



Suncoast Shorelines

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President's Message

It's the most wonderful time of the year! You know the song! Crisp cool evenings, autumn leaves, pumpkins, hot apple cider, Thanksgiving turkey, and a White Christmas for our Snowbirds! The Floridians are heading to the beach to decorate our shelly mangrove trees and find shells to add to their collections. Plans are underway to get ready for our Holiday Shellabration! Shelly games, yummy food, and Holiday cheer with our fellow conchologists. Yes, it is a wonderful time of the year with you in it. You can read about the details in this newsletter.

When you read this newsletter, we will be getting ready for our "Sea of Sales" silent auction. An evening filled with art, crafts, shells, and a variety of books that are donated by our members, the auction proceeds will benefit our Suncoast Conchologists Club. A special thank you to our members for donations that can be used to plan events, provide donations to various Shell organizations, and provide a budget to keep our club sustainable and enjoyable for years to come.

Did you know that we do our meeting via Zoom? Our snowbirds can join us in the comfort of their cozy homes while we share our beautiful shells with you. A special welcome to our new members! We are happy that you have joined us.

There are some in our beautiful state who have breathed a sigh of relief, and some who are dealing with unimaginable sadness and destruction. It is times like these that we send our thoughts and prayers for recovery and rebuilding for our members of our shell club, and our friends and families along the southwest Florida coastline. Help will be needed in the months ahead. Be sure to provide donations to the charitable organizations that will help our coastal communities affected by Hurricane Ian. It is our hope to be able to donate to our beloved Bailey Matthews Shell Museum.

Enjoy your holidays! Fill them with family, friends, good food, and holiday cheer. It is the most wonderful time of the year!!

Shelly Holidays,

Debi McCreary
President



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Suncoast Shorelines is issued five times per year to all members. Annual Membership with emailed newsletters: \$25 Family or \$20 Individual. Lifetime membership is available. 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: shellgirl@windstream.net Closing Date for publication is the 15th of the month prior to the Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar, and May meetings. Permission is hereby granted to reprint articles published in the newsletter providing the original author is acknowledged, and a copy of the reprinted material is sent to Suncoast Conchologists.

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PLAN AHEAD

Tuesday, November 1, 7PM, Suncoast Conchologists Shell Club meets at the Grace Lutheran Church, 1812 N Highland Ave., Clearwater, Florida. We are having a "Sea of Sales Auction". Members are asked to bring in shell or marine related items to donate to the Silent Auction. See article in this Newsletter for details and Debi will be sending out texts to everyone regarding this Auction.

Friday, November 4, 2022, 6PM, St. Petersburg Shell Club meeting will be held at the Seminole Recreation Center, Seminole, Florida. John Jacobs will be presenting a program – "Gastropods Project of the Fish and Wildlife Institute of Research".

Tuesday, December 6, 2022, 5:30PM, Suncoast Conchologists Shell Club will hold it's annual member Shellabration at the Inverness Condominium Clubhouse, 2587 Countryside Blvd., Clearwater, Florida 33761. Directions are in this newsletter.

Friday, December 2, 2022, 7PM, St. Petersburg Shell Club meeting will be held at the Seminole Recreation Center, Seminole, Florida. Program to be announced.

January 14 & 15, 2023, 56th Annual Broward Shell Show, Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE 6th Street, Pompano Beach, Fl. 33061, 954-786-4111

Mini Box themes:

November: No minibox due to "Sea of Sales"

December: We will not have mini boxes because we will be too busy shellabrating!!

January: "Baby" shells to ring in the new year or crafts designed with them



THE HONEYMOONERS

BOB AND PAT LINN

Have you been to Honeymoon Island Florida State Park in Dunedin? If so, I hope that you stopped by the Nature Center and looked at the seashell display. Did you know that Bob and Pat Linn have a bench dedicated to the "Honeymooners Forever"? Bob and Pat are the ambassadors of shells for our guests who visit our island. They set up the display that you see below, ran the Seashell Show, educated our Nature Center Guests on the secrets of our shells, and walked the beach for many years to share beautiful shell findings with our shelling guests. They have been members of our Suncoast Conchologists since 2004 and have won numerous awards in local and national shell show conventions including Conchologists of America. Pat has many awards for her shell-crafted wreaths. Her wreaths have a story behind them, and they are made with artistic detail. The Linn's have an extensive collection of world class shells.

