

The Beau*i*



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Sarasota Shell Club

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We meet on the 2nd Thursday
(September to April)
at Fire Station #2,
2070 Waldemere St.,
Sarasota, FL

April, 2017 Edition

From the Prez

Sally Peppitoni



Sally's mother (Phyllis Hicks) passed away Saturday, April 1, 2017 so there will be no message from Sally. There will not be a service now but there will be a memorial service later this summer in Tennessee.

Please be present at our April meeting promptly as our guest speaker, Gary Schmelz, will be giving a talk "**Bali Ha'i.**" Gary is very entertaining as those of you who have been on fossil trips know.

This will be our last meeting and in addition to Gary's talk we will have the annual **election of officers**. Don't forget that we have an **end-of-the-year Party** scheduled for April 15! More about the party in subsequent pages of this issue of *The Beau*i** but if you haven't registered yet, please do so by contacting Nancy Marini at 941-758-9790. The cost is \$7.00 per person.

We will have our last **shell trip** on April 8th, which will be **Peanut Island**, Low tide is at 1:20 pm, -0.16 ft. Besides beach combing snorkeling is great here too!

Awards and things - looking forward to the 2018 Sarasota Shell Club's Shell show Nanci Marini has noted that the club will sponsor a special award for Sally Peppitoni's mother (Phyllis Hicks) as well as one for Peggy Williams. The Artizans will sponsor an award for Fran Schlusemann's husband (Hank). Additionally, plans are now for a display of Peggy Williams' shells from her last trip prior to her passing. More on that later.

The **Artizans** successfully wrapped up their 10-day display at the Sarasota County Fair selling \$1,319.00 in shell displays. Good job, guys!



Peggy Williams

Margaret (Peggy) Williams died while returning trip from a trip to Baja California having an emergency problem on the plane and died Tuesday, March 14, 2017 in Los Angeles, California. Peggy was married to Tom Williams for over fifty years. They had two sons and two grandsons all living out of state. Peggy graduated from college and taught High School English for one year then elementary school Spanish for one year also.

She was an very active member and mentor for the Sarasota Shell Club for forty-three+ years serving in various Board positions including President multiple times, V-President, and Corresponding Secretary writing the monthly newsletter, the Beau*i*, for over twenty years. During our yearly Shell Show Peggy was our scientific chairman receiving exhibit forms from exhibitors and the responsibility for laying out the scientific floor for each of our shows. Peggy was also instrumental in developing educational programs presented at our club meetings and also presented to other

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Florida clubs as well. She also provided shells from her personal collection giving them to new members to research and give a short talk to the club the next month. She then would give that shell to that new member after that presentation.

Peggy was also President of Conchologists of America serving in that capacity two times, we believe.

As a small business owner, Peggy, led hundreds of shelling trips to many countries as well as around Florida. Those who went on trips with her were always happy with their shell finds and other incidental information she would share (birds, plants, etc.) on her trips . She helped everyone on her trips with the identification and cleaning of their shells. Many people who went on her trips often became close friends and often returned to go on future shelling trips with her.

In 2016, Peggy had two shells named for her in which is quite an honor for any shell collector. The first is named *Darrylia peggywilliamsae*, (Fallon, 2016) found by night Scuba in 40” at the South end of Baliceau Is. The second by the same author is *Syntomedrillia peggywilliamsae* by Scuba in 75 feet of water in Store Bay, Tobago Is.

Peggy had other interests besides conchology. She was a very active member of Sarasota Rotary where she wrote their weekly bulletin for years Also, she volunteered at the Tallavast Community Center as a mentor to the children in their afterschool program. She was also treasurer of this Community Center.

Peggy will be missed as a club member and a friend always willing to share her knowledge with anyone interested in shells. She leaves a void in our club with her passing.

Lynn Gaulin

Featured Speaker for 4/13/17

Gary Schmelz is presenting a powerpoint that focuses on hi efforts to see if there is any place in the South Pacific that come close to being like the mythical island of Bali Ha’i and some the interesting things he discovered when he came close to finding this island paradise.

Historian’s Report April 13, 2017

50 Years Ago

Sixty members and guests attended the April 13, 1967 meeting of the Sarasota Shell Club which was called to order at 7:40 pm by President Louise Danforth.

It was agreed by all that the Shell Show had been a success. The financial report from the show was received “with a great deal of enthusiasm.” It was noted that the rental for the same space the following year would be \$35 per day.

A field trip to Boca Grande was noted.

It was recommended that summer meetings be in member’s homes and that minutes be recorded (and read at first fall meeting).

Elections of officers followed.

The program was a movie showing scenes from various locations in the South Pacific. A few shells from these locations were on display.

25 Years Ago

The Sarasota Shell Club met April 9, 1992. The Treasurer’s report showed a total of \$6884.90 in club accounts.

