

The Beauii



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Sarasota Shell Club

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(September to April)
at Fire Station #2,
2070 Waldemere St.,
Sarasota, FL

October, 2017 Edition

From the Prez



Hello fellow Shellers!—I certainly hoped everyone survived Hurricane Irma with minimal damage. I was disappointed not to see everyone for the September meeting but under the circumstances I feel it was for the best. I'm sure everyone had their share of problems to deal with in the aftermath.

Now that we are all hopefully back on track, we have the October meeting coming up and we will have lots to talk about. Field trips being one big item. You should find the Carefree Learner trips listed in this copy of the newsletter AND our October field trip to Boca Grande down below North Port. Please take note of this trip as it is very soon...Saturday, October 21st. The tide will be +0.3 feet at 8:20 am. This should be a good day to shell. Irma has really stirred up the bottom and shells are still coming up on the beach.

We will also have a silent auction to sell the shells that Peggy Williams was bringing back from Mexico when she passed away. Don't forget to bring something to drink with our refreshments and get ready to hear a great presentation from John Colagrande. I hope to see you all there!

Respectfully, Sally

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Field trips

Carefree Learner Trips on Sarasota Bay:

January 16th: Low 7:10, -.44 ft, At the boat by 6:30 am, leave at sunrise.

January 30th: Low 6:40 am, -.76 ft, At the boat by 6:30 am, leave at sunrise.

There are no December trips planned because low tides are at Christmas this year! (By the way, the Carefree Learner will be turning 40. Stay tuned for special celebration in the spring.)

October 21st: Boca Grande at the light house, Low tide is 8:20 am. We will meet there by at least 7:45 am and shell the outgoing tide. I will have directions at the meeting.

Membership Chair

Donna Krusenoski is the new Membership Chairperson. Make her life easier by completing the membership renewal form at the end of this issue of *The Beauii* and either bringing it in to your next membership meeting (with a check made out to the Sarasota Shell Club) or mail it to her at the address noted on the form, again along with a check. Doing this promptly will make our membership roll accurate.

October's Featured Shell *Oliva porphyria* (Linnaeus, 1758)



The October, 2017 featured shell is the *Oliva porphyria* (Linnaeus, 1758) commonly called the “Tent” or “Camp” olive. It is in the Olividae family. This shell can be found in the Sea of Cortez and along Western Mexico. The size ranges from 30 to 135 mm. Prices on Ebay range from \$10 to as much as \$120 for a nice specimen.

This olive is the largest in the Olividae family and is a predator of other mollusks. It is active at night feeding and buries in the sand during the day. Interestingly it has no operculum.

An excerpt from Keen's *Sea Shells of Tropical West America* noted

The tent olive is one of the few West American mollusks to have been named by Linnaeus. So striking is the pattern of the shell that specimens were early collected by explorers and sailors and carried back to Europe. The crowded chestnut-brown zigzag markings on a flesh-colored ground and the size of the shell are unique among olives.

Renewing a Membership

*Renewing members need to remember:
You have to fill out the renewal
form and SIGN IT! Club Rules!*

Newsletter's Name Changed!

The official name of the Sarasota Shell Club's newsletter is now *The Beauii*. The previous name of *The Beauii* has been used since the inception of our expanded newsletter (1994) but to conform with the scientific name of our club's shell, the *Siratus beauii* (P. Fischer & Bernardi, 1857), the proper species name will be used.

Florida United Malacologists (FUM)—2018

The ninth meeting of Florida United Malacologists (FUM) will take place on Saturday, January 27, 2018, at the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum on Sanibel Island, Florida. The one day gathering aims at enhancing communication among researchers, collectors, citizen scientists, and students interested in a broad swath of mollusk-related topics.

FUM follows the pattern of similar gatherings such as BAM (Bay Area Malacologists), SCUM (Southern California United Malacologists), MAM (Mid-Atlantic Malacologists), and OVUM (Ohio Valley United Malacologists). There is no formal membership and there are no dues, officers, nor publications. Presentations are limited to 15 minutes plus 5 minutes for questions.

Presenters are required to submit a simple abstract limited to 150 words or less. Seating is limited and registration is free, but mandatory. Deadline for registrations and abstract submissions will be December 31, 2017. Registration information will follow soon.

Visits to the Shell Museum collection and library will be limited to two days prior to the gathering, Thursday, January 25, and Friday, January 26. The collection area will be closed during the event. Courtesy box lunches and beverages will be provided to all participants.

And make sure you join the group dinner at a local seafood restaurant (your own expense). I hope to see you at FUM 2018!

