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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Spring is in the air, and so are the Shell Shows! I hope that you have had the chance to stop by one of our Shell Shows in Florida. It is that time of the year! The Suncoast Conchologists were honored to have joined the St. Petersburg Shell Club for their 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Shell Show. We had a successful event with many visitors joining us for the first time. We are thankful for both of our clubs and our members who volunteered their time to help set up, work the registration and raffle tables, help with the kitchen clean up, volunteer for our shell club tables and brought yummy food.

I hope that you will have a chance to stop by Sanibel Shell Show in early March. I hope that you got to go shelling on our cool low tides for January and February. As you know, it is the best time to find the perfect shell, maybe a (*Scaphella junonia*)! I am still looking! We are getting ready for our annual Picnic at Philippe Park in May. It is the time where we have a fun time with our shelly friends before we say goodbye for the summer. Enjoy the beautiful spring days and get to the beaches and look for your favorite shells. I am waiting for that *Junonia* to find me!

*Debi McCreary*

## PLAN AHEAD

**Tuesday, March 4, 2025**, 7pm, Suncoast Conchologists Shell Club meets at Grace Lutheran Church, 1812 N. Highland Ave., Clearwater, Florida. Jerry Puigdomenech, Jr. will present a program on musical shell horns. Minibox is Gaudy Mardi-Gras Shells

**Friday, March 7, 2025**, St. Petersburg Shell Club MEETING CANCELLED

### March 8 – Field Trip to Sanibel Shell Show

**Tuesday, April 1 2025**, 7pm, Suncoast Conchologists Shell Club, held at the Grace Lutheran Church, 1812 N. Highland Ave, Clearwater, Florida. Our program tonight will be presented by Andrea Hutchinson on Utilitarian Uses of Shells in our Everyday Life: A large collection of mother of pearl, silver, and many more fascinating items.

**Friday, April 4th, 2025**, 7pm, St. Petersburg Shell Club meets at the Seminole Recreation Center, Seminole, Florida. Program to be announced.

February mini box



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 **Happy Birthday** 

#### March

3 – Paul Strong

8 - -Joni Merillat

8 – Betty Fearn

8 – Anita Levine

11– Ghislaine Loree

12 – Loretta Barksdale

#### April

14 - Dick Mitchell

24 -Katherine Smith

29 – Lee Bishoff

## Negative Or Low Tides:

### Pinellas Point

#### March Lows:

Sat	1 <sup>st</sup>	-0.31	8:31	AM
Sun	2 <sup>nd</sup>	-0.24	9:43	PM
Sun	9 <sup>th</sup>	-0.49	6:20	AM
Mon	10 <sup>th</sup>	-0.48	7:06	AM
Tue	11 <sup>th</sup>	-0.40	7:39	AM
Wed	26 <sup>th</sup>	-0.30	6:51	AM
Fri	28 <sup>th</sup>	+0.02	7:51	AM

#### April Lows

Tues	1 <sup>st</sup>	-0.52	11:36	PM
Tues	15 <sup>th</sup>	-0.21	10:29	PM
Sat	26 <sup>th</sup>	-0.25	7:53	PM

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](http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/tide_predictions.html)

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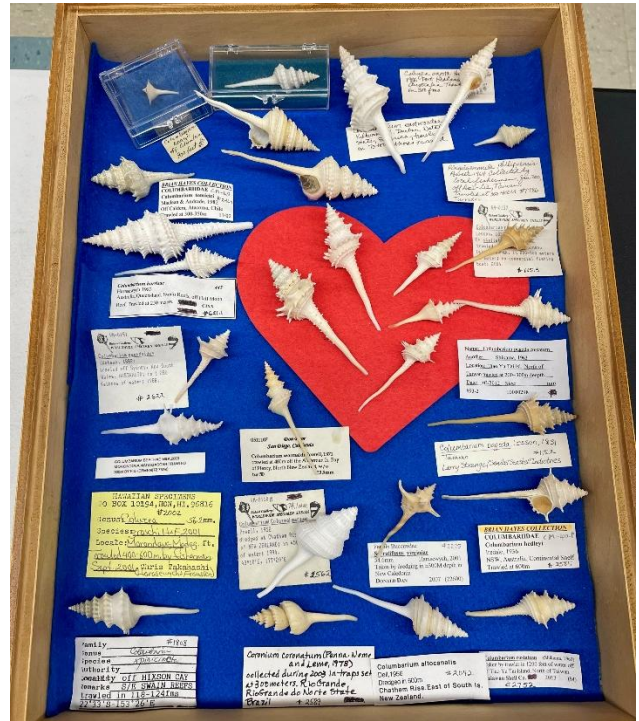
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February Speaker (and new member) Thomas Robert Campbell presents a program on shell collecting.

Photos by Jennifer Kotimaki



February Mini Boxes



Photos by Jennifer Kotimaki



## FIELD TRIP TO ANCLOTE KEY



## Some maintenance at Clearwater Aquarium





Preparing for the Shell Show



And pictures from the Show....



Most of the show photos by Ying Tong









## UPCOMING SHELL SHOWS

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. Elkcam Circle, Marco Island, FL

July 7-12: COA Convention Corpus Christi, Texas



## NEW MEMBERS

Thomas “Shelltrain” Campbell lives in Citra, Florida. He is a certified trainer and prolific shell collector since 2006. He enjoys leading tours and provides informational sessions on how to plan a seashell event. His favorite shell is a Giant Fabrern Murex specimen.

Robin Marchand has lived in Florida for four years. She has been collecting shells her entire life and her favorite shell is the Green Banded Tulip. She also enjoys decorating shells, knitting, crochet and watercolors.

Cathy Signorin has lived in Florida for two years. She has been an avid shell collector since childhood living on the Jersey shore. Her favorite shell is the Murex. Cathy also enjoys paddleboard, pickleball and Pilates.



There were several dealer tables at the St. Pete Shell Show. Rich Goldberg had a large selection of shells. I asked, “What would be one of your least common shells?” Apparently, this *Livonia* with an intact dissoconch (larval shell, which is very fragile) is extremely uncommon in this condition.



Steve Geiger

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