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March 2023

St. Petersburg Shell Club, Inc.

Founded 1936

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

With much sadness we report the passing of Bob Linn on January 17, 2023. He is survived by Pat Linn, his wife of 46 years, and their children and grandchildren. He and Pat exhibited many times at various shell shows including our own club's show and garnished numerous awards for their outstanding exhibits. They volunteered at Honeymoon Island for many years where they talked about shells to visitors of all ages. Bob was 91.

Here Bob is seen with Pat after winning the Conchologists of America Award at the 2022 St. Petersburg Shell Show. Their exhibit "Many Moons from Around the World" also won the Best Worldwide Shells Any Source award at the Sanibel Shell Show in March 2022. This was their last exhibit.



## 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.



### **A MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PRESIDENT**

It is difficult to express the sadness we feel at the passing of friends and associates. We've lost two members recently with the passing of Bob Linn and Doug Boddy. A third shell person who has left us was June Bailey, who many in the shell world knew and loved. More about Doug and June in this issue. Two others who had a huge impact on our hobby were Alan J. Kohn and Bill Frank. More on them elsewhere.

We're looking for volunteers to help man the club table at the Fossil Fest March 18-19. If you can do this, please contact me. I will need to turn in the names of volunteers to the organizers of this great event.

Three great shell shows have come and gone this season. The Gulf Coast Shell Show is the last scheduled show of the year in Florida. I cannot stress enough the importance of shell shows from a learning perspective. Not only will you see shells you may have never seen before but you have the opportunity to talk with others about molluscs. And perhaps you'll be inspired to display an exhibit yourself.

Speaking of events, the COA convention in Wilmington, NC is looking to be a great one. The field trips are all booked up and the convention rate hotel rooms are dwindling fast. I recommend you make your hotel reservations and convention registrations soon.

Our Members Shell Show in February was a great success with many wonderful shells brought in. Check out the pics in this issue. We're already planning the next one for November.

And last but not least, our Shell Show will be back in 2024 to celebrate the 75th installment called "Seashell Diamonds". So start thinking about exhibit ideas and how you can help at the show. More information to come.

Enjoy this issue and stay safe. See you at the meetings.

**John**

#### Club Officers and Committees

President John Jacobs; Vice President Robert Gould; Recording Secretary open; Treasurer Kathy Hofstad; 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 Wed 2:46AM -0.3
- 2 Thu 3:43AM -0.4
- 3 Fri 4:28AM -0.5
- 4 Sat 5:04AM -0.5
- 5 Sun 5:34AM -0.4
- 6 Mon 5:58AM -0.3
- 7 Tue 6:19AM -0.2
- 11 Sat 8:54PM -0.2
- 12 Sun 10:56PM -0.2
- 14 Tue 12:15AM -0.3
- 15 Wed 1:48AM -0.4
- 16 Thu 3:14AM -0.5
- 17 Fri 4:21AM -0.6
- 18 Sat 5:13AM -0.6
- 19 Sun 5:55AM -0.6
- 20 Mon 6:30AM -0.4
- 23 Thu 8:31PM -0.2
- 24 Fri 9:20PM -0.3
- 25 Sat 10:12PM -0.3
- 26 Sun 11:12PM -0.2
- 28 Tue 12:25AM -0.2
- 31 Fri 3:59AM -0.2

#### April

- 1 Sat 4:43AM -0.2
- 7 Fri 8:08PM -0.3
- 8 Sat 8:53PM -0.4
- 9 Sun 9:46PM -0.4
- 10 Mon 10:51PM -0.4
- 12 Wed 12:11AM -0.3
- 13 Thu 1:37AM -0.3
- 14 Fri 2:51AM -0.4
- 15 Sat 3:50AM -0.3
- 16 Sun 4:35AM -0.2
- 20 Thu 7:38PM -0.3
- 21 Fri 8:20PM -0.4
- 22 Sat 9:03PM -0.4
- 24 Mon 10:45PM -0.2

**Tides are for Pass-a-Grille.** Other specific locations may be up to 2 hours later or earlier. Listings from [saltwatertides.com](http://saltwatertides.com).



