



Suncoast Shorelines

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President's Message

Hello to everyone! Can you believe that it will be 2022! It is going to be a good year as we get ready to welcome our snowbirds to sunny Florida to warm up your feathers. We got to meet in person at our Holiday Shellabration in December. What a fun time to see each other and share our holiday Cheer. A special thank you to our Board of Directors for coming together to make our day special.

We have exciting news!!! We will have our first in person meeting at the Grace Lutheran Church Tuesday, January 4th at 7PM! We hope that you will join us as. We will have a great speaker and will welcome new members to our club. You are welcome to invite new friends to join us. Our membership is \$20.00 per person, or \$25.00 as a family. What a great deal to learn about our local shells and meet new shell lovers like yourself.

Take a peek below and enjoy our photos from our Holiday Shellabration, plans for our educational programs, and join us on our field trips.

We wish you a Happy New Year to you and your family. We look forward to a new shelly year!

Debi McCreary

PLAN AHEAD

Upcoming Shell Shows & Events

Tuesday, January 4, 7PM, Suncoast Conchologists Shell Club meets at the Grace Lutheran Church. 1812 N. Highland Ave., Clearwater, Florida. Program for this meeting will be presented by Steve Geiger. The program is titled, "When does collecting shells become Conchology?"

Friday, January 7, 6PM, St. Petersburg Shell Club meets at the Seminole Recreation Center on Seminole Blvd. Program for this meeting will be, "Shells on Stamps" presented by John Jacobs

January 8-9, 2022 the 56th Annual Broward Shell Show, Pompano Beach, Florida. Held at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 Northeast 6th Street. browardshellclub.org

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

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

Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 7PM Suncoast Conchologists Shell Club meet at the Grace Lutheran Church, 1812 N. Highland Ave., Clearwater, Florida. Our program will be given by the Park Ranger from Honeymoon Island.

Friday, February 11, 6PM, St. Petersburg Shell Club held at the Seminole Recreation Center on Seminole Blvd, Seminole, Florida. Program to be announced.

February 11-12, 2022, the 56th Annual Sarasota Shell Show, Potter Building at Roberts Arena, 2896 Ringling Boulevard, Sarasota, Fl. Sarasotashellclub.com

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

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

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Field Trip

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



Low Tides for Egmont Key

January

Sat	1 st	-0.94	5:26	AM
Sun	2 nd	-1.01	6:18	AM
Mon	3 rd	-0.98	7:07	AM
Tues	4 th	-0.87	7:54	AM
Tues	18 th	-0.61	7:04	AM
Wed	19 th	-0.57	7:36	AM
Thur	20 th	-0.50	8:06	AM
Sun	30 th	-0.98	5:27	AM
Mon	31 st	-0.98	6:13	AM

February

Tues	1 st	-0.88	6:54	AM
Wed	2 nd	-0.71	7:30	AM
Wed	17 th	-0.43	7:03	AM
Sun	19 th	-0.48	6:12	AM

Low Tides for Honeymoon / St. Joseph Sound

January

Tues	4 th	-0.94	7:34	AM
Wed	5 th	-0.72	8:16	AM
Wed	19 th	-0.56	7:15	AM

February

Tues	1 st	-0.88	6:37	AM
Wed	2 nd	-0.80	7:16	AM
Wed	17 th	-0.49	6:51	AM

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

The Chambered Nautilus
BY OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES SR.

This is the ship of pearl, which, poets feign,
Sails the unshadowed main,-
The venturous bark that flings
On the sweet summer wind its purpled wings
In gulfs enchanted, where the Siren sings,
And coral reefs lie bare,
Where the cold sea-maids rise to sun their
streaming hair.
Its webs of living gauze no more unfurl;

Wrecked is the ship of pearl!
And every chambered cell,
Where its dim dreaming life was wont to dwell,
As the frail tenant shaped his growing shell,
Before thee lies revealed,
Its irised ceiling rent, its sunless crypt
unsealed!

Year after year beheld the silent toil
That spread his lustrous coil;
Still, as the spiral grew,
He left the past year's dwelling for the new,
Stole with soft step its shining archway
through,
Built up its idle door,
Stretched in his last-found home, and knew
the old no more.

