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July Meeting

The Thursday, July 24th meeting of the Jacksonville Shell Club will be held at the Southeast Branch Public Library at 7:00 PM.

The educational program will be presented by Harry Lee who will discuss his diving experiences in Monterey, California during his residency at the University of California Hospital, San Francisco.

Bill Frank will give the Shell-Of-The-Month on *Stramonita biserialis* (de Blainville, 1832) – a species normally found south of Ensenada, Mexico but which has recently been found in California.

August Meeting

The Thursday, August 28th meeting of the Jacksonville Shell Club will be held at the usual time and place.

The educational program will be presented by Charlotte Lloyd who will discuss her recently completed dive trip to the waters off North Carolina.

The Shell-Of-The-Month, for a change of pace, will not be a shell at all but instead Pam Rice will talk about the variety of fossil sharks teeth that may be found on Northeast Florida beaches.

Jacksonville Shell Club's 37th Shell Show

Under the leadership of Co-chairpersons Pam Rice and Chris Cavan, the Jacksonville Shell Club held its 37th Shell Show at the Days Inn Resort in downtown Jacksonville Beach on Saturday, June 28th and Sunday, June 29th. The event featured some 264 linear feet of scientific displays (ten exhibitors with 17 exhibits) and about 92 linear feet of arts and craft displays (eighteen exhibitors with 17 exhibits). Filling out the remainder of the 3,000 square foot plus exhibit hall, were four dealers of shells/shell related items as well as the clubs own "Sand Flea Market" and "Shell Store."

On Saturday evening the shell show banquet was held at the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge in Jacksonville Beach featuring an 87-lot auction of shells and shell related items.

Ably handling the judging duties were Dr. Emilio Garcia (Lafayette, LA) and Homer Rhode (Ramrod Key, FL) on the scientific side, and Mary Lou Aronson (Keystone Heights, FL) and Bobbi Cordy (Merritt Island, FL) on the arts and crafts side.

Paid attendance at the two-day event was approximately 626 guests – virtually identical to the approximately 634 paid guests recorded at the club's previous two-day shell show at the Brampton Inn during 2002.

The Jacksonville Shell Club wishes to thank all of our out-of-town exhibitors, dealers and guests for your support. We sincerely hope to see you all back next year.

[See page 3. for a complete list of shell show winners – on the Internet see: www.jaxshells.org/37shellshow.htm]



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The club meets each month, excluding December, at the Southeast Branch Public Library, 10599 Deerwood Park Blvd., Jacksonville Florida. Please address any correspondence to the club's address shown above.

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Beaches Library Shell Display

During the month of May, The Jacksonville Shell Club sponsored a display of worldwide shells (to include fossil specimens and shell crafts) at the Beaches Library on Third Street in Neptune Beach. The exhibit, prominently displayed in glass cases inside the foyer, was a great source of publicity for the club in general and the shell show in particular.

Thanks to Pam Rice, Carol Rishel, Charlotte Lloyd, and Barbara Moon for donating the material/arranging the display, and Chris Cavan (a library employee) for making the display possible.

The Great Move

Sunday, April 27th was a beautiful, sunny and hot day. Ten Members of the Jacksonville Shell Club (Frank Abramson, Carol & Rick Rishel, Pam Rice, Audrey & Craig Thorn, Claire Newsome & grandson Alex, Leigh Murphy and Gertrude Moller) met at the club's long-time commercial storage unit in Jacksonville Beach at 9:30 AM to effect the removal of all the club's material from that location.

Due to the rapidly escalating cost of the commercial storage unit, Club Treasurer Charlotte Lloyd had strongly recommended finding a less expensive alternative. After exploring several possible solutions to the problem, the club elected to purchase a metal shed that was assembled on the grounds of Clair's home by Charlotte and friends several weeks earlier.

Upon our arrival at Claire's home, it was surrounded by all of our cars and the large U-Haul Truck driven by Rick Rishel. Reminiscent of the stereotypical porters featured in the movies of an African Safari of yesteryear, many trips by each of us were made from the cars to the back of the house. The shed, though beautifully assembled, was not quite as large as the storage unit and it was like trying to park a large automobile into the space meant for a Volkswagen Bug. However, we managed to "pull it off" and were rewarded by Claire with tall glasses of iced tea.