Strombidae *Rostellaria fissura* (Coquebert & Brongniart, 1793) 70 & 65mm, Eocene, Middle Lutetian, Paris Basin, France

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

**Mar 3** Our meeting will host Richard Radigan of Tampa Bay Watch who will regale us with the oyster restoration projects in our waters.

**Mar 7** Suncoast Conchologists will be having their Members Shell Show starting at 7PM.

**Apr 4** Suncoast Conchologists regular meeting.

**Apr 7** John Jacobs "Shell Shows: What they are about".

UPCOMING SHELL SHOWS & RELATED EVENTS

**Mar 18-19, 2023 Fossil Fest**, Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 US-301, Tampa, FL

**Apr 15-16, 2023 Gulf Coast Shell Show**, Panama City Beach Senior Center, 423 Lyndell Lane, Panama Beach, FL

**May 5-7, 2023 North Carolina Shell Show**, Crystal Coast Civic Center, 2505 Arendell St., Morehead City, NC

**May 31-Jun 4, 2023 COA Annual Convention**, Wilmington, NC

**Aug 19-20 West Coast Shell Show**, Casa del Prado, Rm 101, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA

**Aug 25-Sep 4 Oregon Shell Show**, Oregon State Fair & Exposition Center, 2330 17th St., NE, Salem, OR

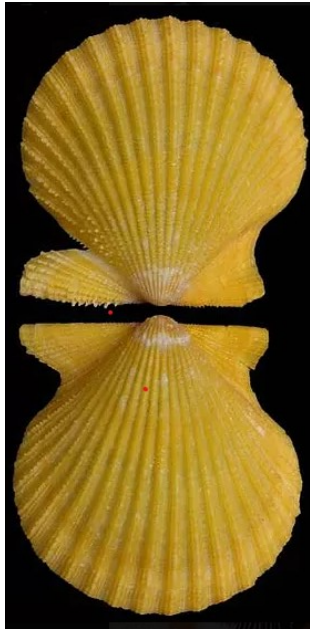
## Happy Birthdays

### Birthday Shells per R. Tucker Abbott

#### April

9—Mildred Sides

April—Coquina shell  
(*Donax variabilis*)



#### March

8—Betty Fearn

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



## Conchologists of America, inc.

### 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 are now available on the COA web site [conchologistsofamerica.org](http://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 can consist of up to 10,000 square feet of space for dealers from around the world displaying a huge variety of shells and shell-related items.



2023 Members Shell Show

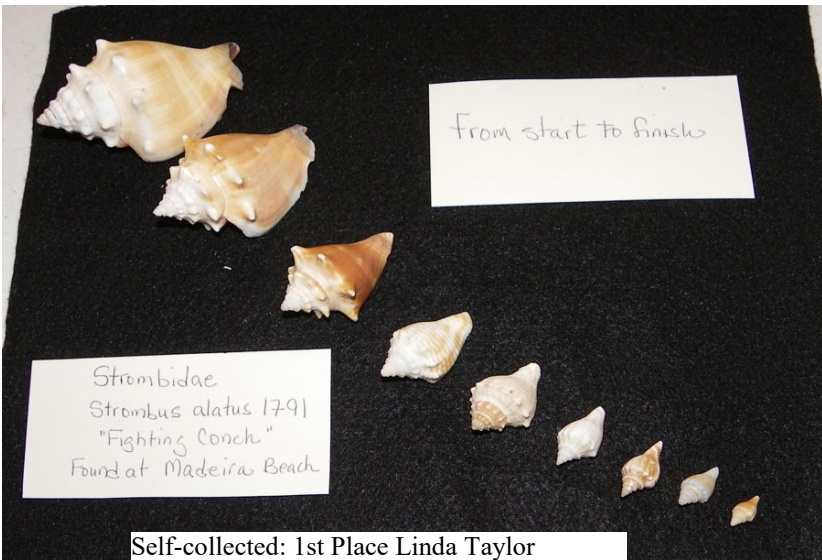
Our Members Shell Show this year brought in a lot of great shells to see. We handed out 1st place and 2nd place ribbons within five categories: Self-collected, Fossil, Shells with animal name, Shells on shells, & Multi Color shell. Judging was done by the attendees. It was a lot of fun and we've already had calls to do it again. We're planning another Members Shell Show for November.