Thanks for the heavenly message brought by
thee,
Child of the wandering sea,
Cast from her lap, forlorn!
From thy dead lips a clearer note is born
Than ever Triton blew from wreathed horn!
While on mine ear it rings,
Through the deep caves of thought I hear a
voice that sings:
Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul,
As the swift seasons roll!
Leave thy low-vaulted past!
Let each new temple, nobler than the last,
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more
vast,
Till thou at length art free,
Leaving thine outgrown shell by life's unresting
sea!

Submitted by Steve Geiger

**Betty's Favorite Shelling Apps and
Websites** By Betty Scheetz

I have found some useful shelling sites and apps. Here are a few. If you are on Facebook, Instagram or other social media sites try looking at these: (And Liking them)

Suncoast Conchologists Shell Club - This is OUR shell club's web site with Cheryl Jacobs as Webmaster, she keeps it updated with our Newsletters and events.

St. Petersburg Shell Club - Cheryl is also webmaster to this site, some of our members join this Club also.

Conchologists of America (COA) - they are the National Organization of Shellers and Shells.

Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum located on Sanibel Island. It is a wonderful museum to visit and their website helps identify shells and list events.

Chamber of Commerce for Sanibel/Capitva - I like this site because they show shelling activity and interesting finds on their beaches. They want to show off their islands

Florida and Gulf Coast Conchology - This is web based site, where people post what they are finding and where. Very interesting.

World Register of Marine Species - WoRMS *Marinespecies.org* - An Authoritative Classification and Catalogue of Marine Names. This is where you can get accurate scientific information on shells.



🎂 Happy Birthday 🎂

JANUARY

2---Cindy Housley
5---Nancy Holcombe
9---Russ Stauffer
9---Robert McCreary
12---Shirley Anderson
13---Marion Fuller
20---Gary Petre
25---John Jacobs

FEBRUARY

4---Andrea Huthchinson
14---Deb Allen
19--- Anita Freudenthal
25---Pat Linn

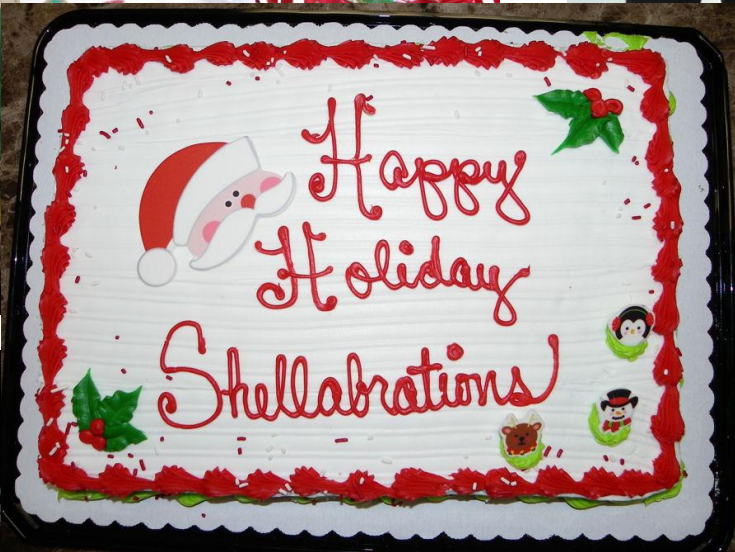
SHELLERS JAMBOREE PINS

Our club put on a Shellers Jamboree for many years, which was a two day event. We had shellers attend to show, buy and sell shells. To commemorate this, we sold individual pins for each. We have a fantastic artist member in Suncoast Conchologists, Mary Ellen Akers, who would design these. There are a few left that will be sold to members at our January 4th meeting for \$5.00 each. Here is a photo of the 3 that are available.



SHELLABRATION 2021







Field Trip to Anclote

November, 2021



Members of Suncoast Conchologists took a field trip to Anclote on the Odyssey tours boat out of Tarpon Springs on a November super-low tide.



A banded tulip (*Cinctura lilium*) and a true tulip (*Fasciolaria tulipa*) (left) and a live fighting conch (*Strombus alatus*).



A super low tide at Anclote Key.



A live horse conch, *Triplofusus giganteus*.



Lots and lots of live cockles (*Dinocardium robustum*).

Photos by J. Kotimaki.

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