Welcome New Members

Rose McFadden
13208 Grant Logan Lane
Jacksonville, FL 32225
Phone: 221-0801

Sam Ramer
14047 Mystic Lane
Jacksonville, FL 32250
Phone: 813-2357

Mary Lynn Dukes
150B Langston Road
Perry, GA 31069
Phone: (428) 987-3477

James Knight
57 Coriander Terrace
Middleburg, FL 32068

Ellen W. Reed
611 Ponte Vedra Lakes Blvd. #4005
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082
Phone: 273-4242

Thomas Duhon & Family
12281 Mandarin Road
Jacksonville, FL 32223

Joel Wooster
Aldemad Apt. 1112
Jacksonville, FL 32246
Phone: 568-1006

Welcome Rejoined Members

Lola Josey
222 Devonwood Drive
St. Simons, GA 31522
Phone: (912) 638-4778

George Hapsis
13266 Eucalyptus Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32225
Phone: 220-2156

President's Message

By Pam Rice

I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for coming together as a team to put on a great show this year.

First of all I would like to thank Charlotte Lloyd and Frank for everything you both did before, during and after the show. We could not have done it without you.

Bill Frank and Harry Lee thank you for everything that you did behind the scenes for the show.

Claire Newsome, we would not have had a show if you had not found a replacement site for the show since the Brampton Inn closed its doors. Thanks also to Gertrude Moller and Judy Blocker for looking for alternate sites for the show.

Billie Brown, thanks to you for a great banquet, the meal was mouth watering. Thanks also to the Fraternal Order of Police for the use of the banquet hall. The chefs and all of their helpers you did a wonderful job.

The auction, with auctioneer Charlotte Lloyd assisted by Harry Lee, was awesome to say the least. What a team!

I would now like to thank our committee chairpersons:

Scientific Chairman – John Fatu; Arts & Crafts Chairperson (also this years show co-chair) – Chris Cavan; Shell Store Chairperson – Gertrude Moller & sidekick Carmella; Sand Fleas Chairperson – Selma Hutchison; Ms. Publicity as always – Claire Newsome; Trophies & Ribbons – Jackie Warshaw; Door Chairman – Harry Lee; Raffle Chairperson – Claire Newsome; Program Chairperson – Char Lloyd; Banquet Chairperson - Billie Brown.

I would like to thank our fantabulous judges this year for their extraordinary judging as it was tough. Scientific: Emilio Garcia and Homer Rhode and for Arts and Crafts: Bobbi Cordy and Mary Lou Aronson.

I have a special thank you to Tom Duhon who was so kind to bring his shell circus to the beach and enter it as an exhibit in our show. "Wow!"

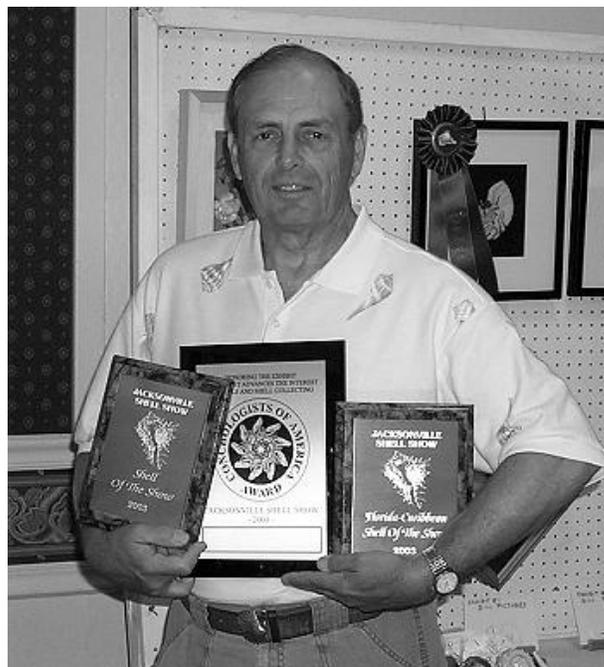
Thanks to Mary Reynolds and Chris Cavan for calling out door prize numbers when I needed a break.