Fossil: 1st John Jacobs, 2nd Carolyn Petrikin



Shells on shells: 1st Carolyn Petrikin, 2nd Kathy Hofstad



Self-collected: 1st Place Linda Taylor

Self-collected: 2nd Place Jennifer Kotimaki



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Shells with animal name: 1st Carolyn Petrikin, 2nd Marilynn Myers



Multi-colored shells: 1st Mary Ellen Akers, 2nd Sharlene Totten

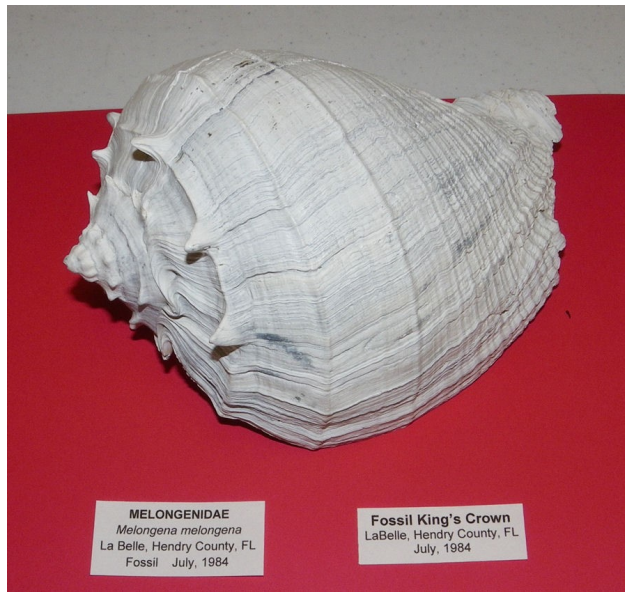


**Naticarius canrena**  
(Linnaeus 1758)  
  
Gaudy Nautica  
Ten Thousand Islands Marco Island, FL  
Along Sandbar/Shoreline-June 2019



Nostoceratidae  
*Nostoceras matagasyense* (Collignon, 1971)  
 Madagascar  
 Cretaceous, Late Campanian (ca. 73mya)

Fossil: 1st Place John Jacobs



MELONGENIDAE  
*Melongena melongena*  
 La Belle, Hendry County, FL  
 Fossil July, 1984

Fossil King's Crown  
 LaBelle, Hendry County, FL  
 July, 1984

Fossil: 2nd Place Carolyn Petrikin



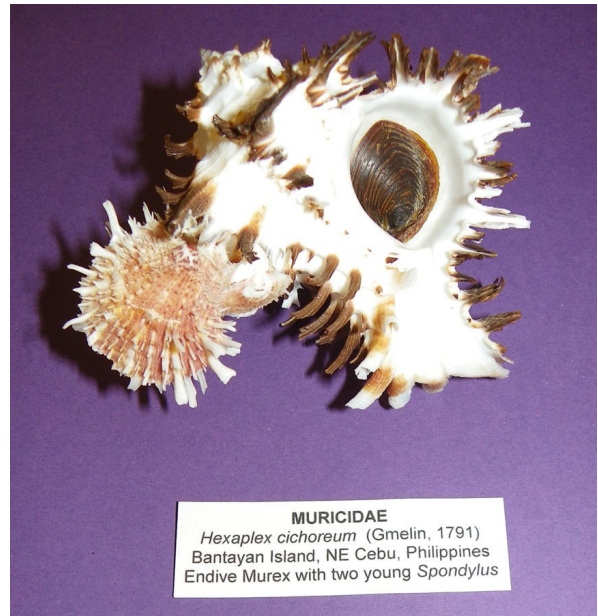
PECTINIDAE  
*Nodipecten nodosus* (Linnaeus, 1758)  
 Guerrero Negro, Baja California Sur  
 By diver  
 Pacific Lion's Paw

