

The Sea Shell

Marco Island Shell Club Newsletter

November 27, 2019

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We've had a great start to our season. We are welcoming back friends we haven't seen in months. Our returnees and the many new members have been busy helping us get ready for our holiday sale on Saturday, December 7 from 9:00-2:00 at our workshop location at United Church of Marco. There will be many great gift ideas for sale. Let your friends and neighbors know that profits from the sale will help fund our scholarships and grants.

So far, we are helping each other transport materials from storage to the workshops on Tuesday mornings. I am so thankful for the members who have helped their table leaders get those materials to and from the car so they can rotate the materials for the following week. Finished materials also get transported back to storage until we have our sales. We found that we get more done during the week as people meet at the storage area and work on projects there in addition to workshop days. Again, thanks to all of you who have helped with all the transportation. I think it's working well for now.

Our holiday potluck luncheon will be after our workshop on December 10 from 11:30-1:30. There will be a sign-up sheet available to write down what you would like to bring or make for the luncheon. If you need to heat or cool your food, we can use the kitchen in the church hall that day. I hope you all participate. It's always a nice way to socialize with members and eat some delicious food. We always have so much fun. We will start workshop at the same time that day as always, so put your food in the kitchen area until after workshop is done and we will set up the food and tables so we are ready to eat soon afterwards.

Our Shell Club will be presenting a "Shelling" workshop at Marco Island Library for 20 people on December 11, and at the Golden Gate Library on December 12. We discuss ways to make shelling fun with grandchildren and family members. We share some interesting information about shells and ocean life, and ideas to help make shelling a fun, learning experience. Participants will also decorate a frame with shells and a poinsettia as part of this "Friends of the Library" program in Collier County libraries. The funds we charge for the presentation will be put into our scholarship programs.

If you haven't already done so, don't forget to renew your membership for the new calendar year before December 31. You can do this online on our website www.marcoshellclub.com. You can pay with a check or charge card. This year's fee to renew membership is \$35 per person. In order to participate in the workshops after December 31 you MUST have renewed and paid your membership fee. If you have any difficulty doing this, please send us an email on the question section of the website. We are available to help you with this but not during our workshops. Before or after workshops would be a time to ask questions, but please do the actual registration BEFORE the workshops in January. Members who just joined the club in the past 2 months do not need to renew. You are already paid until next January.

We will not have workshops on December 24 or December 31. We will return on January 7 at 8:45. We usually have a bigger crowd during the months of January,

Karen Caster - President

SHELL SHOW



What a great start seeing people back for the Season! While it may seem too early to be thinking about Shell Show - plans are in the making for our 40th Anniversary Year! When many of us think about Shell Show and 40 years of shell club - even in the old and older scrapbooks - the name Emily Savage keeps popping up there in pictures and articles - even in the 70's!

Many of us were lucky to have been taught and mentored by Emily - it is with great pleasure that we Honor Emily by dedicating this years' 40th Anniversary Show to Emily Savage - 90 years young, and full of fun! 40 years! - may seem like a long time for most people but for Emily Savage, one of our Honorary members, it has whizzed by in a heartbeat! Many of our seasonal members could not wait to hit her **Shells by Emily Shell Shop** when they arrived on Marco for the season - sometimes even before they unpacked their bags and set up their condo!!!! It seems like just yesterday she opened and closed her shell shop after 31 years AND now has come full circle - regularly attending workshop on Tuesday mornings! "Just give me something to do - anything, anyway - I can help...." We are enjoying her expertise and energy - this week it was at the painting table! - her choice! **Our Anniversary categories will reflect a trophy in each Division - they will be fondly called - "The MISC Emmys"!**

We cannot wait to see all of the amazing exhibits to celebrate this banner year!

The Rules and Regs will be up on our website **December 1st** and you will want to take a look, refresh yourself with not only new categories added last year, but also with our **2 special 40th Anniversary Categories in Artistic and Scientific!**

Another NEW addition is: our Show Entry Forms - **you will be able to fill them out online!** Joan Robbins, our web master has worked on this all Fall and has done a perfect job! This is very exciting as she has eliminated slow mail, taking pictures that are hard to read, able to get them in on time and no wasted paper! It is very simple - even I can do it - and will be glad to explain to any of you if you need help! We will have help sessions and it will be no harder than email, Facebook, texting or ordering online! Plus, you will be able to practice it, if needed, online - but just not click "submit" until the deadline(or before)! More on that later!

