

THE SEARCHER

a publication of the Sea Shell Searchers of Brazoria County

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The primary purpose of the Sea Shell Searchers of Brazoria County, a not for profit organization, is to provide educational opportunities for the scientific study and conservation of molluscs and other related fields.

Membership is open to everyone. See the club web page for details. Correspondence regarding the newsletter should be directed to Newsletter Editor, SSSBC, 400 College Dr, Clute Texas 77531. <<http://bcfas.org/museum/SSSBC/SSSBC.html>>

**Next meeting Nov 4th 7:00 PM at Museum of Natural Science
400 College Dr Clute, Tx
Program is "American Haliotis" by Stephen Browning.**

President's Message for the November Newsletter

Wanda is recovering at the local hospital after her recent surgery. Lets wish her well.

Field Trip: Dean Harris reported the local field trip on Nov. 8. Start at Quintana. If you need help call Dean. Meet at her beach house 210 Sand Dune 10:00 for brunch then shell down to San Luis.

Nov. 22-30 trip to San Carlos, Mexico Thanksgiving week. Call 849-9390 if flying let Dean know if you need transportation.

Festival of Lights-Nov 22nd

For those not going to San Carlos, we have been asked to do a demo shell show in the civic center as part of the festival. This is a trial run for next year's show. See Wanda or Patty if you would like to exhibit.

Minutes Oct 7th, 2003

CALL TO ORDER: The October 7, 2003 meeting of the Sea Shell Searchers was called to order by president Wanda Coker. A new member was introduced.

PRESIDENTS'S REPORT: A thank you gift was given to Jeannie Tiernert. Eloise Little has died. A card was sent. Sympathy to Dale Satchel.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion by Allen Satchell, second by Dave Barziza to approve minutes as mailed in newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Wayne Humbird reported a balance of 7125.47.

COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Membership: Steven Coker reported new members.
2. Field Trip: Dean Harris reported the local field trip on Nov. 8. Start at Quintana. If you need help call Dean. Meet at her beach house 210 Sand Dune 10:00 for brunch then shell down to San Luis.
3. Nov. 22-30 trip to San Carlos, Mexico Thanksgiving week. Call 849-9390 if flying let Dean know if you need transportation.
4. Dec 26 – 30 South Padre, let Dean know if you wish to go.
5. 3. Hospitality: Freida White needs people to sign up to bring refreshments.
6. Historian: Dale Satchell asked if you have any snapshots, etc give them to Dale.
7. Publicity: Irene Norris put the notice in paper.
8. Auction: Wayne Humbird reported receipts of \$2392. 79.
9. Program: Steven Coker will take suggestions for programs
10. 7. Shell family program on Muricidae given by Patty Humbird. Next month Tina Petway will bring cones.

Old Business

1. Brazoria County Fair: Patty Humbird reported on the fair. Thanks to Tina and Frank Petway for judging. We need help sitting, and are passing around the list.
2. Shell show Wanda is taking applications, members may sell craft items \$40 per table; everyone is invited to awards dinner. Choice of steak or chicken for dinner. Program is "Shelling in Paradise by Chris Takahashi. Food by Dean. Dealers are Kay Klause, Dave Green, Chris. Deynzers cannot come, Wanda will ask dealer on waiting list. Judges are Dave Green and Chris Takahashi and Dot Salisbury will be artistic judge. We need help with greeting, help in the kitchen, and craft

table. Dean needs help Friday to set up and help cleaning up. Frank Petway explained the trophy that HCS is sponsoring, trophy is honoring Barbara Hudson; \$25 for sponsors let Wanda know. Kay donated large coral pieces to decorate tables, which will be auctioned that night.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Club budget presented by Wanda Coker. Motion by Ian, second Steven
2. by-law change Steven club is incorporated by state of Texas, agent was not doing paperwork. Need to assign an agent, will propose that treasurer become the agent to file paperwork

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Frank announced that HCS is meeting at Houston museum of natural science, meeting night is changed from 4th wed to 4th Tues. until January. Nov is 3rd Tuesday meeting is at 7:30

Frank Leslie to adjourn Program mollusks in motion

Brazoria County Fair Sea & Shore Exhibit

Another great fair. Thanks to those who entered and especially to those that baby sat the exhibits. Thanks to our judges, Frank and Tina Petway. It's not too late to be thinking about your entry next year.

