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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Whew! I cannot believe that our year is coming to an end. What a wonderful year we have had! I would like to reflect on our achievements that we have accomplished this year. We had a successful 76th Annual St. Petersburg Shell Show that our club co-sponsored with the St. Petersburg Shell Club. Our shell donations provided opportunities for our club to earn extra money along with our monthly shell raffle providing a nice fund to our treasury. Our members got to enjoy our field trips to Anclote Island on the Odyssey Cruise to look for shells on a low tide. We got to learn about our ancient shell mounds at the Anderson Mound at Jungle Prada, and our members were able to carpool to the Sanibel Shell Show. We welcomed 29 new members to our club this year. Our Holiday Shell-A-Bration and our annual picnic which will be held in May are always a highlight to our club. Our mini boxes are always a great way to get into our collection and share our shells with our members. We love our Zoomers from all over the USA as they join us for our monthly meetings on Zoom.

We had our challenges this year from three unfriendly visitors. Hurricane Debby in August, Hurricane Helene in September, and Hurricane Milton in October. Our beaches, and

a few of our members had water damage to their business and homes. Our beaches were eroded, although they are coming back with shells for us to find. We are done with hurricanes and hope for a gentle year.

This is our last newsletter until September. I hope that you have a good summer and get out to find some pretty shells. Be sure to follow us on our Facebook page at Suncoast Conchologists Shell Club. We will post photos and keep you up to date until "We See You In September!"

Debi McCreary

PLAN AHEAD

Tuesday, May 6, 2025, 7pm, Suncoast Conchologists Shell Club meets at Grace Lutheran Church, 1812 N. Highland Ave., Clearwater, Florida. Members will tell stories about their favorite shell.
PLUS !
Enjoy Sharlene's world renowned **Ice Cream Social**.

Our mini-Box will be:

Find your favorite Sundae Ice Cream Dish and fill it with Neapolitan colored shells Chocolate, Vanilla, and Strawberry

Friday, May 9, 2025, St. Petersburg Shell Club Seminole Recreation Center. Mary Ellen Akers will give an educational presentation.

SATURDAY, MAY 10 .
PICNIC. Phillippe Park 11 AM.
See details inside.

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Suncoast Shorelines is issued five times per year to all members. Annual Membership with emailed newsletters: \$30 Family, \$20 Individual. Add \$10 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 7:00pm, 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

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Australian cone !

Negative Or Low Tides:

Pinellas Point

May Lows:

Mon	12 th	-0.18	9:00	PM
Wed	14 th	-0.22	10:20	PM
Sat	24 th	-0.20	6:56	PM
Tues	27 th	-0.58	10:42	PM

Jun Lows

Wed	11 th	-0.23	9:36	PM
Mon	23 rd	-0.48	7:52	PM
Tues	24 th	-0.54	8:45	PM

Jul Lows

Wed	23 rd	-0.37	8:43	PM
Fri	25 th	-0.18	9:57	PM

Aug Lows

Thur	7 th	-0.10	8:29	PM
Wed	20 th	-0.16	7:46	PM

The best Summer low tides in the Tampa Bay area typically fall around sunset. The low at St. Petersburg occurs almost 1½ hours after the low at Pinellas Point. The tides at Dunedin Causeway are usually a few minutes before Pinellas Point

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

2024-2025 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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Mary Ellen Akers, Carolyn Petrikin

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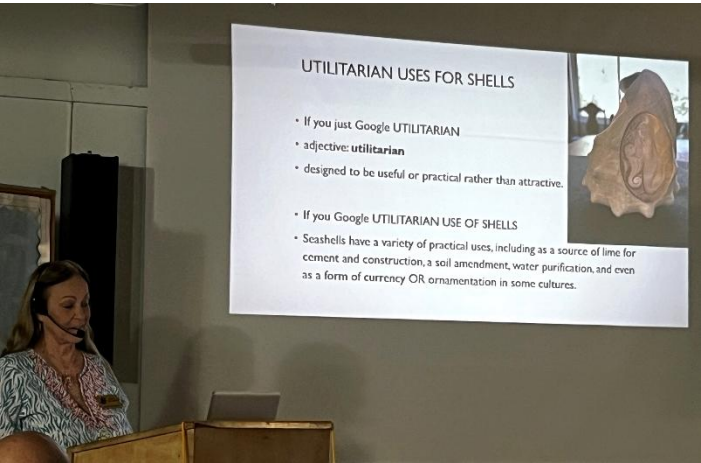
Zoom Karen Henry8



Mary Ellen Akers gives one of her famous educationals at the April meeting.



How do you spell umbilicus ?



