

# The Sea Shell

Marco Island Shell Club Newsletter

November 29, 2021

## Holiday Sale – Friday, November 26



Our first Holiday Sale of the season was spectacular. The weather was beautiful, sunny and cool. The setting at the New Life Community Church was perfect. The Shell Art created by our members was beautiful and festive. Shoppers were in a joyous mood and were very complimentary to our Shell Art and to our Club and members. Many shoppers enjoyed the event so much they said they would be back next week. Our Sales seem to be taking on a variety of purposes for the Shell Club: education, social event for the community, fundraising, displaying the beauty of Marco's shells, interest in joining the club and friendship. It was a great time. The next Holiday Sale is **December 3....**  
Hope to see you there .....



*Becky Miller* - Workshop Chair

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I hope everyone had a very Happy Thanksgiving. It is hard to believe that we are already one month into our Shell Club season. The small workshops have been meeting for a month now for all members that renewed their dues last year and we have been busy! By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have had our first Holiday Sale and preparing for the second. The second Holiday Sale will be held on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9am to 2pm at the New Life Community Church which is located at 489 W. Elkcarn Cir. on Marco. Please plan to come out to support the club.

At the November meeting of the Board of Directors, long-time members, John Tunnell and Paulette Carabelli were awarded Honorary Membership. Both John and Paulette have served on the Board for many years. John has been the Publicity Chair and Paulette the Scholarship Chair and both have done an outstanding job. Please be sure to congratulate John and Paulette the next time you see them.



On Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, we will begin meeting as one large group for the first time since March of 2020. We will be meeting in the Bald Eagle room at Mackle Park on Marco. The park is located at 1361 Andalusia Terrace and the workshops will start at 10:45am and run to 1:15pm. Workshops will be open to all members that have registered online and paid their dues for 2022. It will be so good to see everyone again.

Speaking of dues, don't forget to renew your membership before December 31, 2021. You may do this on the club's website ([www.marcoshellclub.com](http://www.marcoshellclub.com)). Remember if you did not renew your membership at the end of 2020 for the 2021 season, your membership has lapsed and you will need to register as a new member. Because of room limitations, we will be limiting the number of members that can work at any given table and we will ask everyone to let us know which table they would like to work at as well as an alternate choice. We will do everything possible to accommodate everyone's first choice but specific table assignments are not guaranteed. Tables will be filled on a first-come first-served basis based on when membership fees are paid. Also, remember if you plan to exhibit at this year's Shell Show, in order to be eligible for certain trophies your dues must be paid by December 31, 2021.

Because of the room limitations and COVID protocols, we will not be allowing guests this year at workshops. As of this writing, it will be suggested that members wear masks at workshops; this policy will be reevaluated as circumstances change. Hand sanitizing stations will also be available. In addition to the normal Workshop Release Form, all members participating in workshops will be required to sign a COVID Release Form. A copy of this form can be found on the website and should be printed out, completed, signed and brought with you to the first workshop.

Do you remember the beautiful shell cakes that Carole Stavenas made in the past for our shell shows? Carole has agreed to teach us how to make them. If you are interested in learning how to make the shell cakes, email me at [information@marcoshellclub.com](mailto:information@marcoshellclub.com).

Did you know that you can find a variety of holiday ornaments and shell art made by our members on display and for sale in Naples at the Brambles English Tea Room Gift Shop? The gift shop is located at 340 5<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., Naples. If you are in downtown Naples be sure to stop by and check it out. It is these types of ventures as well as our Holiday Sales and Annual Show & Sale that are the main source of funds for our education and scholarship programs.

As part of our mission to educate people about all things shell related we will once again be doing some community outreach programs. The first of which will be held at the Marco Library on November 30<sup>th</sup>. At this presentation, we will cover topics such as our local shells and shelling tips. We will also, of course, talk about our club and show examples of what we make and promote our upcoming events. If you belong to a community organization and would like us to do a presentation please let me know.

You will find lots of information about the current happenings of the club in the newsletter but in between newsletters, be sure to monitor the calendar on the website as we continue to add new events including excursions, seminars and more. You don't want to miss out!

Looking forward to seeing you soon! Until then be safe.

*Cindy Wesolowski* - President



## WORKSHOP 2020-2021

Fall Workshops have been fun and productive. Approximately 26 members, which included table leaders, participated in Workshops. We met in small groups at the Shell Shed. All Shell Art produced will be available at the two Holiday Sales, November 26 and December 3, 9-2, New Life Community Church, 489 West Elkcam Circle, Marco Island. The sales are always fun and festive. Be certain to stop by and bring your friends. Lots of new and interesting art. The table leaders have been especially creative this season. Check out the photos to see friends in action.

Brambles Tea Shop in Naples now has Marco Island Shell Club ornaments, wreaths, and decorator items. Our things have been well received by the people of Naples. Stop in at the Tea Shop for a really great lunch. There is also a gift shop which has amazing merchandise.

Our entry in the Center for the Arts Festival of Trees is the Octopus' Garden. We have been making all kinds of "under the sea" creatures for the Tree. Stop by to see the Tree at the Center for the Arts November 30 thru Dec 2.

On Saturday November 13, Jackie, Cindy and Becky spent the morning at The Treasures in the Trunk Sale at the Catholic Church parking lot. We sold a wide variety of our creations. We will be at the Treasures Sale again in February.

