

# The Beauii



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Sarasota Shell Club

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We meet on the 2nd Thursday, 7:00 pm  
(September to April)  
at Fire Station #2,  
2070 Waldemere St.,  
Sarasota, FL

November, 2018 Edition

## From the Prez



Hello Shell-a-holics!

Well, our first big field trip to Boca Grande wasn't the greatest. High winds made the surf very rough and there weren't a lot of shells although I did find some lovely orange scallops. The red tide was also making us cough so we didn't actually stay out long. Some of us did go to breakfast in town and had a nice time. I'm hoping the November 10th trip to Blackthorn Park at the north end of the Skyway will be much better.

The holidays are fast approaching so don't forget to get your holiday party tickets from Nancy Marini at the meeting or call her and reserve your spot. It will be held at the beautiful Bird Key Yacht Club again. We are going to have so much fun!

Don't forget about our "shoe box" shell show at the December meeting. We get lots of great entries. Try your favorite species of shell, or species of your favorite shell family. How about shells that come in your favorite color or shells from a great trip you had? Be thinking of what you'd like to enter!

Respectfully,  
Sally Peppitoni

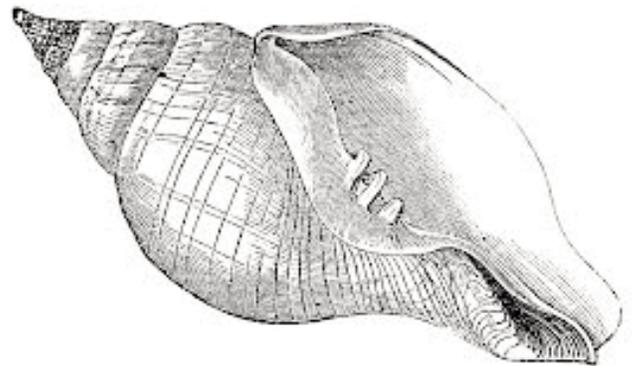
**November's  
Speaker:  
Bob Janowsky**

## Field Trips, 2018-2019

11/10/18	Blackthorne Park, Sunshine Skywy
1/19/19	Cedar Key
1/22/19	Carefree Learner
2/05/19	Carefree Learner
2/20/19	Carefree Learner
4/20/19	Peanut Island, West Palm Beach

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**Your 2018-2019 Membership Renewal  
Form is on the back page - Renew Now!**

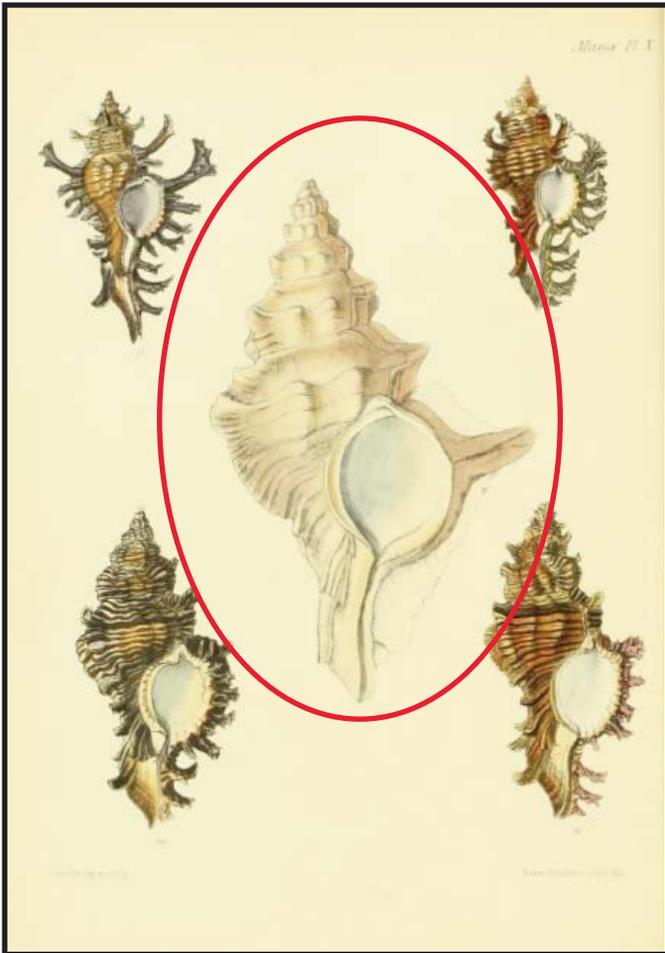
## *Siratus alabaster*

(Reeve, 1845)

### November's Featured Mollusk

A commonly seen and spectacular shell seen at shell shows is the *Siratus alabaster*, (Reeve, 1845), or as it is commonly known, the Alabaster Murex.

