

Suncoast Shorelines

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's time to Shellabrate a new Suncoast Conchologists year, beginning with our first meeting on Tuesday, September 4th!

During the summer, many get-togethers were held at my home to identify, make labels, bag and attach bid sheets to the shells donated by a founding member, Joan Pierson. The Silent Auction of her shell collection is planned for February. In the meantime, a HUGE round of Suncoast thanks goes out to Jennifer, Katherine, Steve, Betty, Pat and Mary Ellen for helping put this auction together for the club.

Now it's time for another HUGE Suncoast thank you—this time to Cheryl and John. They have spent many hours this past month—especially Cheryl, putting together a wonderful new Suncoast Conchologists website featuring our *Strombus alatus*. If you've never seen our club's website, www.suncoastconchologists.org, now is the time to do so!!

Your Suncoast Conchologists Board, made up of your elected officers as well as several committee chairs, met twice during the summer to begin planning our coming year. You're more than welcome to join us at any of these Board Meetings to make suggestions, share your ideas or help us plan! Find our meeting dates in Plan Ahead.

Please keep in mind that unless you're a Life Member, your dues for 2018-19 are now due. Find your renewal form in this *Shorelines*, fill it out and mail with your check ASAP if you're unable to bring it with you to the meeting.

I look forward to seeing most of you again on the 4th. Be sure to bring your "Summer Treasures."

Let's all "Make a Wish Upon a Starfish" for a great year!

Carolyn

PLAN AHEAD

Tuesday, September 4 7:30 PM, Suncoast Conchologists Club Meeting. Grace Lutheran Church, 1812 N. Highland Ave., Clearwater. Our program tonight is titled "What You Don't See In The SEA, Can Cause Your Skin To Itch," presented by Dr. Anita Freudenthal.

The Mini-Box theme is "Summer Treasures"—Shells and related items you've obtained during the summer.

Friday, September 7 7:00 PM, St. Petersburg Shell Club Meeting. Seminole Recreation Center, Seminole. Program to be announced.

Monday, September 17 Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, held at the home of Carolyn Petrikin. All members are invited to attend.

Tuesday, October 2, 7:30 PM, Suncoast Conchologists Club Meeting
"Living Shells In Our Aquarium—A 40 Year Hobby" by Carolyn and Earl Petrikin
Mini-box theme will be "Orange You Lovely."

Friday, October 5, 7:00PM, St. Petersburg Shell Club Meeting, program to be announced.

Saturday, October 13, 8:30 AM Fossil Trip to the Vulcan Mine near Brooksville. There will not be a charge for this Field Trip. Details will be announced at the meeting.

Monday, October 15, 7:00 PM Board Meeting held at the home of Carolyn Petrikin. All members are invited to attend.

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(Founded in 1984)

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Suncoast Shorelines is issued five times per year to all members. Annual Membership with emailed newsletters: \$20 Family, \$15 Individual, \$10 Junior. Lifetime membership is available. Add \$5 if you would like a printed copy of the newsletters. The club usually meets the first Tuesday of every month (except June, July, August, and December) at 7:30 pm, at Grace Lutheran Church, 1812 N. Highland Avenue, Clearwater.

Articles, comments and suggestions for publication are solicited and should be sent directly to the Editor: spgeiger2000@yahoo.com

Closing Date for publication is the 15th of the month prior to the Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar, and May meetings.

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2017-2018 Officers

President: Carolyn Petrikin

First Vice President: Sharlene Totten

Second Vice President: John Jacobs

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Treasurer: Katherine Smith

Corresponding Secretary: Elda Thomas

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 **Happy Birthday** 

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

11—Sharlene Totten

2—Barb Stauffer

23---Cathy Petre

10—Tom Borawski

24—Sally Mitchell

19---Karen Harbauer

21—Earl Petrikin

NEGATIVE or LOW TIDES for Egmont Key 2018

September Lows

Fri	7th	-0.30	5:28	PM
Sat	8th	-0.26	6:07	PM
Fri	28 th	+0.06	8:28	AM

October

Fri	5th	+0.00	4:21	PM
Tues	11th	-0.16	7:47	AM
Sat	27 th	-0.30	8:19	AM
Sun	28 th	-0.24	9:11	PM

November

Fri	9th	-0.31	6:31	PM
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But remember, the low at St. Petersburg occurs almost 2½ hours after the low at Egmont Key, but Clearwater Beach is very similar, about 10 minutes behind Egmont....

http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/tide_predictions.html

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION AT MEETINGS

Your board has recently asked Jennifer not to distribute the printed copies of *Shorelines* until our meeting breaks. This is a courtesy to our officers and chairpersons who have news and information to share during the first part of our meeting.

Please put your newsletter away after the break so you may enjoy our guest speakers' presentations. We appreciate everyone's help and understanding with this.

Membership note:

Please update your directories

Vicki Eis
251 Stirling Circle, Apt. 403
Dunedin, FL 34698

Use cell phone only (571) 451-7902
and delete local number

Vulcan Mine Field Trip

October 13, 2018

Meet in Brooksville at 8:30, going in at 9am. (Once we have gone into the pit, the gate will be closed, so don't be late! You will NOT be allowed in after the gate is closed.) We will all leave to return home at the same time.

Address: 16313 Ponce de Leon Blvd, Brooksville, FL

This is a fossil collecting trip primarily for echinoids, such as sea urchins, sea biscuits, and sand dollars.

A waiver will be signed by all attendees (they will be at a meeting and at Vulcan).

There is no bathroom where we will be, so go before you arrive. Wear hat, sunscreen and closed toe shoes. Bring bucket, screwdriver, hammer, chisels, trowel, etc.

