

# Tidelines

January 2022

St. Petersburg Shell Club, Inc.

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

**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!**

Shell Club meetings are held on the first Friday of the month, except June, July and August, & December 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.

## 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 need volunteers at the Front Entry 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](mailto:johncheryl@earthlink.net) or [stpeteshellclub@gmail.com](mailto:stpeteshellclub@gmail.com).

Thank you all for your consideration. Let's make this a fabulous event.

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.

Minimum Donation of \$4

for an Adult at the door

Children under 15 Free with Adult

[stpeteshellclub.org](http://stpeteshellclub.org)

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THE ARGYLE SWEATER



BY SCOTT HILBURN



## A MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT

Welcome to the New Year, everyone. This year looks to be a very busy year, shellwise, but also a very fun year. There will be several shell shows and fossil shows, as well as the COA convention in Galveston, Texas. Of course, our own show will be taking place

Feb 18-19, and, with your help, this is looking to be a great show. I beg of you all to strongly consider helping out at your show.

Now that we have started back up with physical meetings, I hope to see more of you. Zoom meetings have allowed me to participate in events I might not otherwise have been able to. But there is nothing like the physical interaction of a face-to-face discussion.

Election of officers needs to be accomplished this season, and therefore requires a Nominating Committee. Volunteers are needed for this important task. Their job is to seek nominations from individuals, and then to present the proposed board to the membership in April, with voting done in May. Please give serious thought to this committee, and contact myself to submit your name as part of the committee. **I wish to not be considered for President, but I do volunteer for newsletter editor.**

Wishing you all the best in 2022.

*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](mailto: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

### January

- 1 Sat 5:21AM -0.9
- 2 Sun 6:13AM -1.0
- 3 Mon 7:03AM -1.0
- 4 Tue 7:50AM -0.9
- 5 Wed 8:35AM -0.7
- 6 Thu 9:15AM -0.5
- 7 Fri 9:52AM -0.3
- 12 Wed 2:56AM -0.3
- 13 Thu 3:46AM -0.5
- 14 Fri 4:31AM -0.6
- 15 Sat 5:12AM -0.6
- 16 Sun 5:50AM -0.6
- 17 Mon 6:25AM -0.6
- 18 Tue 6:58AM -0.6
- 19 Wed 7:28AM -0.6
- 20 Thu 7:59AM -0.6
- 21 Fri 8:29AM -0.5
- 22 Sat 9:00AM -0.3
- 26 Wed 12.56AM -0.2
- 27 Thu 2:16AM -0.5
- 28 Fri 3:27AM -0.6
- 29 Sat 4:28AM -0.8
- 30 Sun 5:22AM -0.9
- 31 Mon 6:09AM -0.9

### February

- 1 Tue 6:50AM -0.8
- 2 Wed 7:26AM -0.7
- 3 Thu 7:58AM -0.5
- 4 Fri 8:25AM -0.3
- 10 Thu 2:17AM -0.3
- 11 Fri 3:19AM -0.4
- 12 Sat 4:11AM -0.5
- 13 Sun 4:54AM -0.6
- 14 Mon 5:31AM -0.6
- 15 Tue 6:03AM -0.6
- 16 Wed 6:31AM -0.6
- 17 Thu 6:57AM -0.5
- 18 Fri 7:21AM -0.3
- 22 Tue 11:10PM -0.2
- 24 Thu 12.41AM -0.4
- 25 Fri 2:11AM -0.5
- 26 Sat 3:25AM -0.6
- 27 Sun 4:23AM -0.7
- 28 Mon 5:10AM -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](http://saltwatertides.com).

