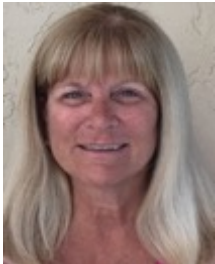


The Sea Shell

Marco Island Shell Club Newsletter

January 6, 2020

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome back to our newly returning members! We were very busy the past 2 months making shell art for our Holiday Sale, which was the most successful Holiday Sale yet! We were happy when the Marco Eagle did an article on our shell club and our holiday sale. It was on the front page of the newspaper the day before the sale! It was so exciting to see everyone's hard work pay off so well!

Now we are on to our Shell Show preparation. We will have many new art items being made for this 3-day sale and show. This is our major fundraiser and I think it's also fun to be involved in the whole process in whatever way works best for you. We will need volunteers for many of the activities that occur over the 3 days. But I must admit, the most fun occurs when you enter something in the Shell Show. It can be something you made using shells, or a special shell entered in the scientific area. All the information is on our website at marcoshellclub.com under 'Shell Show'.

I hope our workshops continue to run smoothly in the area of transporting our supplies and materials back and forth each week to workshop. As a table leader I have had so much help from the members of my table to help me unload and set up our table early before start of workshop, and they have helped put everything back into my bags or cart and help me get it in my car. I have seen the same kind of help at the other tables too. We are so grateful for the help as we all share the responsibilities of keeping this club going. It is definitely more difficult than it was for the past 10 years, but we are finding other payoffs of having a large storage place. We are getting much more done as many of us go in during the week and work on things to help our tables continue to make such beautiful art. We are able to choose shells and materials to make our activities more appealing to our customers at our sales. We have a great group!

I hope for a very Happy New Year for our members and our club.

Karen Caster - President

SEMINAR



Hello Shell Club Friends:

As of this writing, the holidays are upon us. But in just a few weeks we will be treated to a Seminar on Thursday, January 9, 2020 (6-8 P.M.) at the United Church 320 N. Barfield Drive). Florida Master Naturalist, Tony Mauriello, will be speaking to our group about Shelling, Beachcombing and more! He will be happy to answer questions as well as inform us in depth about shelling and beachcombing along the Florida Gulf Coast. He currently leads nature tours at Lovers Key State Park, Koreshan State Park and Barefoot Beach Preserve. Tony participates in Florida Master Naturalist Program and is on the Board of the Lee County Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society. The Marco Island Shell Club will be hosting this Seminar and all are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Hope to see you all there!

(On Tuesday, January 7th at Workshop there will be a sign up sheet asking for Shell Club members to bring snacks for the Thursday night Seminar. The sign up sheet will be right near the Workshop sign in sheet and where you pick up your name tags. Should you be kind enough to bring a snack for the evening, please arrive at 5:45 the latest so that we may put it in kitchen for after Tony Mauriello speaks).

Jackie Lynch — VP and Seminar Chair



Welcome back to all of our Shell Artists!

By now, hopefully you are thinking of your exhibit(s) for the 2020 Show!

When you start to fill out your Entry Form ONLINE - please don't hesitate to ask for our help - it is so easy!

Let's all get fired up for our **40th Celebration** with an exhibit that represents the Anniversary - please look on the front page of Rules and Regs for 40th Anniversary Category Descriptions - Scientific and Artistic!

As Always, it is wonderful to greet all of our NEW MEMBERS and welcome you back here in January - thank you for getting right at it and fitting in so well!

Jae Kellogg — 2020 Shell Show Chair

WORKSHOP 2019-2020



“WHAT A DIFFERENCE TEN YEARS MAKES” said Ruth Grzyb when she sent me the photo of the **Holiday Sale 12-15-09**, which was held at the Esplanade on Marco Island. Recognize any Club members? She commented that their goal was to make \$500.

Fast forward to the **Holiday Sale 12-7-19**. We surpassed our monetary goal having a very successful sale of \$9,661. Everyone worked hard on Workshop Tuesdays and beyond to offer a wide variety of Shell Art. The day was amazing and buyers were waiting in line to enter. Shopping was brisk and a good time was had by all.

We are now looking forward to the Shell Show Gift Shop. We are ready for our members who will arrive after the holidays.

It is an amazing experience to work with a room full of members so focused on keeping our club relevant and successful.



