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The May 22 meeting will convene at 7:00 PM at the Southwest Branch Library. Charlotte Lloyd will re-present her Philippine shelling trip report, which was victimized by an electronic failure of the library projector during the March meeting. Because of the proximity of the shell show, no shell-of-the-month will be presented to allow for extra discussion of the annual event.

The June meeting will be held at the usual time on the 26th. Again, the shell-of-the-month will be suspended for discussion of the shell show. Harry Lee will report on his recent trip to Cat Is., Bahamas.

The 42nd Jacksonville Shell Show

Morocco Shrine Center
3800 South St. Johns Bluff Road
Jacksonville, Florida 32224-2620

The 2008 Shell Show will be open to the public on:

Saturday, June 14 from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, June 15 from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

For forty-two years, the Jacksonville Shell Club has sponsored a shell show to educate the public about the shells mollusks produce. In these shows, shells from all over the world that would not normally be seen by the general public are displayed and compete for awards. Various arts and crafts involving shell and marine themes are also displayed and compete for awards. In addition to shell and educational displays, shells, shell crafts, and shell themed articles will be for sale by various vendors. Club members are encouraged are encouraged to participate in the show and to help in its success. Please encourage others to attend and help publicize the show.

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

The *Shell-O-Gram* is issued bimonthly and mailed to all regular members. Annual membership dues are \$15.00 individual and \$20.00 family (domestic) and \$25.00 (foreign). Lifetime membership is available. Please send checks for dues to the above address and made out to the Jacksonville Shell Club.

We encourage members to submit articles for this publication. Closing date for article submission is two weeks prior to the first of each month of publication. Articles may be republished provided full credit is given the author and this newsletter and one copy of the complete publication in which the article appears is sent to the above address.

President's Corner

Hello Everybody

I hope this message finds everyone well and energized for the shell show. The time is getting closer and the show will be here before some of us are ready. Crafters - don't procrastinate!

We always have beautiful and impressive exhibits in the A&C division. Your exhibits are often the inspiration for our visitors to go home and try their hands at creating something that they have seen at our show.

Our Scientific exhibitors are much needed and if you have never entered a show, this would be a good time to bring out your treasures and work up an exhibit. Beautiful shells that you have collected should be shown - not just packed away in drawers or cases.

We all work hard every year to encourage exhibits and it takes all of our local members to make our show inviting to the exhibitors who come from other places and the public. Our local membership is smaller than ever so we all have to do more than just "our job". We have been seeing some "new" faces at our meetings, but at the same time missing some of our "old" familiar faces. **SO ---**

Old and New help us make our Shell Show 2008 a success. There is a job or two for everybody! See you at the next meeting? And the Shell Show!

Questions? Comments or Concerns? Call me.

Best,
 Billie

Reminder: Club membership Dues are Due Now
For most members dues are due on September 1st of each year.

If you joined on a different date, you can find that date by looking at your *Shell-O-Gram* label. Your due date is shown by month and year on the label.

Dues cost: Individual \$15.00.....Family \$20.00

Corrigendum: Harry Lee regrets that he failed to credit Bill Frank for the three photographs of *Pupilla muscorum* (Linnaeus, 1758) accompanying his article on the Vermont "Reunion Roundup" in the March-April issue.

Science Fair Shell Club Awards

On Monday, February 18th, members Rick Edwards and Harry Lee judged 53rd Annual Northeast Florida Regional Science and Engineering Fair on behalf of the Jacksonville Shell Club.

As in past years, the judging criterion was based on excellence in a project dealing with malacology, invertebrate zoology, or marine science.

There were several fine projects, and the judging took several hours. The consensus winners were:

Junior Division:

Juliette Holthaus

Eighth Grade, James Weldon Johnson Middle School

The effect of various samples of St. Johns River water on *Daphnia pulex*.



Welcome new Members!!

Robin Williams & Family

Senior Division:

Christine Gagnon

Sophomore, Bishop Kenny High School

The effects of Cayenne pepper paint additives on the settling of barnacles

