

# THE SEARCHER

a publication of the Sea Shell Searchers of Brazoria County

October, 2003

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 Oct 7th 7:00 PM at Museum of Natural Science  
400 College Dr Clute, Tx  
Program is "Molluscs in Motion".**

## President's Message for the October Newsletter

A special thanks to Wayne and Patty Humbird for a job well done on our auction. A big thank you goes out to all of our own members and friends who donated and purchased. The day was spectacular as we ate and visited, ate and bid, ate and visited, ate and then went out to eat.

We got off to a great start last month with a lot of food and fellowship. Wane did a wonderful job of sharing his COA 2003 pictures with us.

Speaking of COA ... it was discussed last month about the Sea Shell Searchers hosting COA 2006. **ALL** members need to think about this because it will take **ALL** of us if we should make this commitment. A decision should be reached by February.

Members need to make a determined effort to attend the October meeting. Budgets need to be approved. Membership dues need to be paid. Applications for the shell show need to be turned in along with money for the awards dinner. The dinner is \$10.00/person and you are encouraged to bring a guest. And, Members need to sign-up for the various activities at the Shell Show. Then if that is not enough, Steven Coker will present "Mollusk in Motion", a video that premiered at COA2003. You don't want to miss it!!!

See you October 9<sup>th</sup>,

Wanda

## Shell Show in a Nut Shell

When: Friday, October 24 – Sunday, October 26, 2003

Where: Lake Jackson Civic Center, 333 Hwy 332, Lake Jackson

Applications Due: October 9

Set-up: October 24, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Judging: October 24, 3:00 p.m.

Awards Dinner: October 24, 7:00 p.m. (\$10/person, choose steak or chicken breast)

Show opens to Public: October 25, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Social Supper at Museum: October 25, 6:30 p.m.

Show opens to Public: October 26, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Exhibit Removal: October 26, 3:00 p.m.

For more information, exhibiting guidelines, categories, application etc., go to our web site at <http://bcfas.org/museum/SSSBC/SSSBC.html>

## Sea & Shore Brazoria County Fair

Fair is Oct 10-18<sup>th</sup>. Entries for Sea & Shore due Oct 4<sup>th</sup>.

See Wayne for more details. He has a few cases left.

## Minutes Sep 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003

CALL TO ORDER: The September 2, 2003 meeting of the Sea Shell Searchers was called to order by president Wanda Coker. Members and guests were welcomed. New members were introduced. Several members have lost loved ones. Please keep them in your thoughts. Delbert Klaus is having surgery. Roe Davenport was welcomed back.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Thanks to Cliff Harris and Jeannie Tienert outgoing officers

Installation of officers: President Wanda Coker  
Vice president Steven Coker  
Treasurer: Wayne Humbird  
Recording Secretary: Patty Humbird  
Corresponding Secretary: Irene Norris

TREASURER'S REPORT: Wayne Humbird reported a balance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Motion by Cliff Harris, second by Tina Petway to approve minutes as mailed in newsletter. Motion approved.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Membership: Steven Coker announced that dues are due. Let Steven know new email addresses
2. Programs: Steven Coker asked for input. It was decided to play Shello for Christmas program
3. Hospitality: Wanda Coker took volunteers for food and drinks for October meeting
4. Field trip: Dean Harris announced the following field trips: first part November will be local field trip, day after Thanksgiving trip to S. Padre, day after Christmas go to Guaymas, Corpus is asking when we will visit, Dean & Cliff will take them on Apple snail trip

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Wanda Coker suggested that we have one person a month talk about a particular family. Patty Humbird will volunteer for October.
2. Wanda Coker brought up the idea of the Sea Shell Searchers putting on the 2006 COA convention.

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Darwin Alder reported on Jamboree. It was big success
2. Panama City Shell Show was attended by Wanda and Steven Coker and Patty Humbird. Steven won a first, shell of the show and judges ribbon. Frieda won a judges ribbon.
3. COA was well attended by members, food was good, scenery beautiful
4. Shell show will follow the same format. Dean will cater meal, will be either steak or grilled chicken breast
5. Shell show 2004 the Civic Center has asked us to hold the shell show during the festival of lights which is held the weekend before Thanksgiving
6. We have been asked to put exhibits in the Festival of Lights this year, will be non competitive, can sell crafts
7. Auction: Wayne Humbird September 20 is auction day in art studio; silent auction at 12 and oral at first oral at 1:00. Wayne is taking donations. Darwin will be auctioneer.
8. Brazoria County Fair: Wayne Humbird announced the clean up September 27. Entries October 4, judging 5. Plenty of room left

MOTION TO ADJOURN: Cliff Harris made the motion to adjourn, second by Tina Petway. Motion passed.

PROGRAM: COA and Washington state given by Wayne Humbird, photography by Wayne Humbird and Dave Green. Leslie Crnkovic also showed his pictures.

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### Sea Shell Auction 2003 report

This year's auction went off as planned and a good time was had by all. Darwin once again returned as auctioneer and did a fine job. Afterwards, the group went to the new "River" restaurant to celebrate.

This year's auction had some really nice specimen shells and other unusual items thanks to the generously of our dealer friends and members. There were 87 oral lots and we came within \$350 dollars of last year's record total. Some of our big spenders were absent from this year's auction and we missed them.

I want to give special thanks to Chris Takahashi, Brian Hayes, Showcase Shells, Kay Klaus and Femorale for the help they gave this year. I also want to thank Dave Green, Craig Latimer, Barbara Hudson, Cathy Betley and the HCS club for their help too.



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