Our club has enjoyed having them as members as they have a wealth of knowledge and a passion to share their collected shells with our members. You must stop by the Nature Center at Honeymoon Island and take a seat in their honorary chair. Take a moment to thank Bob and Pat "The Honeymooners" for their dedication to our beautiful shells. The shell display will amaze you!



"Sea of Sales"

Members are asked to bring in shell or marine related items to be donated to our club's Silent Auction. Doors will open at 6PM. When you arrive, sign in at the front desk. There will be a number on the line you sign your name on, that is your number for you to use when you want to bid on an item. Pick up a bid sheet for each of the items you are donating to the club. Write the name of item at the top of the sheet. Write the opening bid you think your item should start with. Each person who bids on that item will increase the bid in \$1 or more increments (no change). There will be two different times during the evening that you will be able to bid, one before the break and one after the break. The bidding will end for the night when you here "**Pencils Down**". There will be a five minute warning before the end of bidding. The last number on the sheet will be the new owner of that item. Pick up your item and bid sheet, take them to the cashiers at the back of the room. They will add up your items and give you the total. You may pay by either cash or check. We will also have bags available for you to use to carry home all of your new treasures!

NEGATIVE or LOW TIDES for Egmont Key

November 2022

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|--------------------|------------------|-------|------|----|
| Thur | 10 th | -0.22 | 7:15 | AM |
| Sat | 12 th | -0.11 | 8:43 | AM |
| Thur | 24 th | -0.61 | 6:28 | AM |
| (THANKSGIVING DAY) | | | | |
| Sat | 26 th | -0.63 | 7:19 | AM |

December 2022

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|-----------------|------------------|-------|------|----|
| Thur | 8 th | -0.47 | 6:29 | AM |
| Sat | 10 th | -0.41 | 7:46 | AM |
| Fri | 23 rd | -0.93 | 6:28 | AM |
| Sat | 24 th | -0.93 | 7:18 | AM |
| (CHRISTMAS EVE) | | | | |
| Sun | 25 th | -0.85 | 8:09 | AM |
| (CHRISTMAS DAY) | | | | |
| Mon | 26 th | -0.69 | 8:58 | AM |
| (BOXING DAY) | | | | |

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....

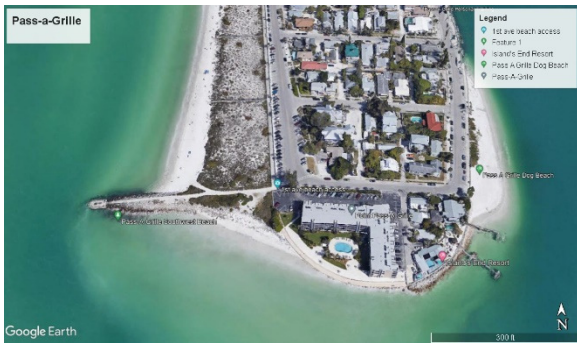
http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov/tide_predictions.html

Field Trip!!!

Pass-a-Grille Sunrise

Take a recovery break from Black Friday craziness. We'll meet at Pass-a-grille beach for sunrise on Saturday November 26th.

Take the Bayway Causeway to the Don Cesar hotel and head south on Pass-a-Grille way. At any point between 22nd Ave and 4th Ave, turn right out to Gulf way and find parking. Beach access to the jetty is at 1st Ave.



Adventurous people can climb around the rocks on the side of the inlet; less adventurous people should stick to the sand at the base of the jetty and northward along the beach. Beach scoops are encouraged, but beware of waves. It's impossible to say what kind of wrack line and shell piles will be there until we are there.

I will get there about 6:30 AM for sunrise at 7:00 AM. Low tide is 8:00 AM. You'll have low water until 9 or 10.

Reminder that parking is free from 8 PM until 8 AM. After 8 AM parking is \$3.25 per hour.

To learn more about Abe Levine and his contributions to the shell world, check out the links below:


<https://www.mcgill.ca/channels/channels/news/redpath-museum-remembers-abe-levine-1924-2017-272513>


<https://reporter.mcgill.ca/abe-levine-1924-2017-the-man-behind-redpaths-world-class-shell-collection/>

Keep in touch with Anita Levine via her daughter, Fern: ferntd@hotmail.com

Seashells

By L.B.Minard (submitted by Sara Ann Henkle)


 What do you do with sea shells,
My daughter asks of me,
You hold them tenderly,
And dream of the sea.

 You glue them to a picture frame,

Or a mirror on the wall.

A conch makes a door stop,


Or a light within the hall.

