

The Sea Shell

Marco Island Shell Club Newsletter

September 30, 2021

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Well as I sit down to write this article, it is hard to believe it is now fall. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. With fall comes the start of a new season for the Shell Club. We are excited to start workshops again, even though; we will still have a somewhat modified schedule as a result of the pandemic. You may recall that we were to start having workshops as a group this season at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, unfortunately, St.

Mark's notified us that they would not be able to accommodate our workshops this season as a result of their campus restrictions because of COVID.

The board of directors had many discussions regarding how to move forward with workshops this season given St. Mark's decision. It was decided to hold workshops in the fall (November and December) in half day sessions at the Shell Shed as we did last season. Each table is assigned a specific time and day of the week to meet. These will be small group workshops and will only be open to those members who were paid members for 2021. There will be no guests allowed at workshops in the fall. If you were a paid member, you should have received an email in the middle of September from our Workshop Chair, Becky Miller, regarding specifics for the fall workshops.

I am happy to announce that as of January 7, 2022, we will be meeting as one large group in the Bald Eagle Room at the Mackle Park Community Center Building, located at 1361 Andalusia Terrace. Workshops will be held on Friday's from 10:45 am to 1:15 pm. It will certainly be nice to be able to once again get to see everyone. Workshops starting in January will only be open to paid members who register online on the website (www.marcoshellclub.com). Online registration and renewal will be open sometime during the month of November. Please note, 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.

Because of the room limitations and COVID protocols, we will not be allowing guests this year at workshops. As of this writing, members will be requested to 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.

In addition to workshops, we are hopeful we will be able to bring back our monthly seminars and end of season member luncheon. We will keep you posted as we finalize details for these events. We do have two holiday sales scheduled. They will take place on Friday, November 26th (day after Thanksgiving) and Friday December 3rd, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at the New Life Community Church, 489 W Elkcam Circle. Please mark your calendars.

I realize some of these changes are not ideal but we feel it is what is needed to keep us in a position to continue the club's mission during this challenging time. In addition I want to thank everyone for their cooperation and understanding.

Looking forward to seeing you soon!

Cindy Wesolowski - President

WORKSHOP 2020-2021



Summer is over and fall is in the air--well not in Florida--but in Iowa where I spent the summer. The trees were changing color when I left.

We had a great Spring Sale and sold many beautiful shell art items. So now it's time to get back to work and build up our artistic closet.

Last season, Workshop met in Table Groups in alternate day sessions in our Shell Shed. We had small but productive groups of members who had renewed their 20-21 membership. That group of members will start working again in the Shell Shed during November and December. Minis worked in Judy's home.

2022 Workshops will start January 7, 2022 in the Bald Eagle Room, at Mackle Park, 1361 Andalusia Terrace, Marco Island (which is sort of by the library). Workshop day is FRIDAY and the time is 10:45 to 1:15. The day and time are a change for us, but I know we will all adjust.

Review the information contained in this NEWSLETTER concerning renewal, joining the club, paying dues, filling out paper work, and indicating preference of Workshop Table. Keep in mind you need to be a paid member of the MISC to attend Workshops so complete your membership information before January 7 when Workshop starts.

It will be great for club members to be back together again.

We have two Holiday Sales scheduled, November 26 and December 3, outdoors at the New Life Community Church 9-2. This was the location of the Spring Sale. We had energized crowds and we are hopeful they will return.

We haven't yet received word that the Center for the Arts will hold the Festival of Trees this year, but if they do we are planning the Tree's theme "The Octopus' Garden". The colors will be coastal and the decorations "under the sea". Please contribute to the Tree with a shell piece.

If you have questions about Workshop or the Holiday Sales contact the website at information@marcoshellclub.com

Becky Miller – Workshop Chair

NATIONAL ESTUARIES DAY—9/25/2021



On Saturday, September 25, I represented the Shell Club at Rookery Bay for their National Estuaries Day celebration. Last year, there was no celebration because of COVID, and the Friends of Rookery Bay wanted to have one this year, even though it was a pared-down version from previous years. Our Club began participating in National Estuaries Day in 2014. The emphasis is on education, so our table contains a shell identification display, which facilitates interaction with the adults, parents, and children who attend. Although the Club cannot sell anything, our table also has several samples of our shell art, and a flyer advertising our upcoming holiday sales and the spring Shell Show. Many of the volunteers, staff members, and Friends of Rookery Bay members stopped by the table to thank the Club for its financial support for their educational endeavors over the years. At the end of the day, as I was packing up, a new young intern stopped by to find out about the Club, and why we were included in the celebration. After I explained the financial contributions we've made and partnerships we've developed over the years, she said, "Oh, I see now why everyone at Rookery Bay speaks so highly of the Shell Club."



Joan Robbins — Website Chair

SHELL SHOW CHAIR



Marco Island Shell Club presents

OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY MARCO ISLAND SHELL SHOW

March 10, 11, 12 - 2022
10-4 p.m.
New Life Community Church
489 W. Elkcam
Marco Island, FL

Yes, everyone please mark your calendars - SAVE the DATES!
We are going to try it again!

As we start up the workshops this fall, we will be talking more about it - bring back your exhibits that YOU were going to use in the competition last year - it will be a wonderful celebration!

Until then, have a safe Fall, and safe travels back to our beautiful Island - the FUN starts sooner than we can imagine!

Jae Kellogg - 2022 MISC Shell Show Chair

PUBLICITY



We are excited to get back to Florida and participate in the new season of the Marco Island Shell Club. Looking forward to this season.

John Tunnell- Publicity Chair

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