2003 Brazoria County Fair Sea & Shore Winners

Division	Sponsor	Winner	Town	Entry Name
DIV I -Texas Collections	Sea Shell Searchers of Brazoria County	Wanda Coker	Lake Jackson	Jetty
DIV II - GENERAL COLLECTIONS	Sea Shell Searchers of Brazoria County	Harold & Freida White	Angleton	South Australia
DIV III -SYSTEMATIC COLLECTIONS	Sea Shell Searchers of Brazoria County	Patty Humbird	Lake Jackson	Angaria
DIV IV -SINGLE SPECIES	Sea Shell Searchers of Brazoria County	Cliff Harris	Angleton	Lion's Paw variations
DIV V -EDUCATIONAL EXHIBITS	Sea Shell Searchers of Brazoria County	Dean Harris	Angleton	Egg Cases
DIV VI -BEACHCOMBER	Sea Shell Searchers of Brazoria County	Austin Wilburn	Manvel	Just Beachcombin

Trophy Winners

Best Texas-Mildred Tate Texas Award	Mildred Tate family	Wanda Coker	Lake Jackson	Jetty
Favorite Beachcomber Item	Cliff & Dean Harris	Dean Harris	Angleton	flower coral
Chairman's Trophy	Sea Shell Searchers of Brazoria County	Dean Harris	Angleton	Egg Cases
Shell of the Show	Sea Shell Searchers of Brazoria County	Cliff Harris	Angleton	Noble wentletrap
Best Youth Exhibit of Show	Brazosport Museum of Natural Science	Austin Wilburn	Manvel	Just Beachcombin
Best Educational Exhibit of Show	Brazosport Museum of Natural Science	Dean Harris	Angleton	Egg Cases
Best Exhibit of Show	Brazosport Museum of Natural Science	Patty Humbird	Lake Jackson	Ramosus variations

The shell show was a great success. Thanks to everyone who helped and entered the great exhibits. Thanks to Dean and Vicky for another great "food event". A more formal report will be made at a later date. Below are the winners.

2003 Sea Shell Searchers Shell Show

Finish	Last Name	First Name	Cat.	Sub	Category Name	Title of Exhibit
1	Crnkovic	Leslie	1	b	One Major Family - Worldwide	Small Cypraea of the World
1	Clampit	Lucy	2	b	One Minor Family - Worldwide	Angariidae
2	Alder	Darwin G.	2	b	One Minor Family - Worldwide	Ranellidae A Twisted View of Reality
1	Coker	Steven	3	a	One Genus - Regional	Bailer Shells

