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March 2022

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, & 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

This was a great show. Check out the pics inside.



Marilyn Myers & Jerry Puigdomenech at the Admissions Desk welcoming visitors



A MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT

After having to miss out on 2021, we managed a successful shell show this year. There were a lot of wonderful scientific and artistic displays. For those who couldn't make it to the show, you can peruse the photos inside. Shell shows are a great way to see shells from all over the world and learn about them. I encourage everyone to visit as many shell shows as possible.

Now that we have put behind us the "horrendous" winter weather here in Florida, we can get back to our normal outdoor activities like shell collecting. So, start hitting those beaches and wooded areas for marine and land shells. And remember, collect responsibly and be mindful of your surroundings.

For our March 4th meeting, we have been planning a silent auction (actually, we've had stuff set aside for the last two years). We have some nice shells and books that are bargains; so come to the meeting for some good deals.

Our sister club, Suncoast Conchologists, is starting up physical meetings again with the March 1st meeting at Grace Lutheran Church, 1812 N. Highland Ave, Clearwater, FL. Meeting starts at 7PM. This is great news, and I'm looking forward to the meeting.

Until next time, happy shelling,

John



MEMBER NEWS

We've added some new members from the Shell Show

Welcome to:
Laura Carr of Leesburg, FL
Kathy Hofstad of Riverview, FL
Debi & Robert McCreary of Clearwater, FL

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

March

- 1 Tue 5:48AM -0.6
- 2 Wed 6:20AM -0.5
- 3 Thu 6:46AM -0.3
- 11 Fri 1:31AM -0.2
- 12 Sat 2:42AM -0.3
- 13 Sun 4:37AM -0.3
- 14 Mon 5:20AM -0.4
- 15 Tue 5:55AM -0.4
- 16 Wed 6:24AM -0.3
- 17 Fri 6:50AM -0.2
- 20 Sun 8:44PM -0.2
- 21 Mon 9:38PM -0.3
- 22 Tue 10:43PM -0.4
- 24 Thu 12:03AM -0.4
- 25 Fri 1:35AM -0.4
- 26 Sat 3:02AM -0.4
- 27 Sun 4:09AM -0.5
- 28 Mon 4:59AM -0.4
- 29 Tue 5:39AM -0.3

April

- 3 Sun 8:45PM -0.2
- 4 Mon 9:27PM -0.2
- 5 Tue 10:15PM -0.2
- 17 Sun 7:51PM -0.4
- 18 Mon 8:40PM -0.5
- 19 Tue 9:37PM -0.5
- 20 Wed 10:44PM -0.5
- 22 Fri 12:02AM -0.4
- 23 Sat 1:24AM -0.3
- 24 Sun 2:36AM -0.3
- 25 Mon 3:32AM -0.2
- 30 Sat 7:18PM -0.2

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



Aporrhaidae *Aporrhais uttingerianus* (Risso, 1826) 34mm, Pleistocene, France

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

Mar 1 - Suncoast Conchologists meeting, 7PM. Tim Marshall, Florida State Park Ranger from Honeymoon Island State Park presents his education talk: "History of Beach-Combing on Honeymoon Island"

Mar 4 - Silent Auction night

Apr 1 - Dr. Greg Herbert of USF

May 6 - To be determined

UPCOMING SHELL SHOWS & RELATED EVENTS

Mar 3-5 Sanibel Shell Show

Mar 10-12 Marco Island Shell Show

Mar 19-20 Fossil Fest Florida State Fairgrounds, Tampa, FL

Mar 25-27 Panama City Shell Show Panama City Beach Senior Center, 423 Lyndell Lane, Panama City Beach, FL

Apr 2 Florida United Malacologists (FUM), Bailey Matthews National Shell Museum

May 6-8 North Carolina Shell Show Crystal Coast Civic Center, 3505 Arendell Street, Morehead City, NC



Happy Birthdays

March

8—Betty Fearn

April

9—Mildred Sides

15—Dick Fearn

22—Gwen Howard

May

1—Jerry Puigdomenech

16—Tina Baldwin

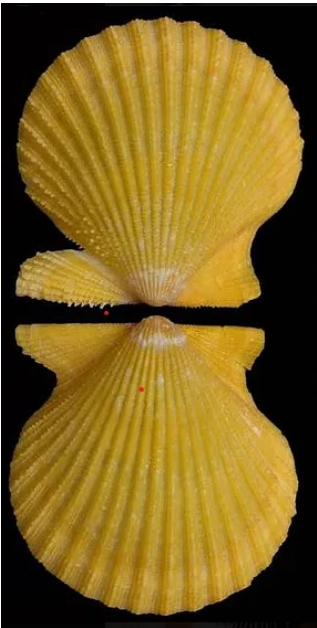
20—Roger Smith

23—Mary Ellen Akers

24—Jackie Zajac

Birthday Shells per R. Tucker Abbott

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



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

April—Coquina shell (*Donax variabilis*)



May—Emerald nerite (*Smaragdia viridis*)



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 2022 St. Petersburg Shell Show

We had a great show this year with loads of marvelous exhibits. Our three judges (Harry Lee, Anne Joffe, & Phyllis Gray) were wonderful. Four major awards were handed out to truly outstanding exhibits. Members Pat & Bob Linn won the Conchologists of America Award, Karlynn Morgan won the National Museum of Natural History Award, Ron & Mary Jo Bopp won the du Pont Award, and member Doug Thompson won the Florida Museum of Natural History Platinum Award (which requires an exhibit to have previously won a major award). Congratulations to all of you!

I'll let the following photos speak for the greatness of the show. Enjoy.



Artistic Judge: Phyllis Gray Scientific Judges: Harry Lee, Anne Joffe



Pat & Bob Linn, COA Award



Karlynn Morgan, National Museum of



Ron & (Mary Jo) Bopp, du Pont Trophy



Doug Thompson, Florida Museum of Natural History Award



Doug Thompson, Florida Museum of Natural History Award: Florida Lion's Paws



Doug Thompson, Self-Collected Shell of the Show



Cathee Folk:
People's Choice award winner



Fossil Filled Lamp won by Mary Ellen Akers



Bowl of Shells won by Mary Ellen Akers



Titanostrombus galeatus won by
Linda Spiegel



Triptych won by Anne Joffe



Spondylus americanus won by Debi McCreary



Pat & Bob Linn's COA award winning exhibit



Shell of the Show Any Manner *Lyria leslieboschae*
Greg Curry



Shells for sale



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 April 2, 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.



Florida United Malacologists
April 2, 2022

Registration Required



Fossil Fest: 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 shark teeth or invertebrate fossils such as shells and echinoids.

Keep up with the latest information via the club's web site tampabayfossilclub.com or their facebook page.



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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