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

Jan 4-Suncoast Conchologists Meeting  
Jan 7-Speaker: **John Jacobs**—"Molluscs on Stamps"  
Feb 1-Suncoast Conchologists Meeting  
Feb 4-Regular club meeting  
Feb 18-19 **St. Petersburg Shell Show**

**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

**January**

5 – Jacqueline Sulek  
6 – Tamara Holzworth  
15 – John Barr  
25 – John Jacobs

**February**

17—Sandra Gann  
25—Pat Linn

**March**

8—Betty Fearn

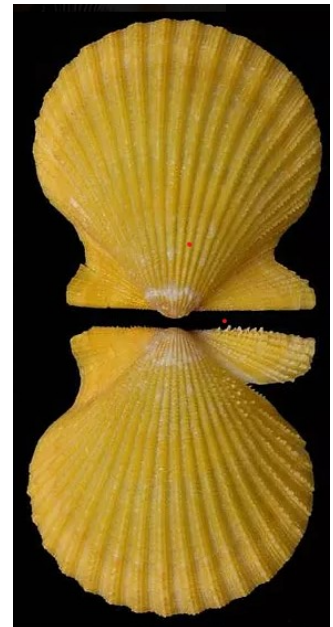
Would you like to help the club by sending out Birthday cards and more?  
Contact Cheryl Jacobs at [johncheryl@earthlink.net](mailto:johncheryl@earthlink.net)

**Birthday Shells**  
per **R. Tucker Abbott**

January—Orange banded cowry  
(*Lyncina carneola*)



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



February—Purple sea snail  
(*Janthina janthina*)

**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.

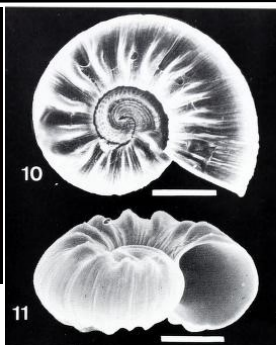




The Ninja Slug, *Ibycus rachelae* Schilthuizen & Liew, 2008, measures about 40 mm (1.6 inch), and has a long tail that measures three times the length of its head! The species is found in the rainforests of Malaysia. This type of land slug is known as a semi-slug, as it has a relatively small shell that is partially or totally hidden by the mantle. Like other land gastropods, the hermaphroditic (when one individual is at the same time male and female) Ninja Slugs use "love darts" that help initiate the reproductive process. The authors of the original description observed: "The living animal has the habit of wrapping its long tail around the body when in rest." The species is named after Rachel, then the girlfriend of one the species' authors, Menno Schilthuizen from the Naturalis museum in Leiden, The Netherlands. Photo by Albert Kang. More? [ShellMuseum.org/blog](http://ShellMuseum.org/blog)



From Wikipedia

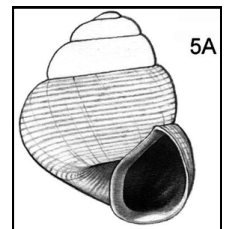


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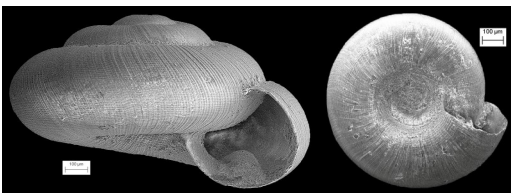
The Tiniest Shells  
by John Jacobs

Every now and then someone asks: "What is the smallest shell?" Thanks to my recent participation in the OVUM (Ohio Valley Unified Malacologists) meeting, I can now answer this question. The smallest species known is *Ammonicera minorialis* Rolán, 1992 coming in at 0.35mm. This aquatic snail is found in Cuba at 3-20 meters depth.

The smallest land snail is *Acmella nana* Vermeulen, Liew & Schilthuizen, 2015 at about 0.6mm. This is a snail found in Borneo, Malaysia.



From Vermeulen, Liew & Schilthuizen, 2015



From jaxshells.org

*Punctum smithi* Morrison, 1935 is the smallest land snail in North America. It measures 1.2mm wide and 0.6mm high. It is found in Maryland, Indiana, Virginia, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama. Probably elsewhere as well.

