

# The Sea Shell

Marco Island Shell Club Newsletter

January 25, 2021

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings everyone and happy New Year. I hope all of you are well and for those of you back here in Florida, I hope you are enjoying the sunshine and finally warmer weather. It has been about a month since our last newsletter and I thought we should send out an update on the club activities. As you may know, we started our mini-workshops at the Shell Shed and Becky, our workshop chair, will give you an update on how things are going below.

The Board of Directors met on January 12<sup>th</sup> and had a long discussion regarding the remainder of our season and the March Shell Show and sale. The board came to the difficult decision that it would be necessary to once again cancel our annual show. As you know, this is normally a four day event but requires a full week including preparations and setup. With so many of our members not comfortable participating in large group indoor activities, we just didn't feel we would have enough volunteers to support such an undertaking at this time. Not to mention, that our next show will be our 40<sup>th</sup> and we want to make sure we can do it up big for that monumental milestone.

On a brighter note, the board did decide that we would hold a two-day spring outdoor sale. The sale will be held outdoors on Friday and Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 2 pm under the eaves at the New Life Community Church. The church is located just off Bald Eagle Drive at 489 W. Elkcam Cir across from the Dollar General Store and Veterans Park, next to the Marco cemetery. As you know, we had two very successful holiday sales outdoors at St. Mark's Church and the New Life Community Church offers us even more under cover outdoor space so we should be able to have an even bigger and better sale. I hope all of you will plan to come. Of course we will need volunteers to help so please let your table leader or Becky know if you are able to help.

Weather permitting, we are also planning to participate once again in the outdoor Treasures in the Trunk sale at the San Marco Catholic Church on February 20<sup>th</sup>. This will be a much smaller event but we will have a variety of items for sale for those visitors looking for a special something to remember their time here on Marco. Stop by and see us if you can.

I wish all of you a safe and healthy year and happy shelling!

*Cindy Wesolowski* - President

## WORKSHOP 2020-2021



Workshops started January 11, at the Shell Shed. Tables are meeting for a half-day each week. The table leaders are meeting with members who have renewed membership and who are interested in meeting in a small group situation

At the present time, St. Marks is not allowing outside groups in their facilities so unless something changes, we will be holding workshops at the Shell Shed for the remainder of the season. If you are interested in participating please contact your past season Table Leader. Looking forward to the future when we can feel more free to explore our artistic activities.

If you have questions,  
[information@marcoshellclub.com](mailto:information@marcoshellclub.com)

*Becky Miller* — Workshop Chair

## MEMBERSHIP

As of this writing, we have had 55% of our members from last year renew their membership for this year. Just a reminder, it is not too late to renew. You must renew online to keep your membership active. Only active members will be able to attend and participate in Club activities. To renew your membership, please visit the website [www.marcoshellclub.com](http://www.marcoshellclub.com) and follow the prompts from the link on the website home page where you will see the following:

### Members Please Login To Renew Membership [Here](#)

Simply click on the word [Here](#) at the end of the sentence and follow the on-screen prompts to login and renew your membership. The annual membership dues for individuals is \$35 per year. You may pay your dues with a credit card at the time you renew your membership online by selecting pay by PayPal. Or you may pay by check, just select Pay By Check when you renew your membership on the website. If you choose to pay by check, make checks payable to Marco Island Shell Club and mail your check to Marco Island Shell Club, PO Box 633, Marco Island, FL 34146. Payments cannot be accepted until your membership has been renewed on the website.

As a reminder, we are still looking for a new Membership Chair. If you would like to volunteer, please let me know. Knowledge of Excel is helpful.

Your membership chair,

Cindy Wesolowski



Happy New Year, Shell Club Friends! Hope all are well and looking forward to this new year!

I'd like to mention to all of our members that on November 12, 2020, a good friend and neighbor hosted a private fundraiser for the Shell Club in her condo. The ladies who attended this fundraiser were provided with their own personal picture frame, shells, and other materials by The Shell Club. They in turn made a donation to the Shell Club. I was present to oversee the Event and to provide guidance with decorating the frames. It was a very special evening with food and refreshments provided by Carol Solarino, whom hosted this Event. In addition, we had a small Christmas Tree with Shell Club ornaments for purchase. The ladies at this event, purchased many of them for gifts and to keep for themselves. The Fundraiser took in over \$1,400.00 for The Shell Club. Thank You's were written to each attendee by Cindy and I to show our gratitude. (Please see picture from private fundraiser)

During this past December, a friend and neighbor decided to decorate her Christmas tree with a "penguin theme". It was a gorgeous tree with many black, white and red ornaments! She purchased over 20 Penguin ornaments from The Shell Club after seeing them on the tree at the November fundraiser. Linda DiDonato, is also an Interior Decorator in the Chicago area. (I have posted a picture of her beautiful tree).

My table (Decorator D) will begin our Workshops at The Shell Shed. We will begin at on Tuesday, January 19th, 2021 at 9:00 A.M. Even though there are only a few of us, please wear a mask.

Seminars for the upcoming season are cancelled. I will keep you posted as to when we are able to resume.

Warm Regards,

*Jackie Lynch* – Vice President and Seminar chair



Linda DiDonato's Christmas Tree

Private fundraiser hosted by Carol Solarino



PUBLICITY



Well, this is a very unusual year but I believe, given the circumstances, our board members are taking us in a very good direction. Workshops are going on in the "Shell Shed" and we can look forward to a very good Shell Art Sale in March.

John Tunnell - Publicity Chair

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