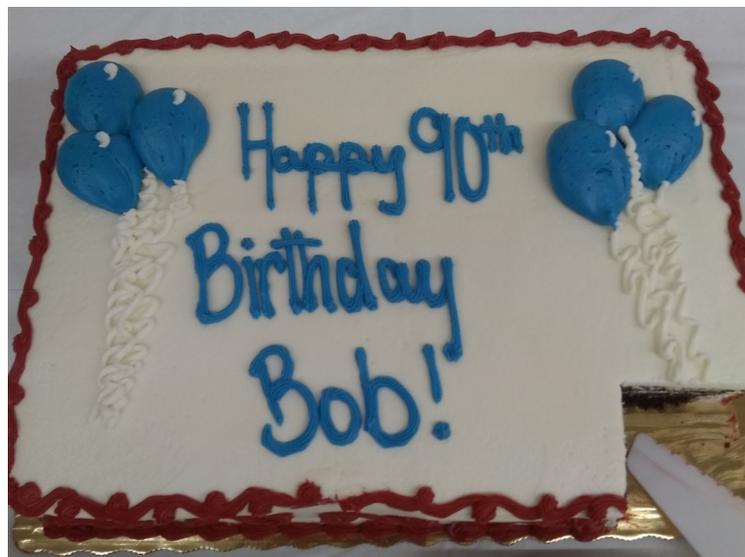
September 2021

St. Petersburg Shell Club, Inc.

Web site: stpetshellclub.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.

Congratulations to member Bob Linn on the celebration of his 90th birthday on August 15, 2021!





A MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT

I hope everyone of you had a safe and fun summer filled with lots of shells. With September approaching rapidly, I had been looking forward to in-person meetings again. Unfortunately, the pandemic has curtailed physical meetings for now. A recent poll of the membership reveals not enough of you are ready for physical meetings yet.

The big item this past June was the Conchologists of America convention held in Melbourne, Florida. With about 135 registrants and only 16 dealers, it was the smallest convention I've ever attended. But everyone had a great time, and it was wonderful seeing so many shell friends in the flesh again. The next convention, to be held in Galveston, Texas, should be larger with more attendees and more dealers. It will take place starting May 31st. Hope you can make it. See more info inside on page 8.

Our own Shell Show is scheduled for Feb 18th & 19th, with set up on the 17th. The Show forms are now available on the club's web site. We need volunteers to man the admissions table, the club sales table, raffle table, help with the set up and tear down, bring food, and generally help out during the show. We can't hold a show without club members stepping forward to help out. A number of exhibitors have already enquired about our show.

Since the Gulf Coast Shell Club has cancelled their September planned show, that leaves us showless for Florida this year. Please get vaccinated, if you haven't already done so, and get the booster shot when available. And please wear a mask when out shopping.

Be safe, everyone,

John

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 open, Shell Show Cheryl Jacobs; Annual Picnic the Board; Raffle/Door Prizes Cheryl Jacobs & Peggy Dill; Facebook Cheryl Jacobs; Webmaster Cheryl Jacobs.

Forecast Minus Tides

September

none

October

none

November

5 Fri 7:10AM -0.3
6 Sat 8:00AM -0.5
7 Sun 7:55AM -0.5
8 Mon 8:57AM -0.4
9 Tue 10:05AM -0.3
10 Wed 11:18AM -0.1
18 Thu 5:34AM -0.1
19 Fri 6:07AM -0.3
20 Sat 6:40AM -0.3
21 Sun 7:16AM -0.3
22 Mon 7:56AM -0.3
23 Tue 8:41AM -0.2
24 Wed 9:31AM -0.2

December

2 Thu 4:30AM -0.4
3 Fri 5:19AM -0.6
4 Sat 6:09AM -0.7
5 Sun 7:01AM -0.8
6 Mon 7:55AM -0.7
7 Tue 8:51AM -0.6
8 Wed 9:47AM -0.5
9 Thu 10:43AM -0.3
15 Wed 4:09AM -0.2
16 Thu 4:48AM -0.4
17 Fri 5:24AM -0.5
18 Sat 5:59AM -0.6
19 Sun 6:34AM -0.6
20 Mon 7:09AM -0.6
21 Tue 7:46AM -0.6
22 Wed 8:25AM -0.5
23 Thu 9:05AM -0.4
24 Fri 9:47AM -0.3
25 Sat 10:30AM -0.2
30 Thu 3:30AM -0.5
31 Fri 4:25AM -0.7

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



Lucapina sowerbii (Sowerby I, 1835)
Pic: Anne DuPont

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

Sep 3-none
Sep 6-Suncoast Conchologists Zoom Meeting:
 John Jacobs "COA 2021 Convention"
Oct 1-To be determined

UPCOMING SHELL SHOWS & RELATED EVENTS

Gulf Coast Shell Club show is cancelled
Oct 16-17 Florida Fossil Hunters Fossil Fair Sanford, FL



Happy Birthdays

September

2 – Otis Taylor
 10 – Linda Taylor
 11 – Pam Burrows
 11 - Sharlene Totten
 19 – Neil Gilmore
 20 – Robert Marchiselli
 27—Tiffany Schofield

October

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

November

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

Birthday Shells
per R. Tucker Abbott

September—Heliotrope Star Shell
(Astraliium heliotropium)



October—Superb gaza
(Gaza superba)



November—Thorny oyster/
 Chrysanthem 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.