An amazing program from **Andrea Hutchinson.**
**"Utilitarian Use of Shells;
 Seashells for practical use"**



🎂🎂🎂 Happy Birthday 🎂🎂🎂

MAY

May 1	Jerry Puigdomenech
May 4	Paula Meyerriecks
May 12	Emily Benson
May 18	JoAnn Cline
May 23	Mary Ellen Akers
May 25	Karen Henry

JUNE

June 1	Jennifer Kotimaki
June 6	Vicki Eis
6	Joyce Holbrook
June 25	Sara Henkel
June 26	Pamela Brand
26	Dianna Kellie

JULY

July 1	Sarah Darling
July 2	Susan Rust Drosdzal
July 7	Debi McCreary
July 13	Barnett Bailey
July 14	Mary Nolte
July 15	Helen Comas
July 21	Rob Totten
July 29	Hugette Pittman

AUGUST

August 1	Pat Snair
August 3	Beth Reynolds
August 9	Katie Darling
August 11	Pat Dempsey
August 12	Kathy Donnelly
August 23	Diane Reed
August 24	Steve Geiger (<i>that's me !</i>)
August 29	Cheryl Jacobs



**Jerry gave a very fun program in March:
"Music Vibrations of Shells"
Shell Horns through out History**



Remember to take some pictures on your shellventures this summer. Here's one of our president Debi, practicing conservation on the Great Barrier Reef (a World Heritage Site), snap a picture and return shells to the sea.



Have you ever seen a live horse conch ?

Suncoast Conchologists and St. Petersburg Shell Club

Picnic at Philippi Park, Safety Harbor, Florida Shelter #8.

Saturday, May 10, 11AM-3PM. Plan to eat at NOON.

Bring a dish to share (you can still sign up at our May 6 club meeting). Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, \$5 person place cash or check inside the envelope attached to the sign-up board. Sign your name on the envelope and indicate you paid by cash or check. Don't forget to list what dish you will bring to share on the sign-up board.

After we enjoy the delicious food everyone brought, we will play SHELLLO and prizes will be won for a straight line, the X etc.

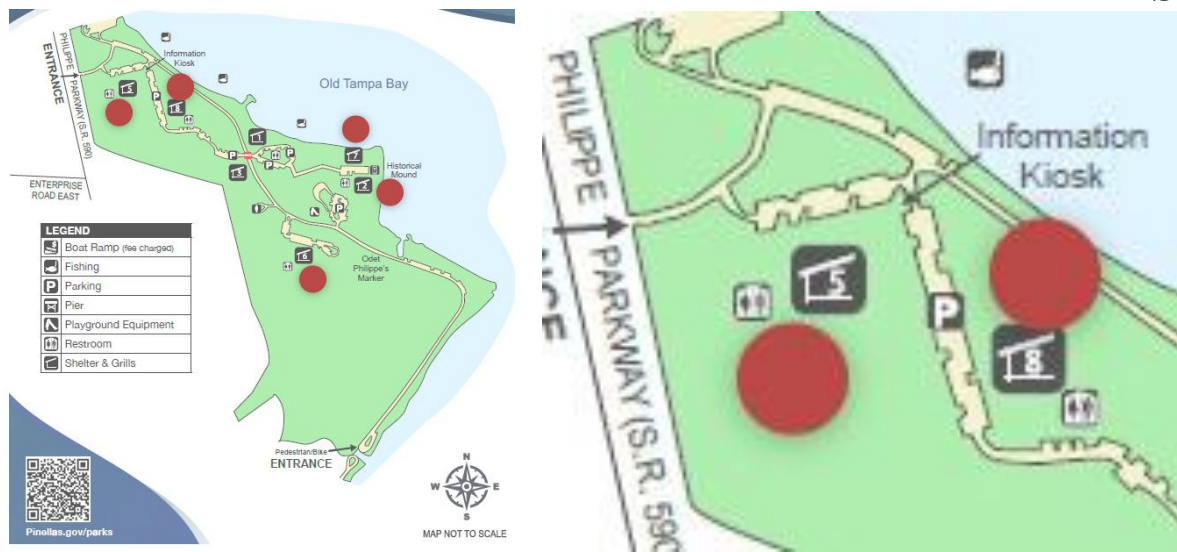
Bring a cushion, the benches are not soft and your own beverage. Plan to have a wonderful day at the beautiful Philippi Park with all of our Shelly friends!!!!

Questions? contact Sharlene Totten at **62coral@gmail.com** !

If you can't come to the meeting to sign up for the picnic, contact me so I can put you on the sign-up board.

Remember to go to **Shelter 8**, it is very close to the park entrance on the right.

Sharlene



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Dianna Kellie



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