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September 2022

St. Petersburg Shell Club, Inc.
Founded 1936
Web site: stpeteshellclub.org

Shell Club meetings are held on the first Friday of the month, except June, July, 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 Conchologists of America 50th Anniversary pin designed by Leslie Crnkovic and made available at the COA Galveston Convention.

Moody Gardens Hotel, Galveston, Texas





A MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT

As we approach our new season of club meetings I hope you are all well. We've had some very high temperatures so staying cool and hydrated have been very important.

Despite the summer heat, I hope you are enjoying yourselves, and perhaps finding some nice shells. While it seems I rarely get to the beach, I did manage to spend a couple of hours walking Cocoa Beach recently. See inside for more on that.

Your help is needed to choose a location for a Holiday Party in December. For a restaurant, a separate room would be great, but must accommodate about 25 people. Alternative ideas are very welcome. Please send your ideas to johncheryl@earthlink.net.

We will need to have elections this season, and the first part of this is establish a Nominating Committee. The purpose of the Nominating Committee is to receive nominations and submit them to the board. Members can also nominate themselves.

We had a great time at the COA convention held in Galveston, Texas. There will be more info in the November issue. I hope you are planning to make it to Wilmington, North Carolina next year. This is shaping up to be a fabulous event. The folks in the North Carolina Shell Club are working hard to provide a wonderful experience. See the dates later in this issue.

Until next time, happy shelling, see you in September,

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

October

28 Thu 8:10AM -0.2
29 Fri 9:03AM -0.3
30 Sat 10:06AM -0.2

November

8 Tue 5:57AM -0.2
9 Wed 6:33AM -0.2
10 Thu 7:10AM -0.3
11 Fri 7:50AM -0.2
12 Sat 8:35AM -0.2
22 Tue 4:51AM -0.2
23 Wed 5:34AM -0.5
24 Thu 6:20AM -0.6
25 Fri 7:11AM -0.6
26 Sat 8:07AM -0.6
27 Sun 9:08AM -0.6
28 Mon 10:12AM -0.4
29 Tue 11:15AM -0.2

December

5 Mon 4:43AM -0.3
6 Tue 5:13AM -0.5
7 Wed 5:50AM -0.5
8 Thu 6:26AM -0.6
9 Fri 7:02AM -0.6
10 Sat 7:39AM -0.5
11 Sun 8:19AM -0.4
20 Tue 3:52AM -0.4
21 Wed 4:41AM -0.6
22 Thu 5:31AM -0.8
23 Fri 6:22AM -0.9
24 Sat 7:13AM -0.9
25 Sun 8:05AM -0.9
26 Mon 8:56AM -0.7
27 Tue 9:45AM -0.5
28 Wed 10:31AM -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.



Octopus obedience school

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

- Sep 2 John Jacobs "Looking Great at 50: COA Convention in Galveston"
- Sep 6 Suncoast Conchologists meeting
- Oct 4 Suncoast Conchologists meeting
- Oct 7 Regular club meeting
- Nov 1 Suncoast Conchologists meeting
- Nov 4 Regular club meeting

UPCOMING SHELL SHOWS & RELATED EVENTS

- Sep 17-18 Rock, Mineral, Gem, Jewelry and Fossil Show**
 Sanford Civic Center, 401 E. Seminole Blvd, Sanford, FL
- Oct 14-16 Texas Jamboree & Seashell Searchers Shell Show**, Lake Jackson, TX
- Oct 22-23 Florida Fossil Hunters Fossil Fair**
 Sanford Civic Center, 401 E. Seminole Blvd, Sanford, FL
- Nov 19-20 55th Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry, Bead and Fossil Show**, South Florida Fairgrounds Expo Center East, 3821 Lake Worth Road, Lake Worth, FL



Happy Birthdays

Birthday Shells per R. Tucker Abbott

September

- 2 – Otis Taylor
- 10 – Linda Taylor
- 11 - Sharlene Totten
- 20 – Robert Marchiselli
- 27—Tiffany Schofield

September—Heliotrope Star Shell
(Astraliu heliotropium)



October

- 11 – Barbara Fite
- 19 – Doug Thompson
- 21 – Earl Petrikin
- 21 – Peggy Dill

October—Superb gaza
(Gaza superba)



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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.



