

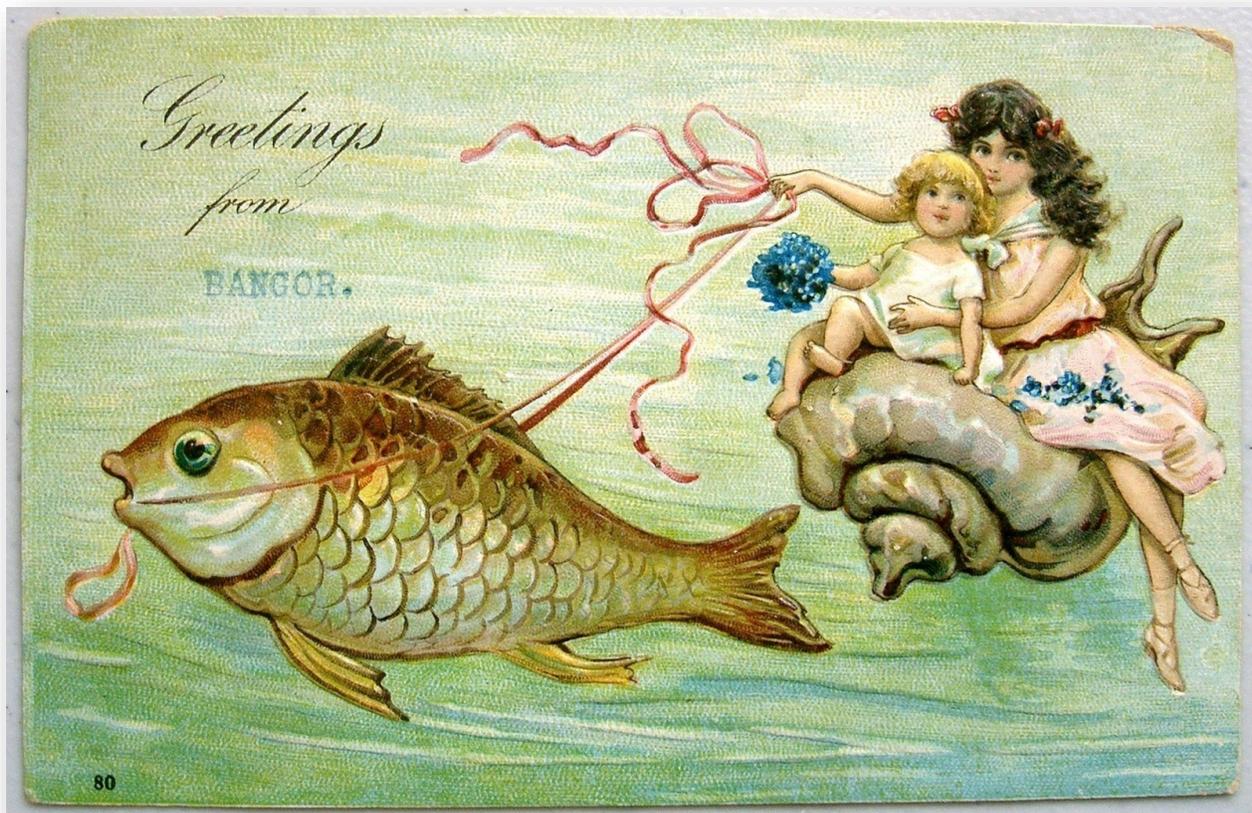
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May 2022

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.



Early greetings postcard



A MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT

It is always a sad day when reporting the passing of a member. Dick Fearn passed away on Friday March 11th. He and Betty were longtime supporters of the club, as well as, our sister club Suncoast Conchologists. There is more in-depth information inside.

With May being the last meeting before our summer break, I thought we could make it a show and tell night. Bring in your favorite shell to show off and tell us why you like it so much. We all have a shell that has some special meaning for us.

We've been invited to join the Suncoast Conchologists at their annual picnic on May 14th. Details inside.

The next Conchologists of America convention is fast approaching. Held in Galveston, Texas this year, it's looking to be a great event with lots of presentations, silent auctions, shells for sale and a fabulous time just being with other like-minded folks discussing molluscs. Next year's convention will be held in Wilmington, North Carolina, and I expect it to be another outstanding event. 2024 is still being planned, but I will keep everyone informed on the details when they become available.

I wish everyone a wonderful and safe summer break. I hope you find wonderful shells to add to your collection.

Until next time, happy shelling,

John



MEMBER NEWS

Richard (Dick) Fearn passed away March 11. He, along with his wife, Betty, became members in 2003.

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

May

- 1 Sun 7:53PM -0.3
- 2 Mon 8:29PM -0.3
- 3 Tue 9:09PM -0.3
- 4 Wed 9:55PM -0.3
- 5 Thu 10:48PM -0.2
- 14 Sat 6:13PM -0.2
- 15 Sun 6:59PM -0.4
- 16 Mon 7:49PM -0.6
- 17 Tue 8:43PM -0.6
- 18 Wed 9:42PM -0.6
- 19 Thu 10:46PM -0.5
- 20 Fri 11:52PM -0.4
- 22 Sun 12:55AM -0.2
- 28 Sat 6:33PM -0.2
- 29 Sun 7:09PM -0.3
- 30 Mon 7:44PM -0.3
- 31 Tue 8:20PM -0.3