Thank you to everyone that sat at the door and sold tickets to get in to the show - it is greatly appreciated.

I know this is getting lengthy but I must thank the dealers that came to the show, Bev & Al Deynzer; Ruthie & Frank Abramson; Marie Ignacio and Bill Conklin. Hope to see you all next year!

If I have forgotten anyone please forgive me and let me know.

See ya next year.



Gene Everson with some of his awards

Complete Listing Of Shell Show Winners

-- Scientific Categories --

A-1-2 World-Wide

1st Charlotte Lloyd (Jacksonville)

A-1-3 One Area

1st Ray Wichus (Orlando)

1st Danielle Wirsansky (Jacksonville)

2nd Danielle Wirsansky

A-1-5 Self Collected SE U.S. & Caribbean

1st Danielle Wirsansky

A-1-6 Self-Collected Worldwide

1st Gene Everson (Louisville, KY)

2nd Jim Cordy (Melbourne)

A-1-11 One Single Specimen

1st Gene Everson - *Harpovoluta charcoti* Lamy, 1910

2nd Judy Blocker (Jacksonville) - *Epitonium worsfoldi* Robertson, 1994

3rd Ray Wichus - *Conus elisae* Kiener, 1845

A-1-12 Educational

1st Leslie Allen Crnkovic (Houston, TX)

A-1-13 Rare

1st Harry Lee (Jacksonville)

A-1-14 Oddities

1st Gene Everson

2nd Anne Joffe (Sanibel)

The Dupont Trophy – Harry Lee "Southpaw Seashells"

Conchologists of America Award – Gene Everson
"Exceptional Shells"

R. Tucker Abbott Award - Gene Everson "Shells of the Central and Tropical West Pacific"

Shell of the Show – Gene Everson [*Chicoreus eversoni* D'Attilio, Myers & Shasky, 1987]

Self Collected Shell of the Show – Gene Everson [*Scaphella contoyensis* Emerson & Old, 1979]

Judges Special Awards

Charlotte Lloyd - "Pelecypods of the World"

Anne Joffe - "Freak Strombidae"



Chin Frank awaits the next visitor at the show entrance

-- Arts & Crafts Categories --

B-1-1 Pictures

1st Mary Lynn Dukes

2nd Selma Hutchison (Jacksonville)

3rd Anna Bechak (Jacksonville)

B-1-3 Christmas Related Items

1st Judy Blocker

2nd Betsy Lyerly (Jacksonville)

3rd Selma Hutchison (Jacksonville)

B-1-4 Mirrors

1st Gertrude Moller (Jacksonville)

2nd Selma Hutchison

3rd Selma Hutchison

B-1-5 Jewelry and Personal Accessories

1st Jackie Warshaw (Jacksonville)

3rd Barbara Moon (Jacksonville)

3rd Judy Blocker

B-1-6 Paintings and Drawings of Shells

1st Leigh Murphy (Jacksonville)

2nd Leigh Murphy

B-1-7 Photography

1st Phyllis Gray (Orlando)

2nd Phyllis Gray

B-1-8 Novelties

1st Tom Duhon (Jacksonville)

2nd Barbara Moon

2nd Danielle Wirsanky

B-1-9 Needlework

1st Laura Pegler (Melbourne)

1st Linda Koestel (Orlando)

2nd Anne Joffe

3rd Julie Newsome (Jacksonville)

B-1-10 Wreaths and Wall Hangings (not Christmas)

3rd Judy Blocker

B-1-11 Home Decor

1st Judy Blocker

2nd Gertrude Moller

B-1-12 Miscellaneous

1st Judy Blocker

2nd Betsy Lyerly

Division B-2 - Shell Arts & Crafts

B-2-1 Miscellaneous:

1st Ray Wichus

1st Gene Everson

2nd Selma Hutchison

3rd Chris Cavan (Jacksonville)

3rd Selma Hutchison

Helen Murchison Award – Tom Duhon "Shell Circus"

Most Creative – Anne Joffe "Needlework"

Judges Special Awards

-Linda Koestel

-Laura Pegler



The club's shell store was popular with visitors