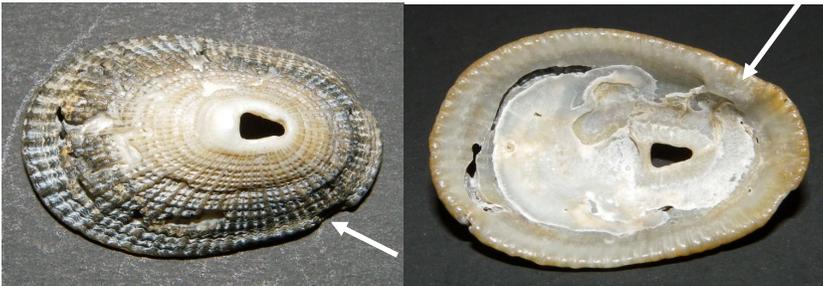
Al Deynzer (on the right) passed away on July 27 in Denver, Colorado. Al and his wife Bev owned Showcase Shells for several decades before moving to Colorado to be with their daughter. Their son Neal (left) runs the shop in Bonita Springs, Florida. Al had been ill for some time, and his illness accelerated recently. Al and Bev were fixtures at many shell shows and COA conventions. Al's interest in shells started when he was in the Air Force and stationed in the Philippines. Al was 86. We send our condolences to Bev and their family.

Photo by Randy Allamand

Beach Walk by John Jacobs

While housesitting for friends in Cocoa we decided to visit Cocoa Beach one morning for a bit. Parking at the Pier, we strolled along the beach enjoying some fine weather and, of course, watching for what might have been washed up. My favorite find was this *Diodora cayenensis* (Lamarck, 1822). This is a 31.56mm shell which may seem a rather ugly shell, but I find it fascinating. You can see various bits of damage to the shell suffered when it was alive. The arrows point to damage that healed resulting in a small bulge on the edge of the aperture.

The Cocoa Beach Pier pilings revealed several marine species which are pictured here.



Hooked mussels, *Ischadium recurvum* (Rafinesque, 1820) & the periwinkle *Echinolittorina placida* Reid, 2009 on pier piling



The periwinkles *Littoria nebulosa* Lamarck, 1822, & *Echinolittorina placida* Reid, 2009 on pier piling

Littoria nebulosa Lamarck, 1822

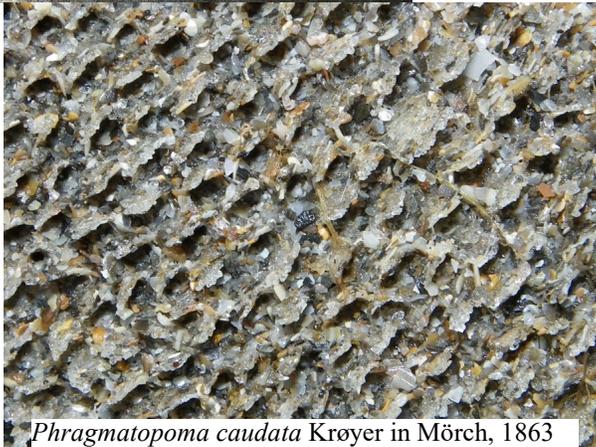


Siphonaria naufragum Stearns, 1872

Pier piling



Echinolittorina placida Reid, 2009, Cocoa Beach, FL 22020625 juveniles & *Chthamalus stellatus* (Poli, 1791)



Phragmatopoma caudata Krøyer in Mörch, 1863 (honeycomb tubeworm)



Tetraclita stalactifera (Lamarck, 1818)



Ostrea equestris Say, 1824

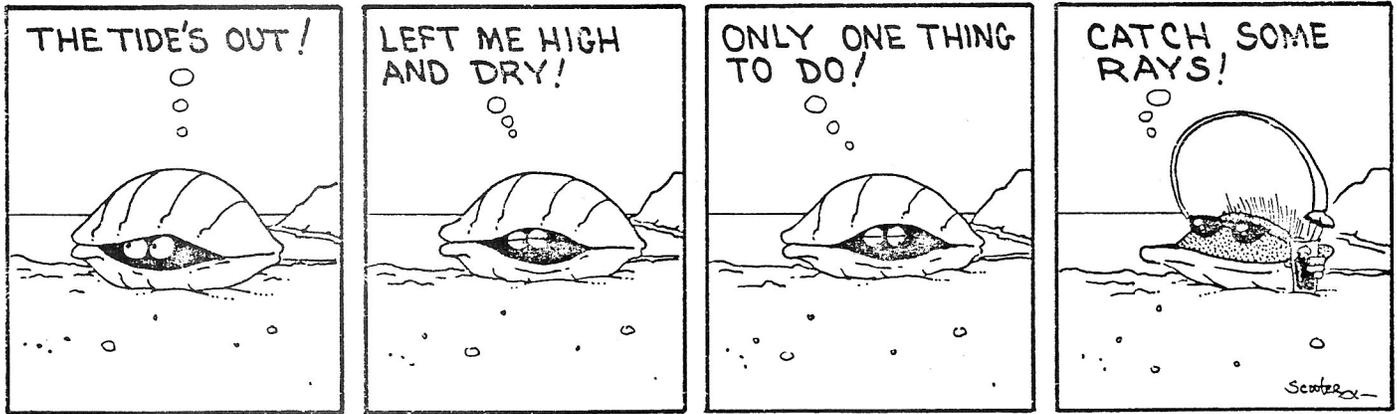


Littoria nebulosa Lamarck, 1822 & *Echinolittorina placida* Reid, 2009 on unknown calcareous growth.