2 Humbird	Patty	3 a	One Genus - Regional	Angaria
3 Petway	Tina	3 b	One Genus - Worldwide	Harpidae
1 Petway	Frank	4	One species	Murex pele
2 Harris	Cliff	4	One Species	Lions Paws
3 Humbird	Wayne	4	One Species	Helmet growth series
1 Humbird	Wayne	5	Single Specimen	Xenophora peroniana kondoi
2 Humbird	Patty	5	Single Specimen	Latiaxis pagoda f. spinosa
3 Harris	Cliff	5	Single Specimen	Noble Wendletrap
1 Coker	Wanda	6	Texas	Jetty Life
1 Coker	Wanda	7	Gulf of Mexico	Gulf of Mexico
2 Crnkovic	Leslie	7	Gulf of Mexico	Molluscan Life Without Light
1 Nill	Janey	8	Regional	St. Croix
2 Strasser	Ellen & Ted	8	Regional	Shells of Vanuatu
3 White	Freida & Harold	8	Regional	Mollusks of South Australia
1 Stover	Rusti	9	World Wide	It's Not Easy Being Green
1 Norris	Irene	10	Texas State Shell	Lightning Whelk
2 Nill	Janey	10	Texas State Shell	Lightning Whelk
3 Prestigiacomio	Rosalee	10	Texas State Shell	Busycon contrarium (Lightning Whelk)
1 Crnkovic	Leslie	11	Educational	One Thing Leads to Another
				Tale of Two Shell Books
2 Harris	Dean	11	Educational	Egg Cases
3 Humbird	Patty	11	Educational	Trophons
1 Stover	Rusti	12	Fossils	Prehistoric Shallow Seas: Devonian Invertebrates
2 Nill	Janey	12	Fossils	Scaphela brennmortoni
1 Couch	Karen	13	Land and/or Fresh Water Mollusks	Landshells and where they live
2 White	Freida & Harold	13	Land and/or Fresh Water Mollusks	Channeled Apple Snail
1 Couch	Karen	14	Marine Life	Meet the hermit crab
1 Nill	Janey	14	Marine Life	The Living Mollusk
1 Prestigiacomio	Rosalee	15	Beachcomber	Treasure of Nature
2 Betley	Cathy	15	Beachcomber	Beach Trash Sculpture
3 Wilburn	Austin	15	Beachcomber	Family Tradition
1 Harris	Mary	16 a	Shell Art - Photography	Ruby Beach, Washington, 2003
2 Sipple	Lori	16 a	Shell Art - Photography	Seashell Treasure Chest
1 Alder	Darwin G.	16 b	Shell Art - Needlework	LaFlorida - A Study in Form & Color
2 Humbird	Patty	16 b	Shell Art - Needle work	Under the Sea
3 Harris	Mary	16 b	Shell Art - Needlework	Ten Years Later
1 Harris	Mary	16 e	Shell Art - Stained Glass	Stained Glass

2 Prestigiacom	Rosalee	16 e	Shell Art - Stained Glass	Stained Glass
1 Betley	Cathy	16 f	Shell Art - Other	The Inheritance
2 Crnkovic	Leslie	16 f	Shell Art - Other	Silver Sea Shell
3 Sipple	Lori	16 f	Shell Art - Other	Latch hook
1 Stover	Rusti	17 b	Shell Craft - Floral Arrangements	Flowering Mini Bonsai
1 Prestigiacom	Rosalee	17 d	Shell Craft - Sailor's Valentines	Sailor's Valentine
1 Stover	Rusti	17 f	Shell Craft - Other	The Tide Recedes: Shell Poem and Shadowbox
1 Marsland	Angie	17 g	Shell Craft - Other	Shadow Boxes
2 Goodson	Ruth	17 g	Shell Craft - Other	Shell Crosses
3 Strasser	Ellen	17 g	Shell Craft - Other	A Shellers Christmas
1 Betley	Cathy	18	Shell Collectibles	Quahogs
2 Nill	Janey	18	Shell Collectibles	Salt & Pepper Shakers
3 Stover	Rusti	18	Shell Collectibles	Vintage Shell Flower Jewelry
1 Stover	Rusti	19 a	Under The Sea Beanies - Natural	The Walrus and the Carpenter
2 Norris	Irene	19 a	Under The Sea Beanies - Natural	Hitch'in a ride
3 Nill	Janey	19 a	Under The Sea Beanies - Natural	I'm "Horny"
1 Nill	Janey	19 b	Under the Sea Beanies - Disguised	Lobster in Disguise
2 Betley	Cathy	19 b	Under The Sea Beanies - Disguised	Busycon in Las Vegas
3 Alder	Darwin G.	19 b	Under The Sea Beanies - Disguised	Crabby Claude, The Busy Con

Leslie Crnkovic

Dupont Award

One Thing Leads to Another

A Tale of Two Shell Books

Karen Couch

COA Award

Landsnails and Where They Live

Wanda Coker

Mildred Tate Gulf of Mexico

Gulf of Mexico

Irene Norris

T. E. Pulley Award

Lightning Whelk

Single Texas Marine Shell

in honor of Barbara Hudson

Karen Couch

Shell of the Show Self Collected

Chicoreus banksii

Wayne Humbird

Shell of the Show Any Source

Xenophora peroniana kondoi

Rusti Stover

Judge's Choice

It's Not Easy Being Green

Lucy Clampit

Judge's Choice

Angariidae

Harold & Freida White

Best of Texas

Bay Scallops

Janey Nill

Best of the Caribbean

Paradise Found USVI

Steven Coker

Largest Shell

Melo amphora

Janey Nill

Smallest Shell

Tricola tessellata

Cathy Betley

Favorite Beachcomber Item

Beach Trash Sculpture

Austin Wilburn

Junior

A Family Tradition

Mary Harris	Best of Class -Shell Art	Stained Glass
Rosalee Prestigiacomio	Best of Class -Shell Craft	Sailor's Valentine
Rusti Stover	Judge's Choice	The Walrus & the Carpenter
Janey Nill	Beanie Baby Trophy	Lobster in Disguise

