



Suncoast Shorelines

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President's Message

Spring is here!! I hope that you have had a chance to get to the beaches and find some beautiful shells after our Northwest winter storms. Aww, we love to see what the tides bring in. We have had two spectacular field trips on our low winter tides- a trip to Dunedin Causeway and a boat trip to Cedar Key organized by Steve. Take a peek at our photos below.

We are excited to have new members join our club. They have joined us from California, Montana, and Virginia and that does not include our Snow Birds! COVID gave us a gift of Zoom and we are happy to include all of you in our meetings and our on-line festivities.

When you receive this newsletter, our Suncoast Conchologist Shell Show may have already happened (March 7). We plan to have 18 members with 90 entries all being judged by our members. All entrants are hoping to win the beautiful prizes made by our own Sharlene Totten. The winners get bragging rights!

There will be a few more meetings before our summer break. The highlight of our year is our summer picnic. We are happy to have the St. Petersburg Shell Club join us

for our picnic festivities. It will be a grand ending to a great year.

Enjoy our newsletter! I am planning on my first trip to the COA convention in Wilmington, NC. I have heard that it will be an event that I do not want to miss. I hope to see you there!

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.

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Refreshments	*OPEN
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PLAN AHEAD

Tuesday, March 7, 2023, 7pm. Suncoast Conchologists Shell Club meeting held at the Grace Lutheran Church, 1812 N. Highland Ave. Clearwater, Florida.

Meeting will be *Members Single Shell Show*. Only members who are setting up their exhibits will be allowed to come in at 6PM. All other members and guests please come at 6:45PM for the show.

Tuesday, April 4, 7pm, Suncoast Conchologists Shell Club will meet at the Grace Lutheran Church, 1812 N. Highland Ave. Clearwater, Florida. John Jacobs will be presenting, "SHELL SHOWS: What They Are All About".

Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 7pm, Suncoast Conchologists Shell Club will meet at the Grace Lutheran Church, 1812 N. Highland Ave. Clearwater, Florida. Members will share their favorite shelling experiences and/or favorite shell.

At the break we will have our Annual Ice Cream Social, with homemade hot fudge and strawberry toppings and whipped cream.



Saturday, May 13, 2023, 11am-3pm, we will have our picnic at Philippi Park, Safety Harbor, Shelter #1. We ask that you bring your favorite dish to share. Other details will be emailed to you from Debi, our President. There will be a sign-up sheet at the April and May meetings. We will also be having the St. Petersburg Shell Club join in on the fun!!!!



NEGATIVE or LOW TIDES for Egmont Key

Not the best time of year for low tides.

March

Sun	5 th	-0.37	5:43	AM
Sat	18 th	-0.62	5:17	AM

April

Sun	9 th	-0.38	9:56	PM
Sat	22 nd	-0.50	9:15	PM
Sun	23 rd	-0.27	10:01	PM

In March try places like Clearwater Causeway or Phillipe Park, the tides are later in the upper bay.

March

Sat	4 th	-0.21	9:59	AM
Sun	5 th	-0.18	10:28	AM
Sat	18 th	-0.29	10:08	AM

But do *NOT* go there in April !!...

April

Sun	9 th	-0.16	1:48	AM
Sat	22 nd	-0.18	1:14	AM

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

New Member Spotlight

Kalmar Stevenson was introduced to the Suncoast Conchologists through a gift membership from Dianna Kellie. Kalmar has a small shell collection, some of which she has had most of her life. She loves shells! She also enjoys bird watching, rocks and minerals. She attended Montana Tech – School of Mines. She loves to read and has an extensive library of books and magazines on scientific subjects.

Submitted by Dianna Kellie



Happy Birthday

MARCH

Betty Fearn 3/8
Joni Merillat 3/8
Cheryl Putnam 3/31

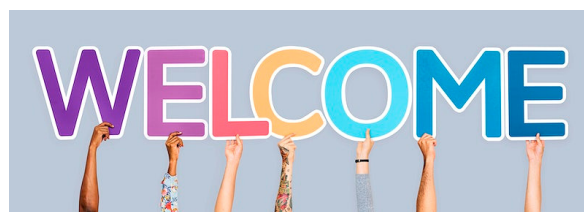
FEBRUARY

Tim Marshall 4/14
Katherine Smith 4/28
Susan Fish 4/30

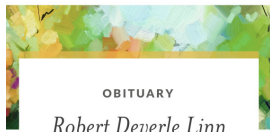


New Members from near and far:

Shauan & Kevin Breaux	Largo, FL
Teri Barnett	Largo, FL
Susan Rust Drosdzal	Leesburg, VA.
Christine & Eric Stewart	Clearwater, FL
Vicki Kramer	Clearwater, FL
Ying Tong & Tie Han	Cerritos, CA



In Memoriam



Robert Deverle Linn, age 91, of Dunedin, Florida passed away on Tuesday, January 17, 2023.



Bob Linn - Bob became a member of our club in 2004. He was an active member of our club for 19 years. He collaborated with his wife, Pat, in making many award-winning Shell Displays for shows throughout the shelling community. He also spent many years volunteering at Honeymoon Island State Park where you can find shell displays and a bench in honor of both Pat and Bob. He was a pleasure to have as a part of our club and will be dearly missed.



Pat and Bob Linn with one of their duPont Awards



Sarasota Shell Show



John Jacobs exhibited at the Sarasota show with "Fossil Molluscs of Hawaii" taking home the **Hertweck Best Fossil** award and the **Fossil Shell of the Show** ribbon. Congratulations to John!!