This mollusk is indigenous to the Philippines and SE Japan. It is usually white or ivory in color.



An illustration from Reeve's book, *Conchologica iconica*.

A beautifully illustrated book was produced by Lovell Reeve (1814-1865): *Conchologia iconica* (*Illustrations of the Shells of Molluscous Animals* in 1845. On plate 39 of this book the *Siratus alabaster* is seen (photo above) and his description of the shell is as follows . . .

“Shell triangulary fusiform, spire equal to the length of the shell, whorls transversely ridged and striated, ridges smooth, angulated at the upper part, armed at the angle with



The *Siratus alabaster* or Alabaster Murex.

two or three rather conspicuous nodules; three -varicose, varices, laminately winged, furnished at the angle with an erect deeply canaliculated tubercle; ivory white within and without; canal rather short.”



A *Siratus alabaster* in the Editor's collection.

## Meet Your Member—Pete Stellman

I'm originally from Massachusetts, born in Worcester, but spent my teen years in Townsend, on the New Hampshire border. After leaving there, I spent four years in the US Navy, (including a year in the Mojave Desert), and then I attended and graduated from Michigan State University as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. During my 38 years of practice, I found time to develop an interest in seashells, primarily in Cones, Cowries, and Carrier Shells. I was lucky enough to be able to travel to places like Africa, Australia, Hawaii, S. America, and the Philippines, among others.

Though I did have some minimal shelling success through SCUBA and snorkeling, most of my collecting has been from dealers all around the world. I was even able to convince my African safari guides to make a special trip to Mombasa, Kenya so that I could visit a shell shop I had read about—where I bought my first *Conus bullatus*.

Since retiring to Florida, and due to space limitations, I have refined my loves to just include tented cones, carrier shells, and tiger cowries, as seen in my photo, which include a giant + dwarf tiger, a xenophora with a piece of glass, and a left-handed *Conus marmoreus*, a large *Conus textile corbula*, and a very dark *Conus gloriamaris*—the last three are tented cones.

Also shown is one of my cabinets with the shell animal models I make and display and, which I would enjoy sharing with my new friends in the Sarasota Shell Club at any time. You just can't be afraid of my two French Bulldogs!



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

### ... A Postcard from the Past ...



Being that we are in the Thanksgiving season this vintage postcard is most appropriate. The lucky turkey is pulling a young lady sitting on a giant clam wagon. A most unfortunate turkey is in the wagon as well as several giant ears of corn. All this just says:

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

## October Membership Meeting Photos



Kim Nealon & José Leal



Mary Jo Bopp & Linda Greiner



Donna Bartels



Nancy Marini & Duane Kaufmann



Joan Zabor & Karin Ehlers



Susan Gallard with her paintings.



Terry & Jim Chastain



Sally Peppitoni giving the photographer the evil eye!

## November’s Speaker—Bob Janowsky

Bob’s talk will be “There’s something to be said about shells.” It will be a look at some things that most people don’t know about mollusks and a look at some especially beautiful shells. He has been involved in the shell game as a collector, dealer, shell show judge, appraiser, book seller, and publisher since 1968 and is one of the founding members of the COA. He has done most of his collecting in the Caribbean, mostly in Martinique and in Bonaire. He lives in Wellington, Florida with his wife, Juying and with their cats.



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## Historian’s Report

**Duane Kauffmann**

### 50 Years ago

Fifty members and several guests attended the November 14, 1968 meeting of the Sarasota Shell Club which was called to order by President Oberle.

It was announced that the National Guard Armory on Ringling Blvd had been booked for the shell show at a cost of \$265. [Ed. Note: Guess we have sort of “come back home!]

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Steger of Tampa gave the program. They provided a slide show of shells along with commentary which was described as “most interesting.” The minutes note that the program was “very well received.”

### 25 Years Ago

The archives have no minutes for a November 1993 meeting.

