



Suncoast Shorelines

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President's Message

Hello to everyone! Welcome to our holiday issue of Shorelines. Fall is in the air here in Florida! You know, less humidity and cooler air for our tourists and welcoming our Snowbirds. COVID has been hanging around a little longer than we would like. The Board of Directors and I are working hard to get us back to meeting in person. Our November meeting will be a zoom meeting due to the inability to meet at Grace Lutheran Church.

Did you know that we are celebrating our 37th anniversary as a club? Carolyn and Earl Petrikin and Mary Ellen Akers are our original founding members of the Suncoast Conchologists. Our first meeting was October 1984. They plan to bring the original photo albums and scrapbooks for all of us to see at our Shellabration in December.

Speaking of Shellabration, we are going to have our Celebration on Tuesday, December 7th 6-9PM! This is an exciting time for us all to meet, get festive for the holidays, play games, share presents, and talk about our shells! I will be keeping you updated on details as we get closer. The information is listed below. Hope to see you there!

You will be able to join us on our Field Trips that Steve has planned for us. I will keep you updated on events that you can attend from other clubs and the Bailey Matthews Shell Museum. Peek at the rest of our newsletter for details.

We would love for you to share our club with your friends and family. We would like to

welcome new members in the exciting world of seashells. You will see a new article in our **Neighborhood News** about our Suncoast Conchology Club. Our membership is \$20.00 a year. What a deal! Your membership includes:

- Information about seashells from our members who are expert scientists and lovers of seashells
- Go on fun field trips to explore our beautiful grass flats on a low tide to see how our marine life really lives. You will have opportunities to take boat rides and look for fossils.
- Our meetings provide opportunities to see seashells in our Mini box displays showcasing a theme.
- Attend Seashell conventions around the state as well as our own Suncoast Conchologists Shell show.
- Discover new shells and meet new friends who are also shell lovers like you.

December will be an exciting time to get together and share the holidays. Speaking of holidays, I wish you and your family a nice Holiday season. I will stay in touch with you and let you know about events, and details. Get outside and enjoy this beautiful weather. Happy Holidays everyone!

Debi McCreary
President



PLAN AHEAD

Tuesday, November 2, 7PM Suncoast Conchologists Shell Club is having a Zoom meeting for our members. Our speaker tonight will be Steve Geiger, he is presenting his program, "Some Who Are, Don't, And Some Who Is And Does.... Is, But Doesn't. Mary Ellen Akers will have an Educational Program for us.

Friday, November 5, 6PM, the St. Petersburg Shell Club, meeting details to be announced.

November 16, 7PM Board Meeting, 7PM held at the home of Sharlene Totten. Date to be announced. Any member may attend. Please call Sharlene and let her know your coming.

December 7, Shellabration details to be announced.

January 4, 2022, Suncoast Conchologists Shell Club, 7PM meeting details to be announced.

January 7, 6PM, St. Petersburg Shell Club, 6PM, meeting details to be announced.

January 8-9, 2022 Broward Shell Show

January 15-16, 2022 Seashell Festival, Astronaut Trail Shell Club held at the Eau Gallie Civic Center, in Melbourne.

February 5, 2022, FUM at the Bailey Matthews National Shell Museum on Sanibel Island, Florida

February 18-19, 2022, St. Petersburg Shell Club 74th Annual Shell Show at the Seminole Recreation Center, 9100 113th St. N., Seminole, Florida.

2021-2022 OFFICERS

President Debi McCreary
1st Vice President Sharlene Totten
2nd Vice President Steve Geiger
Recording Secretary Marion Fuller/Vicki Eis
Treasurer..... Pat Snair

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Field Trip

Field trips for the near future are on hold until we have more certainty with COVID.

2021-2022 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

COA Representative	Mary Ellen Akers
Education	Mary Ellen Akers
E-Mail	Debi McCreary
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NEGATIVE or LOW TIDES for Egmont Key

November

Fri	5 th	-0.37	6:53	AM
Sat	6 th	-0.48	7:43	AM
Sun	7 th	-0.49	7:38	AM
Sat	20 th	-0.23	6:18	AM
Sun	21 st	-0.23	6:56	AM

December

Sat	4 th	-0.78	5:50	AM
Sun	5 th	-0.82	6:42	AM
Sat	18 th	-0.45	5:35	AM
Sun	19 th	-0.48	6:12	AM

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

Upcoming Shell Shows & Events

Jan. 8-9, 2022 - 56th Annual Broward Shell Show, Pompano Beach, FL at Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 Northeast 6th Street. Website: Browardshellclub.org

Jan. 15-16th 2022- Astronaut Trail Shell Club Sea Shell Festival Show, Gallie Civic Center 1551 Highland Ave. Melbourne, FL.