The 2022 Workshops start Friday January 7, 10:45 to 1:15 in the Bald Eagle Room at Mackle Park, 1361 Andalusia Terrace, Marco Island. We will all be together. Check the website for details on connecting to the Shell Club again. There is a rule of NO FOOD OR DRINK in this room so please finish your coffee or refreshments before you come in. I have not seen this room yet but I hear that it is roomy and has lots of windows so it should be a great place for us.

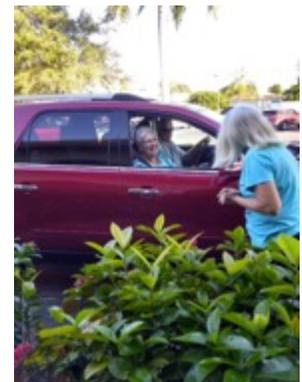
If you are new to the Shell Club you will need a standard size hot glue gun, some sort of stand to hold the glue gun, a small silicone matt to work on, scissors, tweezers, an X-Acto knife. You can wait until you start and we will explain the tools to you.

Looking forward to working together and seeing old friends and meeting new ones. Things are finally getting back to sort of normal. Let the Shell fun begin.



Our table leaders are so dedicated to the Shell Club that even though they just had foot surgery two days ago they show up at the sale for a drive by. Thanks Jackie for your dedication to the Shell Club. Take it slow and easy...

*Becky Miller* – Workshop Chair





## SHELL SHOW CHAIR

By now, we've all had a chance to chill after the Thanksgiving holiday, food, family and good times. We, here on the island had a very successful Shell Club Holiday Sale - Becky did an awesome job organizing the Sale - our members all volunteered for the day - it was so great to see many people back and also to just talk to people again - the shell club is moving on and looking so forward to meeting new members in January! (and welcoming back the old!)

2022 Shell Show is really around the corner and we are finally going to get to celebrate our 40th Anniversary of Shell Shows! The Rules and Regs will be on the website December 1st. Please read carefully - as there are special categories for the Anniversary Creations - complete with trophies! Also, for those of you who were in Audrey O'Donnell's Valentine workshop, we are still going to have the category for that group, as well, with everyone who participated competing in the class with the Valentines they made! No celebration is complete without celebrating one of our all-time great mentors and friend - Emily Savage - How we all have benefited from her knowledge of shells and generous help she gave in organizing the beginning of Marco Island Shell Club and has continued in many capacities throughout her years - 91 years young! She will be recognized Wednesday at the reception at the church!

Did I mention that this is our first Shell Show at a NEW VENUE - The New Life Community Church, 489 W. Elkcam St. Marco Island! Last week, we went over to the church and did a layout for the show! We are really excited - it will be just as beautiful as they always have been- and we will need all of you to volunteer your help for the show -there will be many jobs for all of you - more later on that!!

Our Judges this year will be Artistic - Marvin and Mary Hennemann and Scientific - Anne Joffe and Ed Petuch!

I'd like to welcome Mary Ann Coke as our Scientific Chair - we are going to have a great show and celebration! See you soon!

*Jae Kellogg* — 2022 MISC Shell Show Chair



## VP AND SEMINAR

Hello Shell Club Friends:

We have a few things coming up for Shell Club Members!

On December 10th from 12-2 P.M. we are having a Holiday Pot Luck at The Sarazen Park Picnic Facility. If you are here and would like to attend, please bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Please go to [information@marcoshellclub.com](mailto:information@marcoshellclub.com) and let us know that you are interested in attending and also specifically what dish you plan on bringing.

On January 13, 2022, we will be having our first Seminar at Rose Hall in The Marco Island Public Library. Tony Mauriello, Florida Master Naturalist will be speaking about the subject of:

### **Mollusks in Culture**

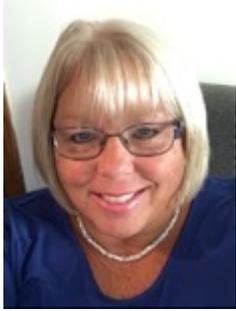
Mollusks play a variety of roles in culture, including but not limited to arts and crafts, and literature, with both practical interactions, whether useful or harmful, and symbolic uses. Stories, from around the world, related to the use of mollusk shells as money, personal adornment, and musical instruments are presented along with supporting photos.

The Seminar will start at 3:30 P.M. on January 13th. This event is open to the public so please bring your friends & guests.

Happy Holidays to All!

*Jackie Lynch* — Vice President and Seminar Chair

**EXCURSIONS**



We will be taking the Hemmingway Shuttle to Keewaydin for a shelling trip on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2022. We will leave from Rose Marina at 8:00 am and return approximately 11:00 am. It's a half hour ride there and back. This leaves us 2 hours to shell. They will provide complimentary water. You can bring a chair with you and a small lunch tote if you want to pack a snack. The cost is \$50 per person (this includes tax and fuel surcharge). There are 20 available seats. This will be on a first come first serve basis. We will open up registration for this trip

on Jan 8, 2022. So grab your shell bag, beach shoes and sunscreen and be ready for a great day! If weather is bad, we will reschedule for another day. Thanks

*Sandy Fansler* — Education/Excursion Chair

**PUBLICITY**



Please take note of all of the great opportunities for this upcoming season: potluck, workshops, seminars, excursions.. I am looking forward to this year's activities.

*John Tunnell*— Publicity Chair

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