Donations of \$500 to Mote Marine and \$1000 to Carefree Learner were approved.

It was announced the Club library would be closed for the summer.

Officers for the following year were elected.

Duane Kauffmann

The Beau

The Beau will be taking on a ‘new look’ beginning in the 2017-2018 club year. Drawing on experience from other editing positions the new Editor will be introducing some new and interesting items for *The Beau* readers. Among these changes are:

*Meet Your Member - every month we will learn, in detail, information about a selected club member.

*Guest Articles - COA and other shell club’s members will be asked to contribute an informative and related article.

*Shell of the Month - a photo and information on that shell will be featured in each issue

*Shell Cartoon - each monthly issue will feature a shell cartoon - good clean fun!

Fossil Trip a Success

Twenty-two members met with Gary Schmelz at the William Shell Pit on March 18th to find many, many example of Caloosahatchee shells. Afterwards all enjoyed a meal at a local restaurant along with a shell give-a-way, courtesy of Gary. The following photos give an idea of the fun we had.



Gary giving instructions to club members prior to the 'dig.'



Digging through a shell pile to find the perfect trophy.



Gary getting serious about finding the small murexes.



This photo highlights the give-a-way shells the club members had chance to acquire when their number was called.

Pourpoint Program of the 2017 Sarasota Shell Club's Shell Show

Any SSC member wishing a PDF of 95 slides featuring the 2017 Sarasota Shell Club's Shell Show may have a complimentary copy of the Pourpoint slide program by emailing Ron Bopp at rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com. It is only 4 mb in size so most members should be able to receive it. See your members, displays and dealers all on your own computer.

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

"Sarasota Shell Club Members Win big in the Scientific Division at the Sanibel Shell Show"

Several club members entered the Scientific Division at the Sanibel Shell Show on 3/2 —3/4/17 and came away with multiple awards including two of the top ones.



The Anne Joffe Sanibel Superstar Award given to Doug Thompson.

Doug Thompson won the "Anne Joffe Sanibel Superstar Award" for his display of "Self-Collected Northwest Florida Deep Water Specimens." The "Conchologist of America" award was won by Pat & Bob Linn for their display of "The Bonnets of the World."



Pat & Bob Linn were awarded the COA award for their bonnets.

Harry Berryman won the Howard Sexauer Award—"Best World Wide Shells" for his display of limpets. Harry also received a "Judge's Special Ribbon" for his display of "Mollusks and their influ-

ence on Religion." Ron & Mary Jo Bopp won a "Judge's Special Ribbon" for their Caloosahatchee Formation display. Duane Kaufmann received a Blue Ribbon for his miniature shell display. All in all it was a good showing for the members of the Sarasota Shell Club.



The Howard Sexauer Award given to Harry Berryman.



Harry Berryman also won a Special Judge's Ribbon for his "Mollusks and their influence on Religion" display



Another Special Judge's Ribbon was awarded to Ron & Mary Jo Bopp for their Caloosahatchee display.

Officers & Board Members

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

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

Committee Chairmen

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

Calendar

April 8	Peanut island field trip
April 13	Last SSC meeting, 7:00 pm
April 15	End-of-season Beach Picnic Coquina Beach at 11:00 am
June 10-11	Gulf Coast Shell Show Panama City Beach, FL
Aug 13-14	COA Convention field trips
Aug 15-19	COA Convention, Key West
Aug 19-20	New Jersey Shell Show
Sept 14	First SSC meeting, 7:00 pm
Sept 15-16	NC Shell Show, Wilmington
Oct 12	SSC member meeting, 7:00 pm
Oct 28-29	Philadelphia Shell Show

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 Beau* printed and mailed is an extra \$15.00.

End-of-the-year Picnic

When: Saturday, April 15
 Where: Coquina Beach, north gulf-side pavilion
 Time: 11:00 to ?
 What: Food provided by Sonny's
 What else? Bring non-alcoholic drinks, chairs, & Pstuff to play on the beach or shell!
 How much? \$7/person - pay Nancy Marini

Nominating Committee Results

President:	Sally Peppitoni
Vice-President:	Nancy Marini
Treasurer:	Bruce Paulsen
Recording Sec.:	Jeanne Corbin
Board Members:	Donna Cassin (1) JoAnn Mancuso (1) Harry Berryman (2) Karen Paulsen (2) Donna Krusenoski (3) Donna Timmerman (3)

Respectfully submitted by Liz Bordonaro

Library Notes

Our Sarasota Shell Club Library is located at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church in Sarasota. A list of our books is located on our club website.

For more info on our books go to www.mdmshellbooks.com.

Check out a book and relax reading about shells and marine life. You may want a book to help with your exhibit for our shell show.

Just call me at 941-992-5161 or email me at luvshells@gmail.com. to make an appointment to meet me there or just talk about exciting books.

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

Linda Greiner