

Tidelines

November 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 5:30p.m. and the meetings start at 6:00p.m. The public is always invited.

Last Club Field Trip of the Year

Nine of us got together on October 24th at the north rest area of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge. This was a joint trip with the Suncoast Conchologists. The weather was pleasant and the wind was almost non-existent which made for some almost flat water conditions. The tide was about even at 8:43AM.

There were a lot of dead medium-size moon snails *Neverita duplicata* (Say, 1822) in good condition. Also found were the flat tree oyster *Isognomon alatus* (Gmelin, 1791), our club shell *Melongena corona* (Gmelin, 1791), banded tulip *Cinctura hunteria* (Perry, 1811), broad-ribbed cardita *Cardites floridanus* (Conrad, 1838), and many other species.



Great conditions for a collecting trip. Shallow, flat water.



Steve Geiger digging out *Martesia cuneiformis* (Say, 1822) (Wedge piddock), while Cheryl Jacobs and Debi McCreary look on

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT

The future is an unknown quantity, and for the last year and a half we have seen vivid proof of that. I wish I could say for certain when we will have physical club meetings again. It appears that most club members are not yet ready for such meetings, and so we wait and hope for a brighter future. Vaccinations and mask wearing will certainly help to get us there.

On a lighter tone, shell shows are gearing up for the season starting in January. See page 3 for a listing.

I have been guilty of forgetting to renew a couple of my memberships due to the craziness of the last year and a half. I hope you will, if not already done, send in your renewal to the club. As always, our renewal form is attached to the Tidelines and is available on the club's website, as well. Club membership is for the calendar year.

Here's wishing you all a wonderful and safe holiday season, and looking forward to a fantastic new year.

John



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

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

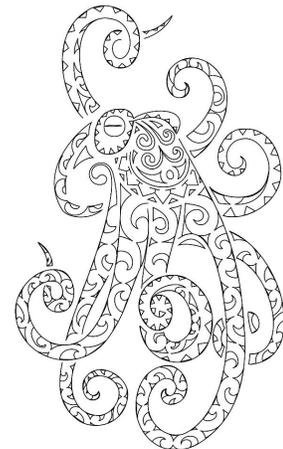
November

- 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.



Upcoming Club Meetings
5:30pm Meet and Greet, 6pm Meeting

Nov 2-Suncoast Conchologists Zoom Meeting:
 Steve Geiger
Nov 5-Speaker: John Jacobs—Cephalopods

UPCOMING SHELL SHOWS & RELATED EVENTS

Jan 8-9 Broward Shell Show
Jan 15-16 Astronaut Trail Shell Show, Melbourne, FL
Feb 5 Florida United Malacologists (FUM), Bailey
 Matthews National Shell Museum
Feb 11-12 Sarasota Shell Show
Feb 18-19 St. Petersburg Shell Show, Seminole, FL
Mar 3-5 Sanibel Shell Show
Mar 10-12 Marco Island Shell Show



Happy Birthdays

November

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

December

5 – Elizabeth Hixon
 12 – Robert Gould
 21 – Isabelle Knott
 26 – Dianna Gilmore

January

5 – Jacqueline Sulek
 6 – Tamara Holzworth
 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

Birthday Shells
per R. Tucker Abbott

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



December—Abalone (*Haliotis* any species)



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.

FOSSIL HIGHLIGHT

John Jacobs, story and pics

At the recent Florida Fossil Hunters Fossil Fair held in Sanford, Florida, I came across a pair of fossil strombs that intrigued me. The data tag said they came from Assa, Morocco. The age on the tag had them at 35 million years in the Eocene. Research online, via the Conchologists of America facebook page, revealed their identity, but also some confusion on the age. While within the Stromboidea, they are not in Family Strombidae, as would be expected. The family is Pugnellidae, and the species is *Perustrombus africanus* Kiel & Bandel, 1999. According to the original description, these shells are actually from the late Cretaceous (72-66 million years ago). The shell material has been replaced by carnelian agate, and are slightly translucent.