 If you listen to a conch shell,

You can hear the ocean roar,

And the sound of the surf within it,


Who could ask for more.

 Oh, what do you do with sea shells?

If you are living in a camp,

Put them in a glass container


And convert it to a lamp.

 Or just set it in a window

And let the sunlight thru,

To remind you of the ocean

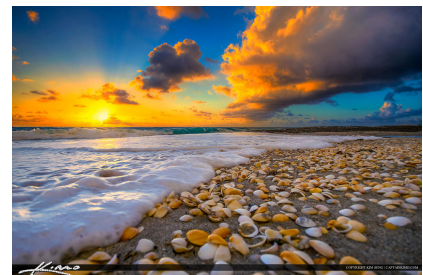
If you have no better view.

 What do you do with seashells,

Be the colors plain or rare,

It should make you happy,

Just to know that they are there.



Member Corner

Meet our **NEWEST** members

LAURIE BOICE

Laurie moved to Florida less than a year ago from New Jersey and is an Interior Designer. She has been shelling in NJ, Maine, Martha's Vineyard, Cape Cod, Florida, Bahamas and Mexico. She loves all the pretty shells.

LUANNE CANER

Luanne moved to Florida about 1 1/2 years ago from Long Island, New York. She is learning to identify shells; her favorite is the conch. Luanne also loves to look at shell jewelry. She is now semi-retired and is a licensed massage therapist.

HELEN COMAS

Helen moved to Florida 5 years ago from the New York and New Jersey area. She likes finding whelks and has been shelling at Honeymoon Island, Sanibel, Captiva, Mexico and Puerto Rico. One of her interests is decorating.

PAULETTE AND JOHNNY CANTA

They moved to Florida more than 10 years ago. They lived in New Hampshire and New Jersey prior to that. Their favorite shell is the angel wing. Other interests are knitting, painting, crafting and collecting cook books and comic books.

PAT DEMPSEY

Pat came to Florida 4 years ago. She lived in Massachusetts, North Carolina and Pennsylvania prior to that. She enjoys crafting and sewing.

SUZETTE KEEGAN

Suzette is here in Florida for a few months a year and lives in New Hampshire the rest of the time. Her favorite shell is the abalone.

DIANNA KELLIE

Dianna is from Anaconda, Montana. She decided to take an interest in sea shells. She started at the top by going to the COA Convention in 2021. She has never been to Florida but finds her shells in thrift shops and online. She has purchased many shells and books.

TIM MARSHALL

Tim is a Florida Park Ranger out at Honeymoon Island. He has lived in Florida for 18 years. He previously lived in Ohio, California, and Minnesota. He likes to teach and talk about shells and sea shores. He enjoys fossil shells.

SUSAN THORNTON

Susan has lived in Florida for the last 13 years, she has also lived in 4 countries in Asia as well as living elsewhere in the US. She is a member of the Shell Art Club in Clearwater, and some of her projects include Christmas tree ornaments and shell jewelry. Other interests are knitting, reading, art and framing. Her favorite shells are conchs, star shells and sand dollars.

DIANE YOUNG

Diane has lived in Florida for the last 12 years and is retired. She has also lived in Hawaii and Indiana. She has shelled at Lido Beach, Pass-a-Grille, Honeymoon Island, Puerto Rico and the Bahamas. Her favorite sea items are junonia, starfish and sand biscuits. Other interests are cooking, baking and children.


Happy Birthday


NOVEMBER

5 ---Laurie Boice
 9---Carolyn Petrikin
 12---Susan Thornton
 18---Suzette Keegan
 27---Elda Thomas
 29---Betty Sheetz

