



The Searcher

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President's Message:

I want to personally thank all of you who were involved in making this year's shell show such a great success. We had some great exhibits this year. Take a look at the web site for some pictures of the show. We also enjoyed perusing the shells for sell by Chris Takahashi, Kay Klaus, and Dave Green. To top it off we had hundreds of visitors from the community.

Merry Christmas! I just love saying that. This is without a doubt my most favorite time of year. I hope to see all of you at the December meeting where we will once again have a covered dish dinner and play SHELLO for our gift exchange. Plan now to attend and be sure and bring something really neat for the gift exchange since I might be taking it home.

Steven

December Meeting

December 7, 2004
Tuesday, 7:00 P.M.

at

Brazosport Museum of
Natural Science
Center for the Arts and Sciences
400 College Blvd.
Clute, Texas

Covered Dish 7:00 P.M.
Meeting 7:30 P.M.

Refreshments by:

Every member should bring a covered dish to share for our holiday party. Paper goods, tea and ice will be provided by the club.

Program

We will be playing "SHELLO" as a way to exchange gifts. Those wishing to participate should bring a shell related gift valued between \$10—\$15.

Auction

An Oral and Silent Auction will be held at the December meeting. See page 3 for more information.



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Committee Chairpersons

Auction	Wayne Humbird
Exhibits	Dean Harris
Field Trips	Darwin Alder
Historian	Janey Nill
Hospitality/Hostess	Freida White
Membership	Steven Coker
Museum Study Project	Roe Davenport
Newsletter Editor	Wanda Coker
Program	Craig Latimer
Publicity	Wanda Coker
Shell Show	Patty Humbird & Wanda Coker

Membership Directories

I should have the membership directories completed and ready for distribution at the December meeting. I will mail out the ones that do not attend the meeting. Please let me know of any corrections and we will provide the updated information in future newsletters.

The Sea Shell Searchers of Brazoria County

Brazosport Museum of Natural Science
Center for the Arts and Sciences
400 College Blvd., Clute, Texas 77531

Club Meetings: 1st Tuesday each month
September – May
Brazosport Museum of
Natural Science

Membership: Individual \$8.00
Family \$10.00

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Minutes of the November 2004 Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: The November 2, 2004 meeting of the Sea Shell Searchers was called to order by President Steven Coker.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: A motion was made by Cliff Harris, and second by Mary Harris to accept minutes as reported in newsletter. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: No report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Steven Coker – Dues are due. Directory should be available at the December meeting.

Newsletter – Wanda Coker – Thanked Steven Coker for publishing the November newsletter.

Field Trips – Darwin Alder –SSSBC field trip second weekend of November to local beaches. Meet at Surfside Jetty at 8:00am and bring own lunch. There is to be a -0.3 low tide at 9:55 am. The group will move up/down the beach and move to the bays which the tide should be 3 hours behind. More information in the November newsletter.

Hospitality/Hostess – Freida White – December will be a covered dish and everyone is to bring something to eat. People need to sign up to bring food to future meetings. Tables were set up for eating and most members liked this arrangement.

Museum Study Project – Roe Davenport reported 3 new record shells.

Historian – Janey Nill reports: “Things have happened in the past”.

Exhibits – Dean Harris reported that she has put an exhibit in one of the Angleton Nursing Homes.

Publicity – Wanda Coker – no report

Auction – Wayne Humbird – not available

Program – Karen Latimer reported they were in process of arranging programs for the future meetings.

Shell show – Wanda Coker – gave a quick run-down of the soon up-coming Shell Show to be held November 19, 20 & 21.

OLD BUSINESS

Club brochure: Janey Nill is still waiting on museum to finish their brochure

COA committee report: no report

Club T-Shirt: Frank Petway reported for Tina Petway that Tina need the club to approve the color of the T-shirt and whether to print in one color or multi-color. Shirts will cost between \$7.00 and \$10.00 each. The club agreed to print in multi-color on a Teal colored shirt and that Tina was to use her judgment on the exact colors.

Brazoria Co. Fair: The results were published in the November newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

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November Minutes

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Plans for the December meeting: will be a covered dish, SHELLO will be played and exchange gifts to be between \$10-\$15.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dean announced that Jo Tirrell accidentally took a camera from the Auction. If you are missing a camera, see Dean Harris or Jo Tirrell

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Dennis Harris, seconded by Cliff Harris to adjourn. Motion passed.

Future Programs

December: Holiday Party

Programs Being Planned — Shelling in Chile; Underwater World of Jackie Reid; Shells of Australia; *Conus pennaceus* - Diverse and Disjunct Forms

If you know of a program that you would like to see or give, please contact Craig Latimer.

Field Trips

If you have an area of interest to go shelling, please contact Darwin Alder, Field Trip Chairman, with your suggestions.

Auction to be held at December Club Meeting

Several items were donated for the Shell Show Auction. This years set-up did not allow space or time for an auction. Those items will be brought to the December Meeting. A small oral auction will be held and one silent auction. Proceeds to off-set the cost of the show. We have a beautiful wooden bowl donated by Dave Barziza and a shell Christmas tree crafted by Darwin Alder. Many more shell or shell related goodies will be available for your every need.

Dates to Remember

December 5, 2004 Brazosport Museum's Holiday Social at 2:00PM in the Museum.

December 7, 2004 Sea Shell Searchers regular scheduled meeting, covered dish and gift exchange, 7:00 PM in the Museum.

January 4, 2005 Sea Shell Searchers regular scheduled meeting, the first for the year 2005 at 7:00PM in the Museum.

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