Shells with animal name: 1st Place Carolyn Petrikin



**Shell Name:** Mole Cowrie  
**Family:** Cypraeidae  
**Species:** *Cypraea Taipa*  
**Area:** Indo-Pacific

Shells with animal name: 2nd Place Marilyn Myers



MURICIDAE  
*Hexaplex cichoreum* (Gmelin, 1791)  
 Bantayan Island, NE Cebu, Philippines  
 Endive Murex with two young *Spondylus*

Shells on shells: 1st Place Carolyn Petrikin



"American Thorny Oyster on Scallop"  
*Spondylus americanus* (Hermann, 1781)  
 Location found not documented  
 Gifted by the original collector

Shells on shells: 2nd Place Kathy Hofstad



PECTINIDAE  
*Cryptopecten speciosum* (Reeve, 1853)  
 Souda, 125-160 feet deep, under dead coral,  
 "horseshoe" area, Senyaki, Okinawa, Japan  
 Specimens: 1 callip

Multi-colored shells: 1st Place Mary Ellen Akers



*Angaria delphinus* (Reeves 1842)  
 Imperia Delphinula  
 Philippines. Offshore  
 Un-common

Multi-colored shells: 2nd Place Sharlene Totten

**At the Shell Shows**

Representation at the three shell shows in January and February by club members started with the Broward show with Kathy Hofstad entering several artistic exhibits and earning a first place ribbon for her "Remember Me" sailor's valentine and several 2nd place ribbons. At the Sarasota show (depicted) she won a first place ribbon for her "All My Love" double valentine. Congratulations, Kathy!

John Jacobs was one of the scientific judges at the Astronaut Trail show in Melbourne. He exhibited at the Sarasota show with "Fossil Molluscs of Hawai'i" taking home the Hertweck Best Fossil award and the Fossil Shell of the Show ribbon. Here he's seen flanked by judges Alan Gettleman and Jim Wedge.

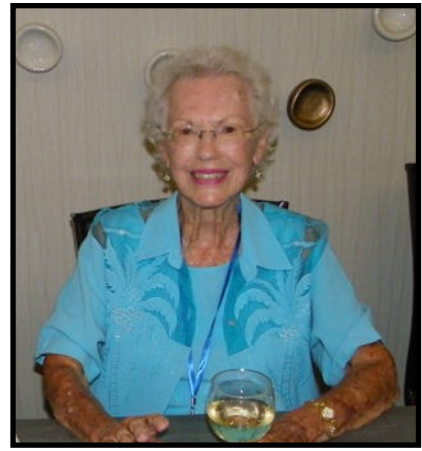




As with Bob Linn, we mourn the loss of another member. Doug Boddy and his wife Sandy would make an annual commute from Ontario to spend several months here in Florida. They became members of the shell club and helped wherever they could at our annual shell show. Here, Doug is seen at the admissions table during the 2014 show.

Doug passed away peacefully on January 19th at the age of 82.

Our sympathies go out to Sandy and their family.  
Photo: John Jacobs



June Bailey, well known to many shellers, passed away January 21st at the age of 98. Picture is from the 2021 Melbourne COA convention. Photo: John Jacobs

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*Turbo castanea* Gmelin, 1791, off Sunshine Skyway Bridge south rest area in 2007 by John Jacobs

# 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



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**Annual Dues: Individual \$15.00**  
**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 \_\_\_\_\_  
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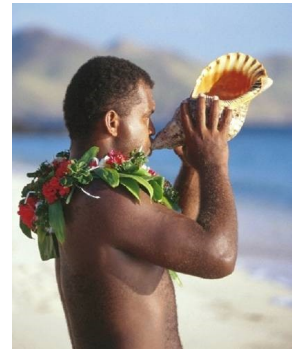
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If you use another address part of the year, please list where & when here:

Return to: Membership Chairperson  
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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 shell? 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.