



Sarasota Shell Club's 56th Annual Shell Show

February 8-10, 2019

Rules of Show

Deadline: All entries must be received by January 10, 2019. Please be sure to include all information required. This includes Category Number, Category Name, Exhibit Name, number of cases and exact space needed in feet and inches. Email entries should be sent to:

Scientific: Bruce Paulsen at sarasotashellclub@gmail.com

Artistic: Rosanne Roble at rosanneroble@gmail.com

NOTE Set-Up Day: Set up is **Thursday, February 7, 2019** between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. for **Exhibitors**, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for **Dealers**. Items may be brought in through the double doors in back of the Potter Building. **Special Note: All exhibitors must be off the auditorium floor by 2 p.m. on Friday as judging will commence then.** Exhibits or displays may not be removed until 4 p.m. on Sunday, February 10.

1. Exhibits must be the property of the exhibitor...NO EXCEPTIONS.
2. Names of all exhibitors/co-contributors must appear on the entry form.
3. All exhibitors may enter only one exhibit per category, with a maximum of four (4) categories.
4. Scientific exhibits should be covered with a *HARD PLASTIC OR GLASS COVER* to protect them. Jewelry should also be covered for protection. Although the hall is secured at night, **we cannot guarantee against theft.**
5. Displays may not be more than 30 inches deep, nor backboards more than 36 inches high. **Exhibits will be restricted to 32 lineal feet.** Due to limited space, we are not able to accommodate wrap-around exhibits. Space for each entry will be pre-measured and strictly adhered to. Please give exact measurements, as adequate space will be allowed between entries. If using backboards for your exhibit, the reverse side must be finished in a pleasing manner that will not detract from the exhibit on the opposite side of the table.
6. No electrically-operated devices for exhibits, such as revolving or lighted cases, are permitted without prior approval of the exhibit chairperson, as electric outlets in the exhibit areas are scarce. The name or picture of the exhibitor may not be visible on any part of the exhibit until **AFTER** judging is completed.
7. Self-collected shells that are included within a non-self-collected category must be identified by placing a star next to each to be eligible for the Shell of the Show, self-collected ribbon.
8. Shell Art exhibitors **MUST** furnish easels for entries displayed up-right (i.e. mirrors, wreaths). Shell Art exhibitors also must hang their own exhibits and provide their own hanging materials. If the exhibit is too heavy for the exhibitor to hang, then it is too heavy for our display unit. Items hung on our display units cannot exceed 22 inches wide or 22 inches high.
9. No advertising or selling will be permitted in or about any exhibit during the show. Anyone entering Artistic Category 2, Commercial/Professional, may place their business cards near their exhibits **ONLY AFTER** judging has taken place.
10. The Shell Show Committee reserves the right to place exhibits in their proper categories.
11. Any unauthorized exhibitor entering the hall or approaching the judges during judging will be disqualified.
12. Exhibitors are encouraged to consult with our judges about their entries after judging. Judges will be available Saturday and Sunday during the show.
13. Suggestions or complaints concerning the show must be directed only to one of the Shell Show Chairpersons (Nancy Marini or Bruce Paulsen). Any unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of any exhibitor will be discussed at the next Sarasota Shell Club Board meeting and appropriate action will be taken, including possible exclusion from the show for a minimum of one year.
14. Professional shell dealers may exhibit only in the Scientific Self-collected or Educational categories.
15. Exhibitors who have engaged in an ongoing enterprise to sell shell related art, or who have promoted their products in the media or on the internet commercially within the 12 months prior to this show must enter in the commercial/professional category.

NOTE Show Hours! The Show will be open to the public Friday, Feb. 8 and Saturday, Feb. 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 10 from 10 am. until 4 p.m.