Contact John Jacobs 813-309-2608 or 309-0295, email johncheryl@earthlink.net

CLUB LIBRARY



WHAT IS THE NAME OF THAT SHELL? Shirley Anderson

Our club library can help you find out the answer. Each meeting there will be some library books on the display tables for you to check out. These books will change each month. If there is a particular book you are looking for, check out our list of library books on our website, www.suncoastconchologists.org. If the book is not listed there, ask Shirley Anderson if she can find it for you, and she will bring it to the next meeting.

A different kind of photo contest...

In each newsletter, I will put a photo of a small part of a shell. I am not giving you any other clues. It could be any part of any shell. All you have to do is send me the name in an email or give me the name before the next newsletter comes out. If it's an e-mail please put "Photo Contest" as the subject. There will be four photos, September November, January and March, plus a tie breaker in March if it's close. At the April club meeting, I'll announce the winner.

spgeiger2000@yahoo.com



Meet Our New Board Member

Last spring Nancy Holcombe, one of our newer members, agreed to help out the club and accepted the position of Recording Secretary for the coming year. She was welcomed to our summer planning meeting, and five minutes later began taking minutes!

Nancy moved to Clearwater from Greenville, SC two years ago. Florida is not new to her, as she has visited our Sunshine State many times over the years. She has loved the beach all her life and has been collecting shells forever—one of her most favorite places is Sanibel Island.

Nancy retired three years ago from her job in Greenville as a manager of corporate systems in technology for MetLife Insurance Co. Now she's enjoying being a member of the Happy Tap Dance Group where she learned about Suncoast Conchologists. We're certainly delighted that she did!

Skyway Field Trip



Steve and Jen

by B Sheetz



Banded Tulip *Cinctura hunteria*

by C Petrikin



Pat

by B. Sheetz



Suncoast Shellers At Sunset

by C Petrikin

Special Birthday Celebration

Yes that's right, it's not often one of our group makes it to 99, but this summer Murray Smith celebrated his 99th. Woot!



Share a Tale...

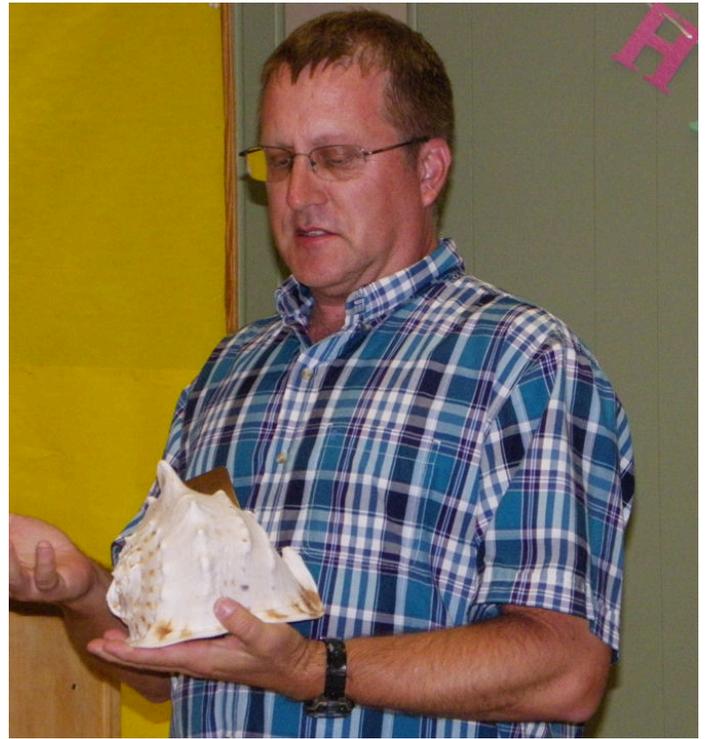
At the last meeting of the year, we had four members share a story about their favorite shell or shelling experience.



John J tells us about a neat fossil.



Jennifer tells us about a spectacular cold day when her favorite shell was in abundance.



Steve G tells us about how he got his job, and one of the prizes his predecessor left behind.



Carolyn tells us about the origins of beautifully resurrected shells collected long ago..

Spring Picnic

Each year we finish with a club picnic at Philippe Park in Safety Harbor with fun and games and great food before we say fare-thee-well for summer.

Photos by John Jacobs unless noted

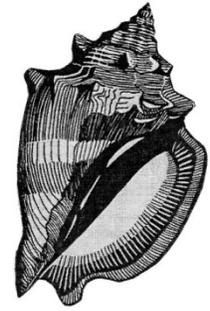


S. Geiger



SUNCOAST CONCHOLOGISTS

Membership Application



Annual Dues:

Junior (under 19) \$10.00
Individual: \$15.00 with emailed newsletter
Individual: \$20.00 with printed newsletter
Family: \$20.00 with emailed newsletter
Family: \$25.00 with printed newsletter

Life Membership:

Individual \$150.00
Family \$200.00

The membership year begins September 1st. Please make checks payable to:
SUNCOAST CONCHOLOGISTS, P. O. Box 1564, Palm Harbor, FL 34682-1564

Meetings are held at 7:30 PM at Grace Lutheran Church, 1812 N. Highland Ave., Clearwater the 1st Tuesday of each month, except June, July, August and December

ALL members, including Lifetime and Honorary, are requested to complete the following information for our Annual Membership Directory:

If you would like more information, e-mail: suncoastshorelines@gmail.com

Date: _____

Name(s)* _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone (_____) _____ Shell Specialty _____

E-Mail Address _____ Birth date (month & day) _____

If you have an alternate address for part of the year, indicate mailing address and dates below:

Address _____ Dates From/To) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

*Please list all Family members to be included in membership. _____

Membership Category:

() Junior () Individual () Family () Lifetime

Return this application with your check to the Membership Chairman at our next meeting or mail to the above address.

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