José H. Leal, Ph.D.
Science Director & Curator
Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum

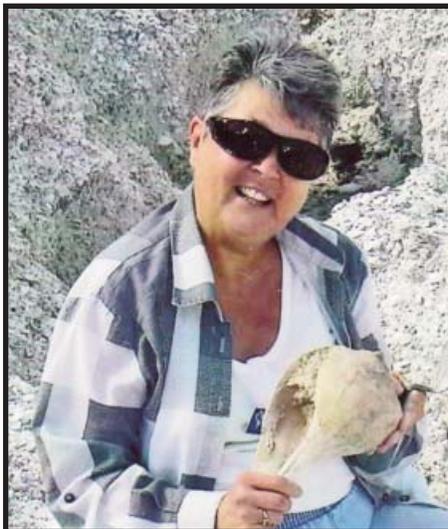
Meet Your Member—Lynn Gaulin

I was born in western New York along the shores of Lake Erie with no access to shells. I was an elementary teacher with over thirty-three years teaching. My husband, Ed, and I rented condos on Long Boat Key often during school holidays and visited the SSC Shell Show in 1997 when we joined the SSC.

After attending monthly meetings at Mote Aquarium, I arranged to go with Peggy Williams on a collecting trip to Chub Cay. Peggy taught me how to find live snails and how to clean and identify them.

Over the years while on Peggy's trips I have shelled in many countries collecting specimens both live and beautiful beach specimens. I have been to Venezuela, Baja California, Chub Cay (five times), Eleuthera (five times), Bimini, Guana Cay, and Key West (three times). I have also been on several Florida trips and have led several of Peggy's trips for her to Chub Kay, Eleuthera, Goodland, Kice Island, and Cedar Key.

In a twenty year tenure with SSC I have held many elected offices, Vice-President, Treasurer,



Corresponding Secretary, Shell Show Chair (seven+ years), and dealer chairperson for many years. Additionally, I have been field trip leader for more than seven years. When SSC hosted COA Conventions in 2002 and 2013, I was Bourse chair (a sale of shells with dealers from over the world). This year I was Bourse Chair at the COA Convention in Key West.

Early on I started the Sarasota Shellcrafters group where we were taught to make shell flowers by Fran Schlusemann. My small group of

crafters often traveled to Sanibel where we were taught to make different flowers by the Sanibel Shellcrafters. Our flower arrangements were sold at the annual shell show to help raise money used to defray the show's expenses.

I collect epitoniums (wentletraps) and muricids (shells of the murex family). I am also learning to identify micro mollusks using those found attached to tangle nets from the Philippines. At our annual shell shows I have been a frequent scientific exhibiter.

Members—want your shell story published? Send your information and photo to the editor at rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com and it will appear in a future issue of *The Beauii*.

Library Notes

Our Sarasota Shell Club library is located at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church in Sarasota.

A list of our books is on the website www.sarasotashellclub.com. For more info on some of our books, go to www.mdshellbooks.com.

You may want a book to help with your scientific or artistic exhibit at our SSC Shell Show or just educate yourself about shells and marine life, as well as helping you identify shells you find.

Call me at 941-993-5161 or email me at luvseashells@gmail.com to arrange an appointment for browsing our library or requesting books you would like me to bring to our SSC meetings or just talk about our exciting library books.

There is a whole world of seashells and marine life out there !

Linda Greiner

COA Convention Photos August 15-19, 2017

Pictured on these two pages are more convention photos taken by your Editor at the COA convention in Key West. It is sort of sad to think that much of what we encountered outside the hotel is not there now. I have included some Key West favorites I took before the convention and then a batch of photos at the convention. Enjoy!



Sloppy Joe's Bar in Key West where Hemmingway prevailed.



A chocolate-covered frozen key lime pie! Yummy!



Gracie, our golden, had fun with these overgrown lizards!



Two auction shells: the cone on the left fetched \$420 and the one on the right \$190.



Alan Gettleman works the auction.

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Bob Janowsky hawking a shell book at the Bourse.



Bourse participants Anne and David Joffe with Mary Jo Bopp.



SSC Member, Pete Steelman, came down for the Bourse.



Jose Leal and Carole Marshall talk during the workshops.



Donald Dan receives a COA award for service to the COA including nearly 800 hours of work on the Frederic Weise collection.



A herd of *Polymita*.



Gary Schmelz gives a talk about fossils.



The beginning slide of Garys workshop.