DECEMBER

13---Ron Henkle
 29---Charles Meyerricks
 30---Ann Shinnors

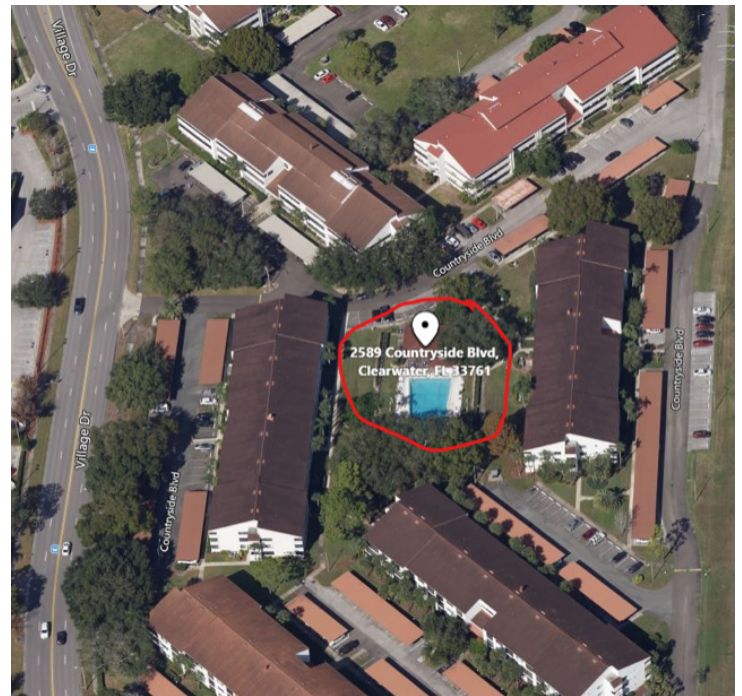


It's Shellabration Time!!

Suncoast Conchologists will hold their annual member holiday Shellabration on Tuesday, December 6, at 5:30pm at the Inverness Condominium Clubhouse. Members are asked to bring either a heavy appetizer or dessert. Please specify what type of appetizer or dessert you will bring.

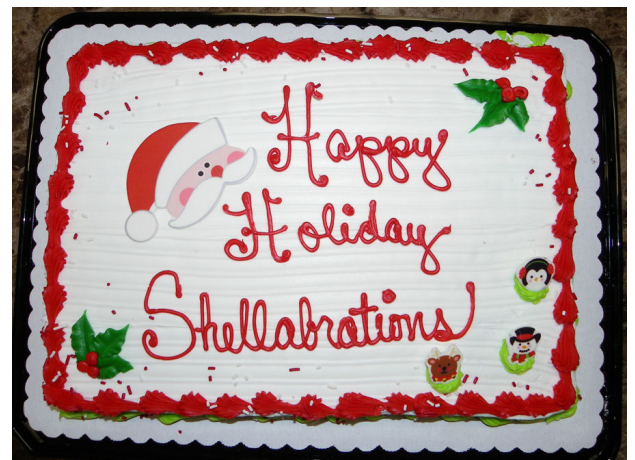
The club will provide the beverage, punch and water for everyone. The sign-up sheet will be passed around at the November 1 meeting.

After the meal we will play a game with prizes and sing a song or two. We will also be passing a basket asking for a donation for the Bailey Mathews National Shell Museum in Sanibel that was badly damaged from the recent hurricane. Suncoast Conchologists will match the proceeds collected from our members.



A fun event at the Shellabration is a Gift Exchange. If you would like to participate, bring a wrapped shell or marine related gift. Please mark it for a male or female. The value of the gift should be \$15. Everyone will have a number on their place card. Those who have brought a gift will have their number included in the drawing. When your number is drawn, come up to the gift table, choose a present, unwrap it and show everyone what your special gift is.

The evening will end with drawing numbers for the centerpieces.



Looking forward to seeing everyone at our club
SHELLABRATION !



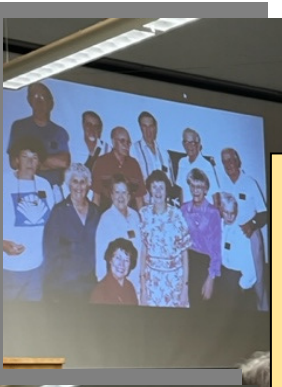
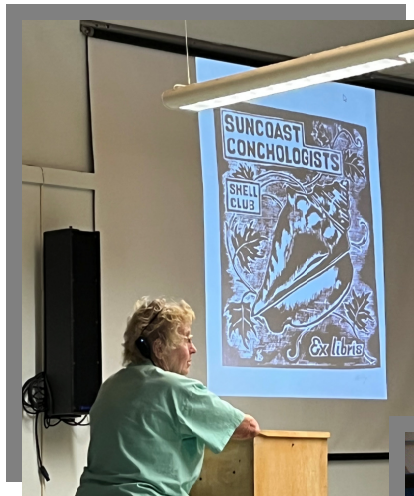
Suncoast Conchologists Founding Members



(L-R) Mary Ellen Akers, Earl Petrikin, Carolyn Petrikin



Carolyn Petrikin presenting the humble beginnings of the Suncoast Conchologists Shell Club



Slides showing a group picture from 1984, the year the club was established, and members from 1984 that are still with the club today!



Mary Ellen Akers showing a few of the many t-shirts she has designed over the years.

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