Our Artistic Judges for this year are Marvin and Mary Hennemann - **Scientific Judges** are Dr. Gary Schmelz and Dr. Ed Petuch! We are so delighted to have these wonderful, knowledgeable judges with us! We will have such a great time!

If you would like to help sponsor a trophy for this years' show, it is not too late! We will have brand new trophies for our exhibitors and also special trophies for the Special 40th Anniversary Categories! See me if you are interested!

I want to thank all of our current members who have stepped it up to help plan this years' 40th! All of my chairs are ready to go to help make this another successful show - especially my Anniversary Committee - Cathy Shuler, Kathy Benedict and Sally Johnson - thank you! It is a great milestone for our club - which actually started out in a garage in the mid 70's! It's quite a story!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Jae Kellogg — 2019 Shell Show Chair

WORKSHOP 2019-2020



Shell Club Workshop Tuesdays have been very busy and productive. We are on target for a great, successful Holiday Sale on December 7, 9-2. All tables have created great shell art for the sale.

Holiday Table has been busy making angels- big and small, ballerinas, adorable fairies, and so much more.

Flower Table has been in the red---poinsettia making that is. They also have a beautiful white table flower with --- yes, a poinsettia in the center.

Mirrors and frames are turning out lots of frames -- scallops, oysters, and clams – oh my.

I've seen lots of dogs and cats at the **critter table**.

The **decorator tables** are very creative this year – sea creatures of all kinds – glittered, beaded, and ready to sell. Night lights, jewelry holders, and lion's paws all covered with beautiful shells.

Jewelry is creating accessories to brighten and enlighten.

Minis are remarkable. How do they make those beautiful things with such tiny shells.

So, I hope this encourages you to stop by the Holiday Sale December 7, 9-2 at the United Church of Marco. Bring your friends and family.

After the Holiday Sale, onward to the Shell Show. We will focus collectively on creating shell art for the Gift Shop at the Show. Individually, every member should focus on his/her projects and entries for the Show – both artistic and scientific.

This fall has been fun, but looking forward to January when more and more members show up.

See you when you get here!

Happy Holidays

Becky Miller | Debbie Towey — Workshop Chair



MEMBERSHIP

The end of the year is quickly approaching, so just a reminder to please make sure to renew your membership and pay your dues prior to the end of the year. It is especially important if you plan to enter an exhibit in the 40th Annual Shell Show as some of the trophies are only awarded to those members that were paid as of the beginning of the new year. 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.

Thank you for your support!

Cindy Wesolowski – Membership Chair

Holiday Party – As our president stated above, our Holiday Party will be December 10th right after workshop, It will be from 11:30 – 1:30. If you like I would encourage you to bring several copies of the recipes of the home made “dish” that you brought. I am sure it will be delicious and members would like to recreate it at their homes.

John



EXCURSIONS

We have a second beach walk planned for Monday, December 2nd at 8:00 am on Marco South Beach. Bring a container for your treasures (shells) and a bag to carry off trash that you pick up off of the beach.

Watch our website for details on future excursions including trips to the Sarasota and Sanibel Shell Shows in January and February.

We had a great time on our last excursion to South Beach. Cathy Shuler provided these great pictures of some of the items she found on the beach.



Pat Wood – Excursion Chair



Brittle Star – Sea Star relative

PUBLICITY



Some of you have been asking about supplies for Sailor's Valentines. Audrey O'Donnell sent us this information:

Sailor's Valentine Box's used in my class last year were custom made by Clifton Cloud. They are available in several sizes and wood choices. Contact number for Clifton is 207-439-7955. His e-mail address is madaketmil@aol.com.

These boxes are made in Maine and come complete with Glass. Sizes start at three inches .

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
Nov. 12	Tuesday	10:00 am	General Membership Meeting
Nov. 12	Tuesday	11:45 am	BOD Meeting
Nov. 19	Tuesday	8:45-11:30 am	Shell Art Workshop
Nov. 26	Tuesday	8:45-11:30 am	Shell Art Workshop
Dec. 3	Tuesday	8:45-11:30 am	Shell Art Workshop
Dec. 7	Saturday	9:00-2:00 pm	Holiday Shell Art Sale
Dec. 10	Tuesday	11:30 am-1:30 pm	HOLIDAY PARTY
Dec. 10	Tuesday	8:45-11:30 am	Shell Art Workshop
Dec. 17	Tuesday	10:00	General membership meeting
Dec. 17	Tuesday	11:45 am	BOD Meeting
Dec. 17	Tuesday	8:45-11:30 am	Shell Art Workshop
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. 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.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