Feb 5, 2022 - Florida United Malacologists 12th Annual Meeting, National Shell Museum, Sanibel, FL. Email: jleal@shellmuseum.org

Feb. 11-12, 2022 - The 56th Annual Sarasota Shell Show, Potter BBuilding at Roberts Arena, 2896 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota, FL. Website: sarasotashellclub.com

Feb. 18-19, 2022 - The 74th St. Petersburg Shell Show, Seminole, FL. Website: stpetesshellclub.org

Mar. 3-5, 2022 - The 85th Sanibel Shell Show, Sanibel Community Center, 2173 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, FL. Website: sanibelshellclub.com

Mar. 10-12, 2022 - The 40th Marco Island Shell Show, United Church of Marco Island, 320 North Barfield, Marco Island, FL. Website: marcoshellclub.com

Mar. 25-27 Gulf Coast Shell Show, Panama City, FL

May 6-8 North Carolina Shell Show , Morehead City, NC

May 30-June 4 -2022 COA Convention will be held at the Moody Gardens, Galveston, Texas



Remember When?...

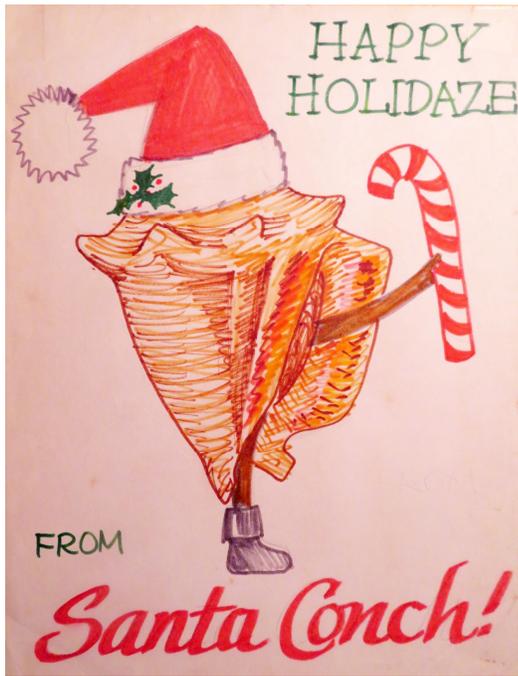
Our Suncoast Conchologists Club was founded 37 years ago this month by Carolyn and Earl Petrikin and Mary Ellen Akers! Happy Anniversary to the Club!! We will be featuring pictures and articles throughout the year as we take a look back at the humble beginnings.



The Founding Members – 3 are still current members



Conducting One of our First Year Meetings



1st Row - Mary Ellen's first Shellebration drawing, The very first Shellebration
2nd Row - Shellebration Game, Yvonne's Yule Log
3rd Row - A 1985 Suncoast Conchologists Meeting, Winners at our First Members Shell Show



Happy Birthday

NOVEMBER

9—Carolyn Petrikin

27---Elda Thomas

29—Betty Sheetz

DECEMBER

5—Betsy Hixon

13---Ron Henkle

23---LaVonne Gysan

31--- Nellie Kellogg



NEWSFLASH!!!

Save the Date

We have great news to share! We will be holding our SHELLABRATION in person this year.

WHO: All current members of Suncoast Conchologists

WHAT: This year our club will provide pizza, soft drinks, and cake at no charge to you.

We will have games, a gift exchange, raffle, prizes and an opportunity to share the holiday spirit with you!

WHERE: Near Countryside Mall
(Exact location will be in an email closer to the event)

WHEN: Tuesday, December 7, 6-9pm

WHY: Because we miss seeing you!!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Sunshine Skyway Field Trip – October 24, 2021

Pictures courtesy of Steve Geiger



We had about nine people attend (plus a tag along!) Good fun was had by all. Nothing spectacular, but nice examples of local species.



Predation by crabs (left) starfish or snails (top right) moon snails or drill (bottom right).



Digging in some rotten wood for shipworms (a bivalve that erodes wood)

SUNCOAST CONCHOLOGISTS MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Annual Dues with E-mail copy of Suncoast Shorelines

Individual: \$20.00
Family \$25.00

For a printed copy of the newsletter, add \$10.00.

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 7:00 PM the 1st Tuesday of each month except June, July, August and December at Grace Lutheran Church, 1812 North Highland Avenue, Clearwater.

All members please complete and return for our Membership Directory: Date _____

Name(s)* _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Telephone _____ Cell Phone _____

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 _____

E-Mail Address _____ Telephone _____

List all family members included in membership: _____

Membership Category:

() Individual () Family () Lifetime

Are you paying the extra \$10.. for a printed copy? Yes _____ No _____

Return this renewal form with your check to the Membership Chairman at our September meeting or mail to the above P.O. Box address before Oct. 20th.

If you can't send in the membership form, please send a note to Betty that includes your name, email, phone number, address and what the check is for.

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