FOSSIL HIGHLIGHT

John Jacobs

Florida is a fabulous place for fossils, both vertebrate and invertebrate. The molluscan fossil assemblages here are truly wonderful with abundant species ranging in size from the very small to large species like horse conchs. A favorite amongst fossil shell collectors is a muricid species called *Subpterynotus textilis* (Gabb, 1873). The age range for the species is 20.43 to 0.781 mya. The size is known to about 56mm in length. This is one of five known species within the genus. It is unfortunate that we don't know the coloration of this shell, but the sculpture is exquisite.



Molluscs on Stamps: Summer Treasures

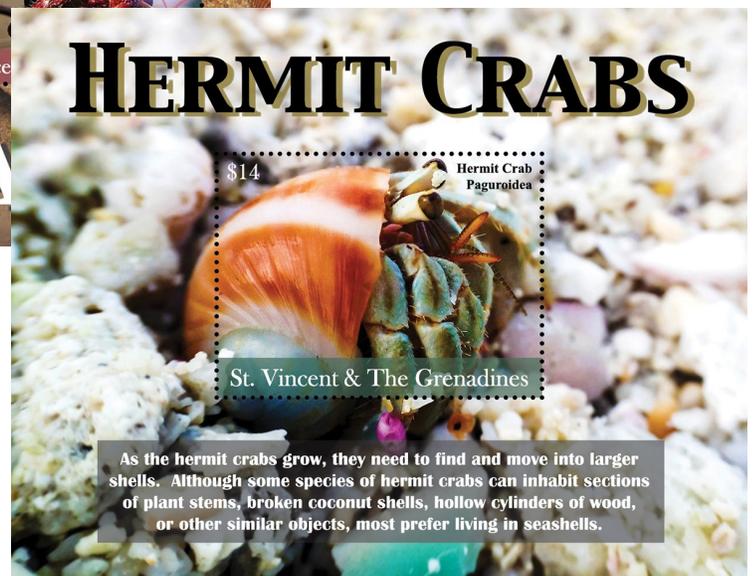
John Jacobs

Several new releases occurred this past summer. I thought I would show off a few notable designs instead of detailing every new issue.

I'll start with the April 23, 2021 Latvia stamp depicting the freshwater unionid *Margaritifera margaritifera*. This was issued in a sheetlet of 10 tete beche stamps (stamps printed with the bottoms connected). This issue is notable because it is the first stamp from Latvia to depict a mollusc.



St. Vincent & the Grenadines issued this miniature sheet of 5 plus a souvenir sheet on June 7th. They depict hermit crabs, all occupying various gastropods.



As the hermit crabs grow, they need to find and move into larger shells. Although some species of hermit crabs can inhabit sections of plant stems, broken coconut shells, hollow cylinders of wood, or other similar objects, most prefer living in seashells.

Conchologists of America Convention

After skipping 2020, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the COA convention was back on track for 2021. Held in Melbourne, Florida this past June, it was a smaller convention than usual, but still turned out to be a fun event. Alan Gettleman and Phyllis Gray were the co-hosts of the convention, and despite having to scale back the events, they managed to host a great convention.

Here are a few pics from the convention:



Phyllis Gray at registration table



Alan Gettleman



Silent auction



Rare *Partula gibba* from Guam

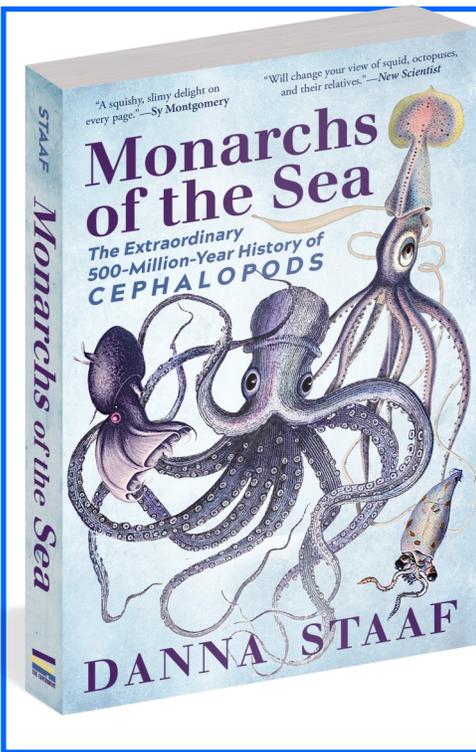


Mary Ellen Akers



Carolyn Petrikin





Published in September 2020, “Monarchs of the Sea: The Extraordinary 500-Million-Year History of Cephalopods” by Danna Staaf, PhD, is a rarity amongst books about molluscs these days—it’s only \$15.95 list price.

Molluscs have been around for more than 500 million years, and during that time have seen many iterations of cephalopods roaming the ocean. Their fossil remains are prized by paleontologists and collectors alike. The incredible variation in the shells of both nautiloids and ammonoids is well known and continues to amaze. The modern varieties of cephalopods are astounding and include squids, octopuses, cuttlefish, and the only extant shelled cephalopods, the nautilus.

If you are interested in learning more about cephalopods, then this book should be added to your reading list.

October 1st is World Postcard Day, so here is a vintage card from 1907. This card has 24 views of Florida under the shell





Conchologists of America, inc.

Conchologists of America 2022 Convention

To attend the convention and participate in the presentations, field trips, and silent auctions, you must be registered. Registration forms will soon be available on the COA web site conchologistsofamerica.org.



May 31 - June 4 , 2022

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.

When making your hotel reservation at Moody Garden, mention this is for the COA 2022 convention. Reservations are now being accepted.

*Moody Garden Hotel, Spa, &
Convention Center*

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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
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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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 Print as you want to be listed.

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 P. O. Box 3472
 Seminole, FL 33775-3472

Total Enclosed:
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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