



SHELL•O•GRAM

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The Club will meet on the usual evening, customary venue, and traditional time (fourth Thursday, SE Branch Jacksonville Public Library, 7:00 PM), July 24th, 2014.

The club will discuss the Jacksonville Shell Show outcome, and we will need to have all of our members in attendance. We have worked harder on this show than any of the past shows, HOWEVER, we had a disappointing outcome. I believe it is time for us to find a beachside auditorium, if we intend to have another Show.

PLEASE ATTEND OUR UPCOMING MEETING

Dear JSC Members,

The 2014 Jacksonville Shell Club Shell Show took place July 11th -13th at the Morocco Shrine Center. There are so many individuals I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to for making this event possible. Unfortunately, this message just does not have enough space for me to list all those names. With that said, thank you to all of the JSC members that contributed to the show. Thank you to our judges, Wayne Harland, Gary Schmelz, Ruthie Abramson and Shannon Webster for taking the time to attend our show and judge our competitive exhibits. Thank you to all of the shell dealers that took the time to travel and attend our show and provide others the opportunity to go home with something new. Thank you to all of the exhibitors who took the time and effort in traveling and providing your wonderful exhibits. Lastly, thank you to our caterers, Phyllis and Theresa from Taste for providing an excellent dinner at our banquet. Without the collective efforts and contributions from all of the aforementioned, the shell show could not be possible. I look forward to seeing all of you next year! Brian

Artistic Divisions Results:

Awards

Gertrude Moller Award: Debbie Freeman

Category B-1-11 Home Decor

Helen Murchison Award: Debbie Freeman

Category B-1-7

Special Judges Awards

Category B-1-12 – Sailors Valentine: Jane Santini

Category B-1-11 Home Décor: Barbara Cathey

1st Place Ribbons

Category B-1-3 Christmas Related Items: Rick & Roz Edwards

Category B-1-4 Mirrors: Chere Bernard

Category B-1-5 Jewelry and Personal Accessories: Barbara R. Moon

Category B-1-6 Paintings and Drawings of Shells: Barbara Cathey

Category B-1-7 Photography: Debbie Freeman

Category B-1-8 Novelties: Chere Bernard

Category B-1-9 Needlework: Pauline Hall

Category B-1-10 Wreaths and Wall Hangings: Pat Linn

Category B-1-11 Home Decor: Debbie Freeman

Category B-1-12 Sailor's Valentines: Jane Santini

Category B-1-14 Student: Marissa Linn

Category B-1-15 Miscellaneous: Barbara Cathey

Category B-2 Shell Arts & Crafts or Shell-Related Antiques: Judy Blocker

Category B-2-1 Miscellaneous: Sue Hobbs

2nd Place Ribbons

Category B-1-3 Christmas Related Items: Judy Blocker

B-1-10 Wreaths and Wall Hangings: Debbie Freeman

B-1-11 Home Décor: Judy Blocker

B-1-12 Sailor's Valentines. Debbie Freeman

B-1-14 Student Category: Marissa Linn

Scientific Divisions Results:

Awards

The Dupont Trophy

Gene Everson A-1-7 One Minor Family Turrid Appreciation

The Conchologist of America Award

Tom Grace A-1-3 One Area Calliostomatidae of the Americas

R. Tucker Abbot Memorial Trophy

Gene Everson A-1-10 Educational Limpet-Like Mollusks

The Harry G. Lee Award

Doug Thompson A-1-3 One Area Self-Collected NW Florida Deep Water Specimens

William Clench Award

Alan Gettleman "HERE, GOING, GONE, SAVED: The Value of Curating Shells in Molluscan Conservation."