Holiday Sale 12-15-09



Holiday Sale 12-7-19

Becky Miller — Workshop Chair



MEMBERSHIP

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a good holiday season. Thank you to all the members that renewed their membership on the website by the December 31, 2019, deadline. If you did not renew, it is not too late but please be sure to renew prior to coming to workshop, as **you need to have renewed online and paid before you can participate in 2020 workshops**. Just visit the website 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. You will notice there are a few changes to the membership dues. We no longer offer a household membership, only individual memberships. 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 as in the past, you may pay by check by bringing your check made payable to Marco Island Shell Club to workshop but remember you must first renew your membership on the website and select Pay by Check. Payments cannot be accepted until your membership has been renewed on the website. Please renew your membership prior to coming to the first workshop in January as to not delay your being able to participate in the workshop.

Cindy Wesolowski – Membership Chair



EXCURSIONS

The New Year has arrived. In 2020 we will be going to the Sarasota Shell show February 7th, the Sanibel Shell Show on March 6th, and other fun times.

Check out the www.marcoshellclub.com web site. On line registration for the Sarasota Bus trip is open under the “Excursions” page. You need to register on line before your payments by check can be received by Pat Wood, Joan Robbins, or Connie Braz.

Pat Wood – Excursion Chair

PUBLICITY



I would like to highlight a beautiful Christmas tree created by Cindy Wesolowski, membership chair and critter table leader. Cindy used drift wood and shell ornaments. It was awarded first place at the Festival of Trees event at the Marco Island Center for the Arts.



The tree sold for **\$250** (½ of which was given to the Shell Club) on the first day the display was open to the public!

John Tunnell - Publicity Chair

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MARCO ISLAND SHELL CLUB 2019-2020 CALENDAR Revised 3/28/19

This calendar is subject to revision – go to www.marcoshellclub.com for updates.

*All activities take place at the **United Church of Marco**.*

***Suggested arrival time for workshops is 8:45am to sign in and set up glue gun/materials.**

DATE	DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY
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Jan. 7	Tuesday	8:45-11:30 am	Shell Art Workshop
Jan. 9	Thursday	6:00-8:00 pm	Seminar
Jan. 14	Tuesday	8:45-11:30 am	Shell Art Workshop
Jan. 14	Tuesday	10:00 am	General Membership Meeting
Jan. 14	Tuesday	11:45 am	BOD Meeting
Jan. 21	Tuesday	8:45-11:30 am	Shell Art Workshop
Jan. 28	Tuesday	8:45-11:30 am	Shell Art Workshop

Feb. 4	Tuesday	8:45-11:30 am	Shell Art Workshop
Feb. 6	Thursday	6:00-8:00 pm	Seminar
Feb. 7	Friday		Bus excursion to Sarasota Shell Show
Feb. 11	Tuesday	8:45-11:30 am	Shell Art Workshop
Feb. 11	Tuesday	10:00 am	General Membership Meeting
Feb. 11	Tuesday	11:45 am	BOD Meeting
Feb. 18	Tuesday	8:45-11:30 am	Shell Art Workshop
Feb. 25	Tuesday	8:45-11:30 am	Shell Art Workshop
Feb.28	Friday		DEADLINE FOR SHELL SHOW ENTRIES

Mar. 3	Tuesday	8:45-11:30 am	Shell Art Workshop
Mar. 5	Thursday	6:00-8:00 pm	Seminar
Mar. 6	Friday		Bus Excursion to Sanibel Shell Show
Mar.10	Tuesday	8:45-11:30 am	Shell Art Workshop
Mar. 17	Tuesday	Per Schedule	Shell Show Set-up
Mar. 18	Wednesday	9:00am-noon	Exhibitor's Set-up
Mar. 18	Wednesday	1:00-4:00 pm	Judging of Exhibits
Mar. 18	Wednesday	6:00-7:30 pm	Members/Judges' Reception
Mar. 19, 20, 21	Thurs.-Sat.	10:00-4:00 pm	40th ANNUAL SHELL SHOW & SALE
Mar.26	Thursday	10:00-12:00	BOD Meeting
Mar. 31	Tuesday	11:00-1:00	ANNUAL MEETING/CELEBRATION
APRIL 1	Wednesday	10:00-12:00	BOD Meeting