Dunedin Causeway. 1-21-23

Submitted by Steve Geiger



CHILLY MORNING

We had a great turnout for the Dunedin Causeway, even though it was a chilly gray morning.

Diane, Debi, Steve, Pat , Darlene (and a friend), Paula, Charlie, Janette, Suzette, Sue, Marion, Betty, Eric, Christine, Rose, and a friend. I think one more, as some people were early, some came after sunrise, but we all had time and hit the tide just right.



LIGHTNING WHELK



WHAT DID YOU FIND?



LIVE COCKLE



IT DIDN'T HAPPEN IF THERE'S NO PICTURE



Cedar Key

Submitted by Steve Geiger

We had 12 people sign up for the much waited for Cedar Key trip with Capt. Joe Slaughter.



Debi, Buzz, Pat, Marion, Kathy, Charlie, Paula, Steve , Sarah and family



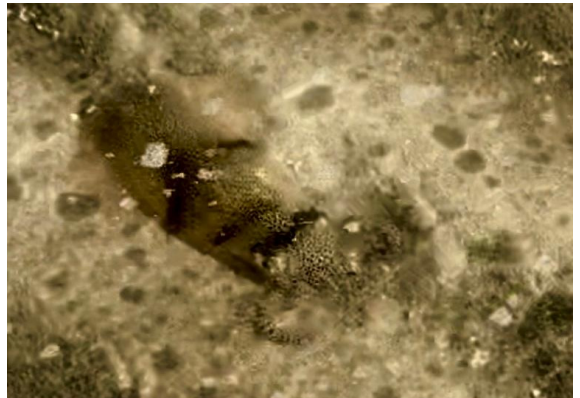
It was a chilly ride



Finally Arrived!



Lightning whelks laying eggs



Live Squid in the tide pool!



Funky brittle star



UPCOMING SHELL SHOWS

Mar 18-19, 2023 - Fossil Fest, Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 US-301, Tampa, FL



MARCH 18 & 19, 2023

FOSSIL FEST

Tampa Bay Fossil Club

March 18 & 19, 2023
Sat: 9AM-5PM
Sun: 10AM-4PM

Florida State Fairgrounds
 4800 US HWY 301 Tampa, FL 33610

FOSSILS & ARTIFACTS

FOSSIL EXHIBITS - GEMS
 MINERALS - SHELLS - WORKSHOPS
 KIDS GAMES - FOSSIL MINE - RAFFLES
 DOOR PRIZES - SILENT AUCTIONS

TICKETS

AVAILABLE AT DOOR
 \$8 ADULTS
 12 AND UNDER FREE

PALEO WORKSHOPS

Learn about Florida's prehistoric past in a FossilFest workshop! Experienced collectors will teach you how to find, identify, and preserve fossil treasures of your very own! All workshops are FREE to FossilFest attendees!

Saturday & Sunday

DISCOVERING FLORIDA'S FOSSIL TREASURES WITH TBFC'S DR. BOB SINIBALDI PH.D. LEARN WHERE AND HOW TO FIND FOSSILS OF YOUR OWN, RIGHT HERE IN FLORIDA.

FLORIDA'S FOSSIL VERTEBRATES & THE FOSSIL HUNTING PERMIT WITH THE FLORIDA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY. IT'S CHEAP AND EASY! LEARN HOW TO GET YOUR FOSSIL PERMIT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE SCIENCE OF PALEONTOLOGY.

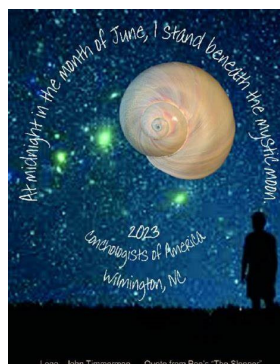
FOSSIL IDENTIFICATION: BRING YOUR FOSSILS TO BE IDENTIFIED BY EXPERTS IN THE FIELD.

FLORIDA FOSSIL HUNTING PERMIT: APPLICATIONS & RENEWALS, JUST \$5.

Be a part of the adventure!



May 31-June 4, 2023 - The 2023 COA Convention is returning to Wilmington, NC, hosted by the North Carolina Shell Club. The field trips will be on May 29 and 30. The Convention hotel is the Hotel Ballast, at same hotel as in 2014 and located in the heart of downtown Wilmington along the Boardwalk, Cape Fear River. Along with restaurants in hotel, there is shopping, dining, and entertainment within walking distance of the hotel. Hotel rate is \$154 (plus 13% tax) for 2 in a room; \$10 for each additional adult. The rate is good for May 29-June 4, 2023, and for 3 days pre/post-convention. The special rate only applies to reservations made no later than April 29, 2023. Self-parking fee is \$15 per night; valet parking \$20.



Apr 15-16, 2023 - Gulf Coast Shell Show, Panama City Beach Senior Center, 423 Lyndell Lane, Panama Beach, FL

May 5-7, 2023 - Shellebration, the North Carolina Shell Show at Crystal Coast Civic Center, 2505 Arendell Street, Morehead City, N.C., 28557. Show hours for Friday and Saturday are 9am-5pm and Sunday 9am-3pm. General admission is \$5. For more information: ncshellclub@gmail.com.



Aug 19-20, 2023 West Coast Shell Show, Casa del Prado, Rm 101, Balboa Park, San Diego, CA

Aug 25-Sep 4, 2023 Oregon Shell Show, Oregon State Fair & Exposition Center, 2330 17th St., NE, Salem, OR

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