June

- 1 Wed 8:59PM -0.3
- 2 Thu 9:41PM -0.3
- 3 Fri 10:26PM -0.2
- 12 Sun 6:05PM -0.4
- 13 Mon 6:58PM -0.6
- 14 Tue 7:51PM -0.6
- 15 Wed 8:46PM -0.6
- 16 Thu 9:40PM -0.6
- 17 Fri 10:33PM -0.5
- 18 Sat 11:23PM -0.2
- 26 Sun 6:22PM -0.2
- 27 Mon 7:00PM -0.3
- 28 Tue 7:37PM -0.3
- 29 Wed 8:13PM -0.3
- 30 Thu 8:48PM -0.2

July

- 1 Fri 9:22PM -0.2
- 10 Sun 5:04PM -0.2
- 11 Mon 6:03PM -0.4
- 12 Tue 6:58PM -0.6
- 13 Wed 7:50PM -0.6
- 14 Thu 8:38PM -0.5
- 15 Fri 9:22PM -0.4

August

- 8 Mon 5:01PM -0.2
- 9 Tue 5:59PM -0.3
- 10 Wed 6:50PM -0.3
- 11 Thu 7:43PM -0.3

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

May 6 - Show & Tell night. Bring in your favorite shell.
May 14—Joint picnic with Suncoast Conchologists

UPCOMING SHELL SHOWS & RELATED EVENTS

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

May 31-Jun 4 COA Convention Galveston, TX
See conchologistsofamerica.org for forms and info

Oct 14-16 Texas Jamboree & Seashell Searchers Shell Show, Lake Jackson, TX



Happy Birthdays

May

1—Jerry Puigdomenech
16—Tina Baldwin
20—Roger Smith
23—Mary Ellen Akers

June

1-Jennifer Kotimaki
7-Maureen Keefe
12-Julianne Benedict-Dolney
13-Karla Mason

July

11-Elaine Smith
24-Cynthia Beck
26-David Ward
28-Peggyann Ankrom

Birthday Shells per R. Tucker Abbott

May—Emerald nerite (*Smaragdia viridis*)



June—Pearl oyster (*Pinctada margaritifera*)

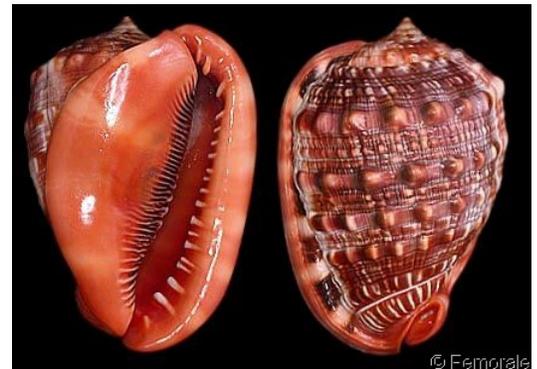


Would you like to help the club by sending out Birthday cards and more? Contact Cheryl Jacobs at johncheryl@earthlink.net

July—Strawberry top (*Clanculus pharaonius*)



August—Cameo helmet (*Cypraeassis rufa*)



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

Here are a few more pics from the show.





2015 Holiday Party

Richard W. Fearn, 87, passed away peacefully Friday, March 11, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in West Springfield, MA to the late Alexander and Frances Fearn and was raised in Agawam, MA where he has resided for most of his life. He was educated in

Agawam High School and is a graduate of Trade School in Springfield where he majored in Automotive Mechanics. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1954, earned the rank of Master Sergeant, is a graduate of the NCO Academy in Knoxville, TN and remained active with the organization for many years. He served his country for 40 years, serving in Korea and Vietnam Conflict. Following his tour of duty in Phalsbourg, France, he returned to his home in Agawam, continued his service in the Air National Guard while working for the Town of Agawam where he was the Master Mechanic Firefighter for 30 years and established his automotive transmission repair shop in Agawam, which later relocated to West Springfield and operated for 30 years. Richard's love of NASCAR began as a teenager and was further fueled and became his lifetime passion as the firefighter who drove the firetruck at Riverside Park Speedway. He was a Master Mechanic crew member at both Riverside Park and Stafford Speedways and a member of New England Antique Racers. Following his retirement, he became a Florida resident for 20 years. He was a member of the Air Force Sergeant Association; American Legion in Safety Harbor, FL; Elks Lodge in Westfield; St. Petersburg Shell Club in St. Petersburg, FL; the Suncoast Conchologists Shell Club in Clearwater, FL and the Agawam United Methodist Church in Agawam where he served as a trustee for many years. Along with his parents waiting to greet him into his eternal life are his brothers, Robert Fearn and Alexander Fearn, Jr. He leaves his beloved wife of 64 years Betty Fearn; son Thomas Fearn and his wife Susan Fearn; daughter Diane Fearn-Thomas and his brother William Fearn and his wife Judy. The funeral was held at the Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home Friday, March 18th followed by burial in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Richard's name to New England Hospice, 190 Old Derby St, Suite 304, Hingham, MA 02043



The Suncoast Conchologists has invited our club to join them at their annual Picnic this year.

It will be held Saturday May 14, starting at 11AM. It will take place at Philippe Park, Pavilion #1 in Safety Harbor.

The cost is \$4 each. Payment needed at the meeting.

The club is providing hotdogs, hamburgers, and veggie burgers. We will have signup sheets at the May 6th meeting for you to list a side dish to bring, and which meat you want.

Join us for some Fun, Food, and a shell of a time.



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

Field Trips

May 1st at Fred Howard Park at 6PM. There will be a -0.3 tide.

June 12th at the South Sunshine Skyway rest area. Low tide is at 6PM. Further details to come.

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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# _____
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 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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 Web site: stpeteshellclub.org
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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