If there is a pier on the beach you are exploring, always check out the pilings for what might be living there.

Reference: 2017. Witherington, Blair & Dawn Witherington. Florida's Living Beaches: A Guide for the Curious Beachcomber. 2nd Edition

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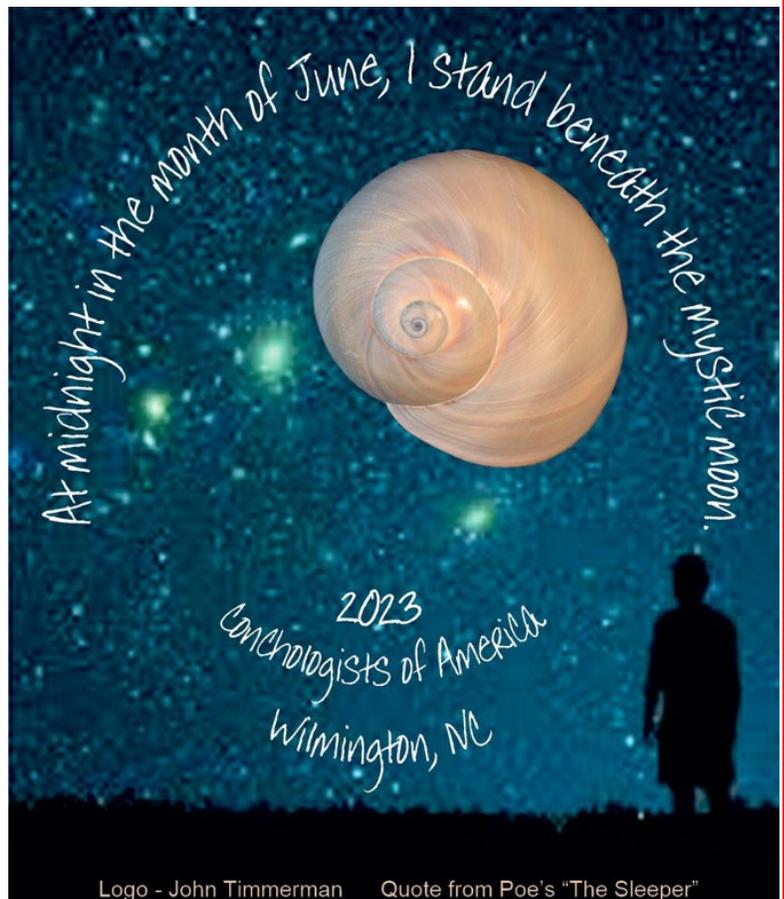


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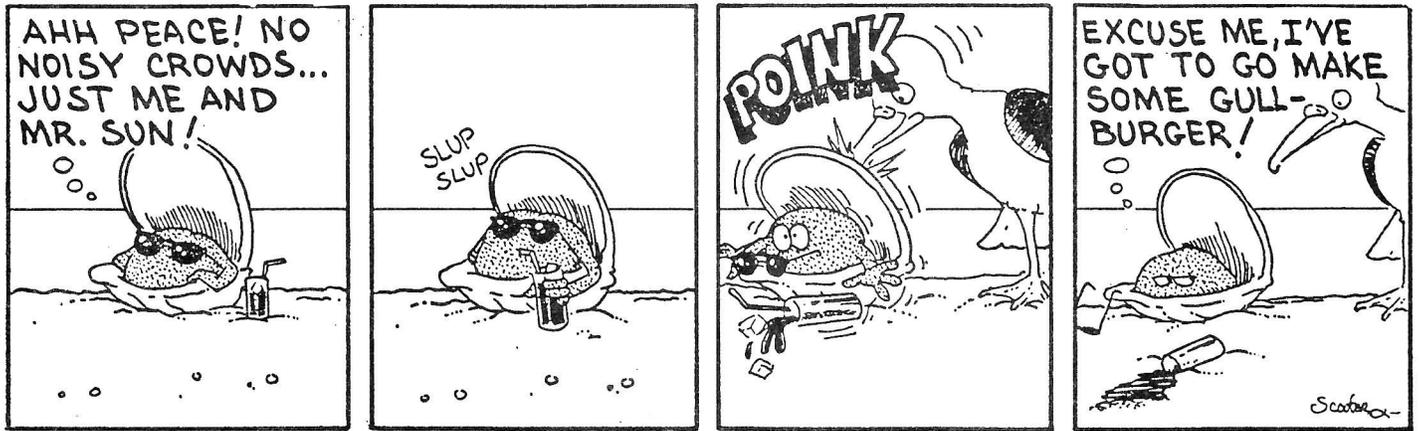
Conchologists of America 2023 Convention

The North Carolina Shell Club will host the convention in Wilmington, NC May 31-June 4. 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.

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.



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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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 Birthday: _____ Shell Interests: _____
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 Print as you want to be listed.

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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