24.7mm



27.7mm



Backlit image

References:

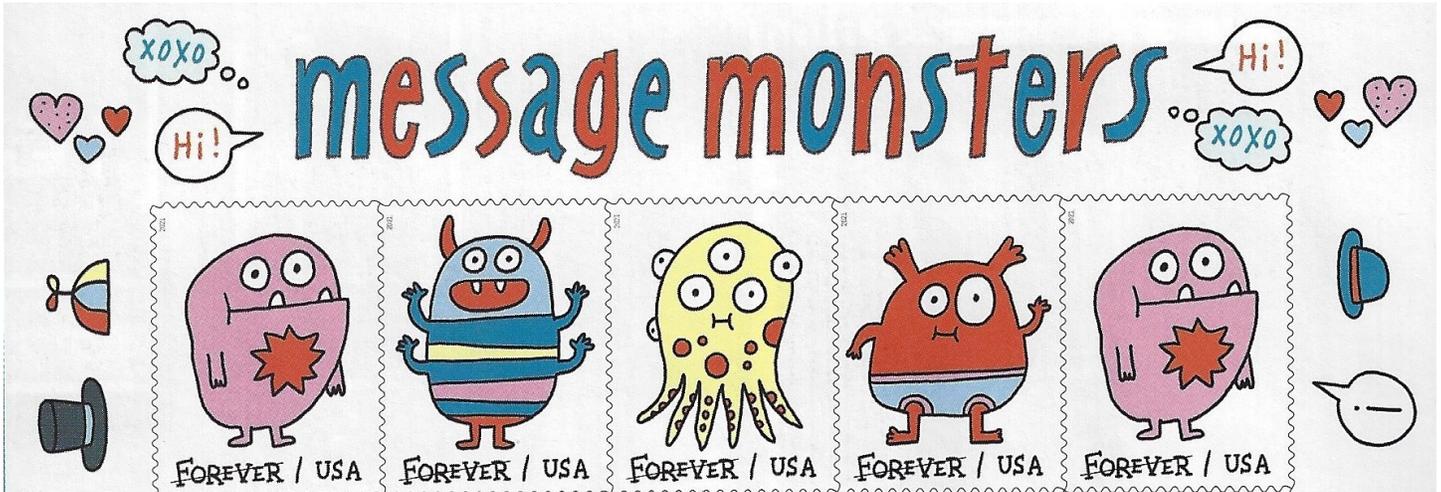
Kiel, Steffan & Klaus Bandel. 1999. The Pugnellidae, a new stromboidean family (Gastropoda) from the upper Cretaceous. *Paläontologische Zeitschrift* 73(1/2):47-58.

Website www.stromboidea.de

Molluscs on Stamps

by John Jacobs

On September 24th, the US Postal Service issued a new set of stamps called "Message Monsters". There are four monster-like characters depicted including one octopus-like monster. This is a fun issue which children (of all ages) can have fun with. The border of the stamp pane has little stickers which can be applied to the particular monster stamp being used. The stamps are all self-adhesive (the norm for US stamps), and are one ounce first-class rate stamps. So, have some scary good fun by sending some monster letters. Boo!



Cinctura hunteria (Perry, 1811)



Mystery item about 25mm

The St. Petersburg Shell Club Presents their 74th Annual

Shell Show

Seashells Galore

Feb. 18th and Feb. 19th, 2022

Friday, 10AM-5PM

Saturday, 10AM-3PM

Beautiful Exhibits

Door Prizes, Raffle Items

Shells for Sale

Seminole Recreation Center

9100 113th St. North

Seminole, Florida

1 Mile North of Park Blvd.

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for an Adult at the door

Children under 15 Free with Adult

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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*

One Hope Boulevard
Galveston, Texas 77554
409-744-4673

Florida United
Malacologists (FUM)

The FUM meeting
will be held at the
Bailey-Matthews
National Shell
Museum on Sanibel

Island February 5, 2022. This is an informal event that is free to registrants.

Various short presentations will be given on a variety of malacological subjects. The registration form is available on the Shell Museum website. Early registration is strongly encouraged for this popular event.



Registration Required

The St. Petersburg Shell Show

As we move closer to our shell show taking place, we need you all to think about how you can help make this event a success. The club had to bypass 2021 due to the pandemic; not an easy decision to make. But 2022 looks to be much safer as more people get vaccinated.

We'll need volunteers at the Admissions Table, the Raffle Table, the Club Sales Table, and possibly to help with the kitchen area. Set up on Thursday will need help with tables. This includes setting up the tables, cleaning them, and covering them with the club's covers.

Please volunteer for this important event. Contact John Jacobs at johncheryl@earthlink.net or stpetclub@gmail.com.

Thank you all for your consideration.

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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
johncheryl@earthlink.net
 or 813-309-2608