Happy Holidays



2017 SSC Holiday Party

Where: Bird Key Yacht Club
301 Bird Key Drive
Sarasota, FL 34236

When: December 9, 2017
5:30 PM Cocktails
6:15 PM Dinner

Dinner Menu:

Fresh baked bread basket
Ceasar salad with dressing

Oven roasted prime rib, au jus,
& horseradish cream sauce
Yorkshire pop over,
Roasted medley potatoes
Asparagus

Or

Pan seared Atlantic salmon
Citrus beurre blanc
Grilled vegetable rice pilaf
Asparagus

Dessert: warm molten lava cake

Coffee, Iced Tea and Soda

Cash Bar

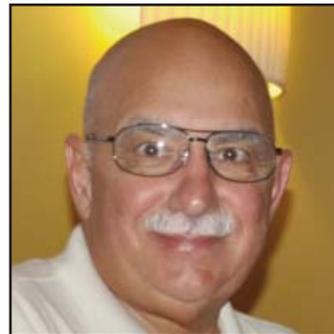
Cost: \$25 per person

Also: Silent Auction

Note: Tickets on sale at the October 12th Meeting (make check out to SSC please)

October 12 SSC Speaker John Colegrande

John's presentation is entitled *Snails Are Just Like People*, an overview of basic snail anatomy, behavior and diversity. This should be a real interesting talk so plan to attend.



Silent Auction Planned for October 12th Meeting

A silent auction will be held in conjunction with the October 12th meeting of the SSC. Featured are Peggy Williams shells that she obtained on her last trip to Baja, California. A display of the best will be shown our next shell show—this auction will disperse the remainder. Some examples are shown below.



Hexaplex erythrostomus



Laevivardium elatum



Megapitaria aurantiaca



Muricanthus nigrilus



Muricanthus princeps



Natica chemnitzii

Historian's Report

Duane Kauffmann

50 Years Ago

Thirty-seven members and guests attended the October 12, 1967 meeting of the Sarasota Shell Club at the Palmer First National Bank Building.

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1048.86.

Selma Lawson gave the program on shelling in the Caribbean (especially Jamaica, where collecting of *Murex brevifrons* was notable). Although the program was delayed by a burnt out bulb in the slide projector, the minutes note that all present ultimately enjoyed the program.

25 Years Ago

The club archives provide no minutes for October, 1992.

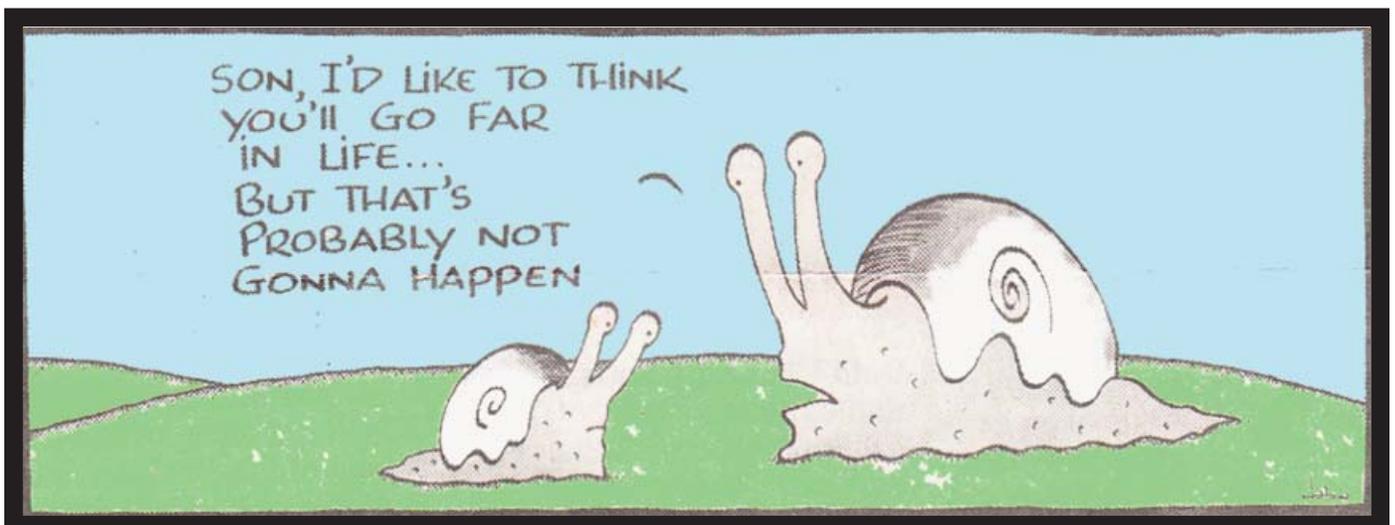
Local Shells Needed

As many of you know, we give a bag of local seashells to people who come to our annual shell show. We are low on shells and need more nice small shells. So, if you have a couple of buckets of shells that you've picked up on your many walks on the beach, please bring them to either the September or October shell club meetings. We will need to fill at least 2,000 small 2 ½-inch by 3-inch plastic bags. People who come to our show remember this and love getting a memento. Thanks!

A Pencil Sketch program's image of *Cepea nemoralis* (Linnaeus, 1758). Photographed in the Editor's hand (by the Editor) while vacationing in Thun, Switzerland in June, 2017. This is a common land snail in Europe commonly known as the "Grove Snail." The snail was returned to the nearby foliage for another chonchologist to enjoy.