Plaques:

Shell of the Show: Greg Curry A-1-13 Rare *Tenebricola cukri*

Self Collected Shell of the Show: Robert and Alice Pace A-1-13 Rare *Conus eversoni*

Ten Feet and Under: Charlotte Thorpe A-1-11 Ten Feet and Xenophora

Special Judges Award

James & Bobbi Cordy A-1-4 Self Collected- SE Eleuthera Island, Self Collected US & Caribbean

1st Place Ribbons

Pat & Bob Linn A-1-2 World-Wide The Helmets Of The World

Tom Grace A-1-3 One Area Calliostomatidae of the Americas

James & Bobbi Cordy A-1-4 Self Collected- SE Eleuthera Island, Self Collected US & Caribbean

Gary Gordon A-1-5 Self-Collected Worldwide A Rare Find On Guam

Gene Everson	A-1-7 One Minor Family	Turrid Appreciation
Gregg Curry	A-1-8 One Genus	Genus Athleta
Gregg Curry	A-1-9 One Single Specimen	Tractolira tenebrosa
Gene Everson	A-1-10 Educational	Limpet-Like Mollusks
Charlotte Thorpe	A-1-11 Ten Feet and Under	Xenophora
Robert and Alice Pace	A-1-13 Rare	"Rare/Uncommon Fla./Caribbean Gastropods"
Debbie Freeman	A-1-14 Oddities	Freaks
William Edwards	A-1-16 Beginner	Fossil Murexes
Jim and Linda Brunner	A-1-18 Sea Life	Texas Longhorn
Tom Grace pearl	A-2 Non-Marine Mollusks	<i>Megalonaias nervosa</i> (Rafinesque, 1820) with
Richard Edwards	A-3 Marine Fossils	Shell Fossils and their Modern Day Relations

2nd Place Ribbons

Jim and Linda Brunner	A-1-2 World-Wide	The Eye of the Sheller
Doug Thompson	A-1-3 One Area	Self-Collected NW Florida Deep Water Specimens
Pat & Bob Linn	A-1-8 One Genus	TIBIAS OF THE WORLD
Tom Grace	A-1-9 One Single Specimen	Conus ampliurgus Dall, 1889
Alan Gettleman	A-1-10 Educational	HERE, GOING, GONE, SAVED: The Value of Curating Shells in Molluscan Conservation
Gene Everson	A-1-11 Ten Feet and Under	Psammobiidae
Gregg Curry	A-1-13 Rare	<i>Tenebricola cukri</i>
Phyllis Gray	A-1-18 Sea Life	Glass Cup Sponge
Phyllis Gray	A-2 Non-Marine Mollusks	Lovely Landshells (Liguus)

Fiery-red coral species discovered in the Peruvian Pacific

Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute

A new coral species, *Psammogorgia hookeri*, has been collected by scuba divers from rocky ledges at depths to 25 meters in Peru's Paracas National Reserve. The corals' hand-sized colonies are slightly



smaller than the colonies of their closest relative. Costa Rican researchers at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute and the University of Costa Rica have named the coral for Yuri Hooker, biologist and naturalist at the Cayetano Heredia Peruvian University in Lima, Peru. Researchers also found bits of coral attached to mussels from Independence Bay at a local fish market.

"This new species may be found nowhere else

in the world," said Hector Guzman, marine biologist at STRI. "But coral reefs and coral communities in Peru have never been systematically studied. We expect more surprises as we look at new collections."

Odalisca Breedy, lead author of the new species report in the *Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the UK*, and Guzmán are experts in soft coral taxonomy and ecology. To date, they have discovered nearly 25 new species of soft coral in the Pacific. This new species was identified based on colony characteristics and examinations of the coral using both light and scanning-electron microscopy. Breedy and Guzman compared the new samples with specimens at Peru's Ocean Institute, IMARPE and at the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History. Most of the museum specimens were more than 90 years old because no one has collected in this area in recent times.

"With logistical support from the Peruvian National Protected Areas Service, we're beginning to discover the amazing biodiversity of corals and marine invertebrates in the Peruvian Pacific," said Hooker. "It's mostly a matter of looking in the right places and inviting experts who can identify these relatively unknown and unstudied creatures."

This new species underscores the importance of Peru's still largely unexplored marine protected areas.