## Sailor’s Valentine Classes

Join Suzanne in laughter, smiles and friendship while creating a treasured keepsake. This 3 day class is sponsored by the Sarasota Shell Club Artisans.

While honoring traditional techniques, we will be creating a pattern similar to the one pictured. All materials including octagon cases made by Ed Brown are included in the class fee of \$600. Class size is limited to 8.

Class is open to beginners and accomplished shell artists alike.  
The 3 day class will meet from 10-2pm, Monday thru Wednesday,  
February 11, 12 and 13 immediately following our annual shell show.

Location - the shell club artisans workshop at the Bee Ridge  
Presbyterian Church on the corner of Proctor & McIntosh.

Contact Suzanne Dietsch - [Suzanne@seashellvalentines.com](mailto:Suzanne@seashellvalentines.com) or phone 309-883-1590.  
[www.seashellvalentines.com](http://www.seashellvalentines.com)



## 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](http://www.sarasotashellclub.com). For more info on some of our books, go to [www.mdmshellbooks.com](http://www.mdmshellbooks.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](mailto: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

## 2018 Sarasota Shell Club's *Holiday Party*

The Holiday Dinner this year is on Thursday, December 6, at 5:30 at the Bird Key Yacht Club between downtown Sarasota and St Armand's circle. Dinner will be followed by a fun auction and a gift for everyone. Bread basket, Caesar salad, choice of:

\*Carved New York Strip Steak, Au-Jus Horseradish cream sauce, Yorkshire pop-over roasted potatoes, and asparagus

or

\*Pan-seared Atlantic Salmon, Citrus Beurre Blanc-Grilled vegetable, Rice Pilaf

Both come with a warm lava cake, soda, iced tea and coffee. There will also be a cash bar.

Tickets will be sold at our October and November meetings or you can just mail me a check \$25.00 per person; please make check out to the SSC and mail to Nancy Marini, 5003 28th Ct E, Bradenton, FL 34203

## November's cartoon . . .

Frank & Ernest



## THE FOSSIL HUNTER PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One evening, as I was entering a construction site which was not restricted, I saw a beautiful little cowrie, brightly colored in burgundy and other shades from the matrix where it had been laying for at least 2.5 million years. A construction worker had probably pulled it out of its resting place while digging and had left it there. The sight of the precious little fossil brought this prayer to mind:

*Father, thank you that construction workers are not interested in fossil shells,  
and  
Please forgive them, for they do not know what they are missing!*

*Amen.*

Submitted by Nancy Cadieux



### Dr. José Leal Speaks for the SSC

Our October speaker was Dr. José Leal who discussed deep water shells found in the Gulf of Mexico. One of the mollusk found was the Sarasota Shell Club's shell, the *Siratus Beauii*.



The photo on the right reveals the shell and was taken by Dr. José H. Leal (National Shell Museum's Science Director & Curator) during the September 2018 Gulf of Mexico Cruise organized and led by Dr. Greg S. Herbert (School of Geosciences, University of South Florida).



The *Siratus Beauii*--

Dr. Leal describes the *Siratus beauii* on the Bailey-Matthews National Museum newsletter, *The Curator's Corner* as:

Gulf of Mexico Charm: The Beau Murex

The Beau's Murex, *Siratus beauii* (P. Fischer & Bernardi, 1857), is a moderately deep-water species of the large family Muricidae that occurs in the tropical western Atlantic, including the Gulf of Mexico, in depths between 200-400 m (about 660 to 1315 ft). Shells of this species can reach in excess of 90 mm (about 3.5 inches) in length, showing high degrees of variation in color and sculpture strength, in particular the size of spines and varices (the wing-like shell expansions). The species was included in the celebrated book *Rare Shells* published by S. Peter Dance in 1969, but is known nowadays to be moderately common in deep water.

**The 2019 COA Convention will be held at the South Seas Plantation on the island of Captiva, June 19-23. Field trips will be available June 17-18. The Bourse will be held June 22-23. Reservations open September 1, 2018. More information will be available on the COA website.**

SSC Member, Doug Thompson

*On October 17, 2017 the message below was posted on ConchL regarding Doug Thompson's family surviving the hurricane.*

“John, Jan and I are ok. We do have significant damage to our home. The western eye wall came right through our city. I hope nobody ever has to experience this. I will have to cancel my appearance at the 2019 shell shows. It will take some months to get all the repairs made and back to some sense of normality. We hope to have electricity back in a week but I still won't be online for a while. Please cancel my participation in the St. Pete, Sarasota, Sanibel, Broward and Astronaut Trail Shell Shows.”

