



Suncoast Shorelines

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Can you believe that we are starting our 2024-2025 year? I hope that you had a good summer and found some nice shells to add to your collection. I am so excited to get back with my shelly friends and learn about our beautiful local shells, as well as shells from around the world.

Your Board of Directors have had a busy summer getting ready for our new year. We have new Board Members and Committee Chairpersons to help us plan our new year. I would like to thank our past members for their help last year and welcome our new members as we have listed below. I hope that you enjoy our Shorelines Newsletter. We are very proud of our club and all that we do to welcome new members and most importantly have fun learning about our shells.

We added photos of our May picnic and photos from the Conchologists of America convention in June. We are so proud of our own Mary Ellen Akers who was awarded the coveted Neptunea Award! We have a lot to look forward to for next year. Come and join us at our meetings and bring a friend. Happy Shelling!

Debi McCreary
President

PLAN AHEAD

Tuesday, September 3, 2024, 7pm, Suncoast Conchologists Shell Club meets at Grace Lutheran Church, 1812 N. Highland Ave., Clearwater, Florida.

John Jacobs will present a look at the 11 members who attended the 2024 COA Convention, held in Melbourne, Florida and show some of the shells that were for sale at the Silent Auctions and the Bourse.

Our program will be presented by Mary Ellen Akers, our educational tutor. She will talk about "*The K.O.P. - Keels, Operculums and Periostracums*".

Mary Ellen will bring her shells for you to hold, look at and study.

Mini-box theme - "Bring a Shell you are proud of and an explanation of why you are proud of this Shell."

Friday, September 6, 2024, 7 pm, St. Petersburg Shell Club, held at the Seminole Recreation Center, Seminole, Florida. John Jacobs presentation will be highlights of the 2024 COA Convention held in Melbourne, Florida.

Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 7pm, Suncoast Conchologists Shell Club, held at the Grace Lutheran Church, 1812 N. Highland Ave, Clearwater, Florida. Our program tonight will be presented by Nancy Holcombe. She will present a shelling trip to "*EDISTO: Secret Jewel of the Carolina Coast*" Mini-Box Theme-"Black, Orange and White Shells".

Friday, October 4, 2024, 7pm, St. Petersburg Shell Club meets at the Seminole Recreation Center, Seminole, Florida. Program to be announced.

Saturday, Oct 19th- Field Trip to Anderson Mound at Jungle Prada 11:30-1:30. \$14 (more details inside)

Suncoast Conchologists

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Suncoast Shorelines is issued five times per year to all members. Annual Membership with emailed newsletters: \$30 Family, \$20 Individual. 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: spgeiger2000@yahoo.com

Closing Date for publication is the 15th of the month prior to the Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar, and May meetings.

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2024-2025 Officers

President: Debi McCreary

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 **Happy Birthday** 

September

7 – Gail Duve

9 - J. Basil Reed

11 – Sharlene Totten

23 – Cathy Petre

24 – Sally Mitchell

26 – Sheri Schneider

28 – Ying Tong

29 – Larry Boice

October

2 – Barb Stauffer

14 – Kalmar Stevenson

21 – Earl Petrikin

Negative Or Low Tides:

Pass-a-Grille

September Lows

Sat 21st -0.02 9:54 AM

Sun 22nd -0.01 10:57 AM

October Lows

Fri 18th -0.25 7:59 AM

Sat 19th -0.33 8:50 AM

Sun 20th -0.30 9:45 AM

Mon 21st -0.20 10:45 AM

The low at St. Petersburg occurs almost 2½ hours after the low at Pass-a-Grille. The tides at Dunedin Causeway are usually a few minutes behind Pass-A-Grille

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

2024-2025 COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

COA Representatives:

Mary Ellen Akers, Carolyn Petrikin

Education: Mary Ellen Akers

E-Mail: Debi McCreary (President)

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Field Trips: Teri Barnett (2nd VP)

Hospitality: Debi McCreary

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Projectionist: John Jacobs

Publicity: Debi McCreary

Raffle: Cheryl Jacobs

Refreshments: Pat Demspey & Diane Young

Website: Cheryl Jacobs

Zoom Karen Henry

SHELL SHOWS

Nov 8-10, 2024: Gulf Coast Shell Show, Panama City, FL

Jan 18-19: Astronaut Trail Shell Club Shell Festival, Eau Gallie, FL

2025

Jan 25-26: Broward Shell Show Pompano Beach, FL

Feb 7-8: Sarasota Shell Show, Sarasota

Feb 21-22: St. Petersburg Shell Show Seminole, FL

Mar 6-8: Sanibel Shell Show, Ft. Myers, FL

Saturday, Oct 19th- Field Trip to Anderson Mound at Jungle Prada, 11:30-1:30. \$14

Explore a well-preserved Indian Mound and learn the history of the people who lived there and of the explorers who landed there. Learn how shells were used as tools by native peoples and how the first European explorers landed near this site and struggled to survive.

Meet in the parking lot at Park Street and Elbow Lane across from the Jungle Prada Inn. Maybe we can have lunch afterwards at the Tavern. We can work out details at the club meetings.



Seen at the Conchologists of America convention. The original shell, *Sphaerocypraea incomparabilis*, was allegedly dredged up in the Arabian Gulf by Russian deep trawlers and has never been collected again. A 3-D printed copy was offered for sale in the bourse for \$550. Some people believe the original shell brought bad luck, maybe the replica will too?

Year-end picnic photos by Yin Tong



Can you guess what this is?
Answers at the September meeting.





Conchologists of America Annual Convention, Melbourne, FL

Congratulations to Mary Ellen Akers, winner of the Conchologists of America *Neptunea* award.



Drawings by Dianna Kellie

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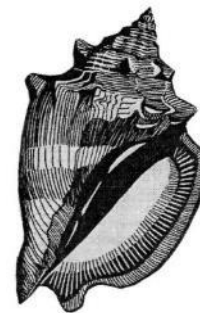


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SUNCOAST CONCHOLOGISTS

Membership Application



Annual Dues include an e-mailed copy of the newsletter.

Individual membership: \$20.00 ()

Family Membership: \$30.00 ()

For a printed copy of the newsletter add \$10.00 (Y) (N)

(Printed copies will be distributed at the break during meetings)

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 at Grace Lutheran Church, 1812 N. Highland Ave., Clearwater the first Tuesday of each month, except June, July, August and December

ALL members are requested to complete the following information for our Annual Membership Directory:

If you would like more information, e-mail: suncoastseashells@gmail.com

Date: _____

Name(s) _____

(Snail mail) Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Landline 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 _____

*Please list all Family members to be included in membership: _____
