



Suncoast Shorelines

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!! Can you believe that we are starting the year 2025 already? I am looking forward to next year and the plans that we have for our shell club. 2024 was a tough year for many of our shellers who live on the west coast of Florida. Hurricane Helene and Milton were not kind to many of us. We have members who are getting their homes and lives back after the devastation from these historic storms. Many of our beaches were severely damaged including our famous Honeymoon State Park. A storm surge of 7-9 feet messed up our beaches and tossed the sand in places that we have never seen it. Out of such destruction comes beautiful gifts, though. I have heard stories of shellers finding Junonias, large Horse conchs, Lighting whelks, and a variety of beautiful shells and treasures. As shellers we love to get out on the beach after large storms. I hope that you got a chance to find a treasure of your own.

Our year ended with our annual Holiday Shell-A-Bration. It was a wonderful time to get together with our shelly friends and get in the holiday spirit. We are excited to join the St. Petersburg Shell club on their 76th Annual Shell Show on February 21st and 22nd. The details are listed below. You do not want to miss this! We are excited to have our Field trip to Anclote Island scheduled on January 18th. It is scheduled on the lowest tide of the year. The rest of the year will be filled with field trips, speakers, shell auctions and our Shell Show. It will be nice to have our snow birds join us at our meetings, along with new members who wish to join us.

I wish you a Happy New Year filled with good health, beautiful shells, and a safe year free from storms.

Shelly Regards,

Debi McCreary

PLAN AHEAD

Tuesday, January 7, 2025, 7pm, Suncoast
Conchologists Shell Club meets at Grace Lutheran Church, 1812 N. Highland Ave., Clearwater, Florida.

John Jacobs will present a program on stamps that feature shells.

Friday, January 3rd, 2025, 7 pm, St. Petersburg Shell
Club, held at the Seminole Recreation Center, Seminole, Florida.

Tuesday, February 4, 2025, 7pm, Suncoast
Conchologists Shell Club, held at the Grace Lutheran Church, 1812 N. Highland Ave, Clearwater, Florida. Our program tonight will be Thomas Robert Campbell "Thrashing the Surfzone" The Shell Train Strategy for finding empty seashells (and why it is worth the adventure.)

Friday, February 7, 2025, 7pm, St. Petersburg Shell
Club meets at the Seminole Recreation Center, Seminole, Florida. Program to be announced.



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

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 **Happy Birthday** 

JANUARY	FEBRRRRARY
2 Cindy Housley	4-Andrea Hutchinson
5 Nancy Holcombe	7- Kathy Hofstad
9 Robert McCreary	9 -Teri Barnett
11 – Karlynn Morgan	
12 – Shirley Anderson	
13 - Marion Fuller	
	17 - Sandra Gann
	19 – Anita Freudenthal
24 -Diane Young	
25 – John Jacobs	

Negative Or Low Tides:

Pinellas

January Lows

Thur	2 nd	-0.65	9:45	AM
Sat	4 th	-0.31	11:00	AM
Thu	9 th	-0.45	4:20	AM
Sat	11 th	-0.79	6:20	AM
Sun	12 th	-0.83	7:10	AM
Mon	13 th	-0.80	7:53	AM
Sun	26 th	-0.63	6:14	AM
Wed	29 th	-0.77	8:10	AM

February Lows

Mon	10 th	-0.69	7:01	AM
Tue	11 th	-0.61	7:35	AM
Tue	25 th	-0.60	6:30	AM
Thur	27 th	-0.50	7:36	AM

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

COA Representatives:

Mary Ellen Akers, Carolyn Petrikin

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Member Notes

Carolyn and Earl Petrikin have a new mailing address:
2701 Regency Oaks Blvd
Apt. N 414
Clearwater, FL 33759

UPCOMING SHELL SHOWS

Jan 18-19: ATSC Shell Festival
Eau Gallie Civic Center, 1551 Highland Avenue, Eau Gallie, FL

Jan 25-26: Broward Shell Show
E. Pat Larkins Community Center, 520 NW 3rd St.,
Pompano Beach, FL

Feb 7-8: Sarasota Shell Show

Feb 21-22: St. Petersburg Shell Show
Seminole Recreation Center, 9100 113th St., Seminole,
FL

Mar 6-8: Sanibel Shell Show
Marriott Sanibel Harbour Resort & Spa
17260 Harbour Point Drive, Ft. Myers, FL

March 14-15: Marco Island Shell Club Spring Expo & Sale
New Life Community Church, 489 W. Elkcarn Circle,
Marco Island, FL

April: Florida United Malacologists (FUM) Meeting
July 7-12: COA Convention Corpus Christi, Texas

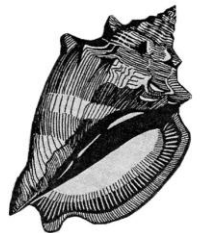
SHELLEBRATION PICTURES

Photos by Ying Tong





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The St. Petersburg Shell
Club
& The Suncoast
Conchologists



76th Shell Show

A Celebration of Seashells
Feb. 21st and Feb. 22nd, 2025
Friday, 10AM-5PM
Saturday, 9AM-3PM

Seminole Recreation Center
9100 113th St. North
Seminole, Florida
1 Mile North of Park Blvd.

Minimum Donation of \$5
for an Adult at the door
Children under 15 Free with Adult
Teachers with ID Free

Beautiful Exhibits
Door Prizes,
Raffle Items
Shells for Sale
Free Parking

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