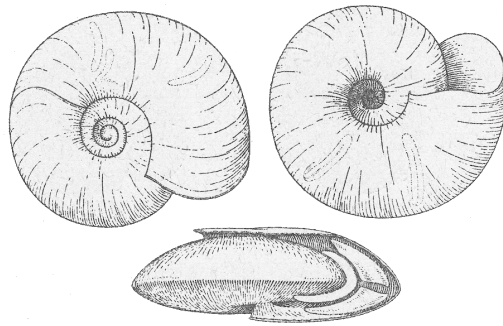


## Molluscs on Stamps

by John Jacobs

Small molluscs have very rarely been shown on postage stamps. The endangered species, *Segmentina nitida* (O. F. Müller, 1774) (Shining ram's horn) was depicted on a Great Britain stamp January 20, 1998.

This is an air-breathing freshwater snail with a maximum diameter of 7mm. It is known from several European countries including Great Britain, Czech Republic, Germany, Latvia, Netherlands, Poland, and Slovakia.



From wikipedia



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The following important US stamp issues will be released sometime in 2022:

**Eugenie Clark.** Affectionately known as the “Shark Lady,” pioneering marine biologist Eugenie Clark (1922-2015) is commemorated on a stamp featuring a digital collage by Amanda Phingbodhipakkiya that incorporates a photo of Clark and a lemon shark. The stylized blue elements in the background suggest an undersea image.

According to the USPS, Clark “spent her career working tirelessly to change public perception about sharks as well as to preserve marine environments around the world.”

**National Marine Sanctuaries.** The 50th anniversary of the establishment of the National Marine Sanctuary System is honored on a pane of 16 different stamps. Each stamp pictures a photo from one of the sanctuaries in the system. A map of the system is printed on the back of the pane, the USPS said.

These precious habitats “have protected areas with special ecological, cultural and historical significance,” the USPS announced.

Animals shown on the stamps include a balloon fish, red-footed boobies, humpback whale, elkhorn coral, Hawaiian monk seal, queen angelfish, sea otter, Atlantic sea nettle, California sea lions and sand tiger shark.





# 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](http://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



Florida's largest fossil show will take place March 19 & 20 at the Florida Fairgrounds in Tampa. Member exhibits will be on display, and there will be numerous dealers selling various fossils and minerals. Seminars will take place on a variety of subjects. The children's Fossil Pit is always a great hit. Throughout the day there will be many silent auction items up for grabs. T-shirts, publications, and raffle

tickets will be available.

The Florida Fossil Permit will be available for those who collect vertebrate fossils. Dr. Richard Hulbert will be happy to assist you with the permits. A permit is not needed for collecting invertebrate fossils such as shells and echinoids.

Keep up with the latest information via the club's web site [tampabayfossilclub.com](http://tampabayfossilclub.com) or their facebook page.



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**Founded 1936**  
**Annual Dues: Individual \$15.00**  
**Family \$20 (1 copy of TIDELINES per household)**

Meetings are held on the 1st Friday of the month, except June, July and August, at the **Seminole Recreation Center, 9100 113th Street North, Seminole**. Meetings start at 6:00p.m. and include educational short programs, social times, opportunities to identify shells, and a main program on some aspect of the shell collecting hobby. The club publishes "TIDELINES" 5-6 times a year with a special edition at Shell Show time. The membership year begins Jan 1st and dues are delinquent after Apr 1st. Please make your check payable to the St. Petersburg Shell Club.

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 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**

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 Print as you want to be listed.

Return to: Membership Chairperson  
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 Seminole, FL 33775-3472

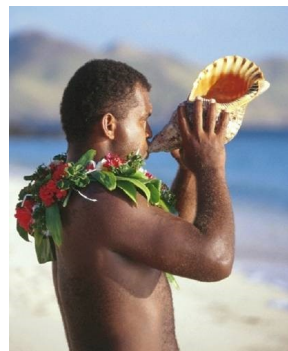
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**Show 'n Tell**

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