October Cartoon



Officers & Board Members

President	Sally Peppitoni
Vice-President	Nancy Marini
Treasurer	Bruce Paulsen
Recording Secretary	Jeanne Corbin

Board Members: Donna Krusenoski (1), Roseanne Roble (1), Joanne Mancuso (2), Donna Cassin (2), Harry Berryman (3), Karen Paulsen (3).

Committee Chairmen

Artisans	Nancy Marini
<i>The Beauii</i>	Ron Bopp
Historian	Duane Kauffmann
Field Trips	Sally Peppitoni
Librarian	Linda Greiner
Membership	Donna Krusenoski
Shell Show	Board
Sunshine	Karen Ciffin
Webmaster	Bruce Paulsen

Calendar

Oct 12	SSC member meeting, 7:00 pm
Oct 28-29	Philadelphia Shell Show
Nov 9	SSC member meeting, 7:00 pm
Dec 9	Holiday Party, 5:00 pm
Jan 20-21	ATSC Shell Show
Jan 27	FUM (Bailey-Matthews)
Feb 9-11	SSC Shell Show

Notes from Nancy (Marini)

The club needs loads of the following to fill all the bags for our show: conchs, tulips, olives, colorful scallops, cats paws, calico clams, augers and cockles. Please make sure they are small enough to fit in 3"x4" bag & clean.

The artisans have had a very busy summer including making unique one of a kind Christmas ornaments as well as reasonably priced items that will make gifts for the holidays. Everything is an original and signed by the artisan. So please save your money and help support your club.

For those of you who may not be aware our next show is February 9, 10, & 11, and will be back in Sarasota, two doors down from Robarts arena in the "potter building." We're hoping we can count on all our members to volunteer for this show, as we're all getting older and need all the help we can get.

If you haven't done so yet . . .
Pick up your
Pink 2017-2018
Directory of Members
at the next Membership meeting!

Membership Health

SSC member, Maynard Kaplan is now in the Heron at Prestancia Assisted Living facility. He is recovering from abdominal surgery for a schwannoma (nerve sheath tumor) which was affecting his femoral artery. Long story short he is having to relearn how to walk—he is undergoing physical and occupational therapy. He has no pain. Maynard will be there for two more weeks and can be reached at 941-552-2981

Contact the Editor - email Ron Bopp at rbopp1@tam-pabay.rr.com or call at 918-527-0589 if you have something to include in *The Beauii*.

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of September through April at 7:00 pm at Waldemere Fire Station, 2070 Waldemere St. in Sarasota. Park in the small lot on the right or in the nursing home lot across the street.

Dues are \$21.00 for new single members and \$33.00 for family members (at the same address). **Renewals** are \$15.00 for single and \$20.00 for family.

If you want *The Beauii* printed and mailed it is an extra \$15.00 to your dues.

Sarasota Shell Club 2017—2018 Renewal/New Application Membership

Note: Dues include newsletters (*The Beauti*) via email, September through April. If no email address is available, add \$15 to your yearly dues if you want to receive the newsletters by mail.

Initial Dues: include cost of membership name tag:

\$21.50 single and \$33 family (living at the same address)

If no email address, add \$15 to your yearly dues

Renewal Dues: \$15 single and \$20 family (living at the same address).

If no email address add \$15 to your yearly dues.

To join, send checks only (no cash) made out to SSC to

Donna Krusenowski, Membership Chairman

3250 Ringwood Mdw

Sarasota, FL 34235

Please print legibly to help us correctly spell your name:

Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Local Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Cell: _____

Email address(s): _____

Other address & phone: _____

Emergency contact & phone: _____

Birth day & month: _____

We offer field trips to our membership and would like you to attend. Times and places will be announced at meetings or in our newsletter.

Are you interested in field trips? _____

Do you know of any good field trip location(s)? _____

If so, they are: _____

We require you to sign this Liability Release if you are interested in participating in our field trips. Every member must sign below:

Liability Release

I agree that I am individually responsible for my safety and my personal property. I will not hold the Sarasota Shell Club, its officers, field trip leader(s), or property owner liable for any damage or injury to me or my property that should occur.

Signature required for each member joining:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

The SSC publishes a roster with names, address and emails for our member use only. Please check one:

_____ it is **OK** to publish my information in the roster

_____ it is **Not OK** to publish my information in the roster

You will be sent monthly newsletters starting in September through April informing you of the date and time of the next meeting held the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Waldemere Fire Station off US 41 (behind Wendy's near Sarasota Memorial Hospital). Name badges can be picked up approximately 4 weeks after they are ordered.

To be filled in by the Membership Committee

Renewal _____ New Member _____

Amount paid & date _____ / _____