### The Artisans

The Artisans are a group of caring and talented people. We meet usually once a week on Thursday 10 to 1pm, after which we all go out for lunch. We also go on day trips, to buy shells, etc.. All of the items we make are for the Sarasota Shell Club show, as well as other venues. The monies we make (thousands each year), funds our outreach programs, as well as other educational gifts the club chooses.

If you have any questions, please call Nancy Marini 941-758-9790. We meet at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church on the corner of Proctor & McIntosh (Sarasota). We are in the one story brick “Keyes” building. If you think you'd like to join us, please give Nancy a call.

### Notes from Nancy

Hi everyone—the artisans have come up with an idea I hope you'll take advantage of. We will be happy to supply you with original, one-of-a-kind; signed by the artist; hand-made shell item, including candy dishes, vases, arrangements, signs, ornaments, etc. The prices run from \$10.00 to \$65.00, and we will gift wrap your item. This will set you apart, since no one else will have access to these unique items. Great for, and cheaper than a bottle of wine to bring to a hostess who's invited you for dinner, as well as anniversaries, birthdays, Christmas, etc. You can purchase your gifts any Thursday from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm, at the Bee Ridge Presbyterian Church, 4826 S. McIntosh Rd. (on the corner of Proctor) in Sarasota. We are in the long brick building. Look for our sign. Please call ahead 941-773-7131b.

**SIGN UP FOR THE HOLIDAY PARTY AT THE NOVEMBER MEETING.** If you can't make the meeting, you can send your check made out to the SSC. The cost is \$25.00 per person and includes carved N.Y. strip steak with a sauce, popover, asparagus, roasted potatoes OR pan seared Salmon with a Citrus Beurre Blanc sauce, grilled egg, rice pilaf, asparagus, plus a bread basket. Both meals are complete with a Caesar salad, warm molten lava cake, coffee, iced tea or soda. There will also be a cash bar. The party is December 6th, at the Bird Key Yacht Club, 301 Bird Key Dr., Sarasota. Go over the Ringling Bridge and left at first light onto Bird Key Drive. Continue on—the Yacht Club will be on your left. Checks may be mailed to Nancy Marini at 5003 28th Ct. E., Bradenton, Florida 34203. I guarantee a fun evening including an auction and of course, everyone goes home with a present.

**CONSIDER DONATING** an item for the holiday auction (noted above). It should have a value of \$10.00 or more—please bring to the November meeting.

We are having our annual holiday ornament class on November 7th, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The cost is \$10.00 for up to three ornaments. \$3.00 each if you want to make more. We have room for two more members. **READ THE ABOVE FOR ADDRESS TO THE CHURCH, OR HOW TO MAIL ME A CHECK.**

BEST REGARDS, from The Artisans

Nancy

## Officers & Board Members

President	Sally Peppitoni
Vice-President	Nancy Marini
Treasurer	Karen Huether
Recording Secretary	Donna Cassin
Corresponding Secretary	Duane Kauffmann

Board Members: Donna Krusenoski (3), Rich Cirrantano (3), Donna Timmermann (2), Jenny Folden (2), JoAnne Mancuso (1), and Pete Steelman (1).

## 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

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

## Calendar

Nov. 8	SSC Membership Meeting
Dec. 6	Holiday Party
Dec. 13	SSC Membership Meeting
Jan. 10	SSC Membership Meeting
Feb. 8-10	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 Beauii* printed and mailed it is an extra \$15.00 to your dues.

**The 2018-2019  
Membership Application  
is Attached**

**You may renew your membership  
now - fill out and sign!**



## Editor's Thoughts

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

## Why Do You Like Sea Shells?

Well, let's find out! Send the editor (rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com) your reasons for collecting sea shells and a summary will be posted in an upcoming issue of *The Beauii*. Not matter what our indication is or how trivial you think it is for participating in pursuing this fascinating hobby, it is noteworthy and worth letting others know. This should be fun.

Forgot the address already? It's rbopp1@tampabay.rr.com

# Sarasota Shell Club 2018 - 2019 Renewal/New Application Membership

Note: Dues include newsletters (*The Beauii*) 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 Krusenoski, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday 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 \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_