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November

Date	Day	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height	Time	Height
11/1/2003	Sat	12:20AM	1.6 H	04:10PM	0.1 L				
11/2/2003	Sun	12:53AM	1.5 H	05:23PM	0.3 L				
11/3/2003	Mon	01:14AM	1.5 H	07:38AM	1 L	11:17AM	1.2 H	06:27PM	0.4 L
11/4/2003	Tue	01:29AM	1.4 H	07:48AM	0.9 L	12:48PM	1.2 H	07:22PM	0.6 L
11/5/2003	Wed	01:41AM	1.3 H	08:05AM	0.7 L	02:01PM	1.3 H	08:10PM	0.8 L
11/6/2003	Thu	01:50AM	1.2 H	08:24AM	0.5 L	03:04PM	1.3 H	08:53PM	0.9 L
11/7/2003	Fri	01:57AM	1.2 H	08:45AM	0.3 L	04:00PM	1.4 H	09:32PM	1 L
11/8/2003	Sat	02:02AM	1.2 H	09:09AM	0.3 L	04:52PM	1.5 H	10:08PM	1.1 L
11/9/2003	Sun	02:00AM	1.2 H	09:36AM	0.2 L	05:43PM	1.5 H	10:41PM	1.2 L
11/10/2003	Mon	01:45AM	1.3 H	10:07AM	0.1 L	06:35PM	1.5 H		
11/11/2003	Tue	10:41AM	0.1 L	07:33PM	1.5 H				
11/12/2003	Wed	11:19AM	0.1 L	08:40PM	1.5 H				
11/13/2003	Thu	12:01PM	0.1 L	09:53PM	1.5 H				
11/14/2003	Fri	12:48PM	0.2 L	10:55PM	1.5 H				
11/15/2003	Sat	01:40PM	0.2 L	11:32PM	1.5 H				
11/16/2003	Sun	02:37PM	0.3 L	11:54PM	1.4 H				
11/17/2003	Mon	03:38PM	0.3 L						
11/18/2003	Tue	12:10AM	1.4 H	04:42PM	0.4 L				
11/19/2003	Wed	12:22AM	1.3 H	06:41AM	0.8 L	11:57AM	1 H	05:45PM	0.5 L
11/20/2003	Thu	12:32AM	1.2 H	06:54AM	0.5 L	01:26PM	1.2 H	06:49PM	0.8 L
11/21/2003	Fri	12:42AM	1.2 H	07:25AM	0.2 L	02:43PM	1.3 H	07:52PM	0.9 L
11/22/2003	Sat	12:51AM	1.2 H	08:04AM	-0.1 L	03:53PM	1.5 H	08:54PM	1.1 L
11/23/2003	Sun	01:00AM	1.3 H	08:48AM	-0.3 L	05:01PM	1.5 H	09:56PM	1.2 L
11/24/2003	Mon	01:09AM	1.3 H	09:36AM	-0.5 L	06:09PM	1.6 H	11:01PM	1.3 L
11/25/2003	Tue	01:14AM	1.4 H	10:27AM	-0.6 L	07:19PM	1.5 H		
11/26/2003	Wed	11:22AM	-0.6 L	08:30PM	1.5 H				
11/27/2003	Thu	12:20PM	-0.4 L	09:38PM	1.5 H				
11/28/2003	Fri	01:22PM	-0.3 L	10:32PM	1.4 H				
11/29/2003	Sat	02:27PM	-0.1 L	11:09PM	1.3 H				
11/30/2003	Sun	03:35PM	0.1 L	11:35PM	1.2 H				

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