

Shellers,

The deadline for entries in the shell show is Monday. I have received some entries, but do not have enough to hold a show.

If you plan to enter, but have not sent me the category/ies you plan to enter and the space needed, send it to me by Monday otherwise we will cancel the show. You can simply send me the categories and length by email and give me the form later. BUT I must have entries by Monday.

The Searcher  
Sea Shell Searchers of Brazoria County  
September 2012

President's Message

See everyone at the October meeting.

Next meeting: October 2, 2012 7:00 pm

Program: Steven Coker: John Michael Cousteau documentary on northern Hawaiian Islands

Food: Potluck supper, please bring a dish to share

Drinks provided by the club

CALL TO ORDER: The September 4, 2012 meeting of the Sea Shell Searchers was called to order by president Frank Petway. He thanked everyone for coming and hoped everyone had a great summer.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Wayne Humbird – no report

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Steven Coker made a motion, seconded by Cliff Harris to approve the minutes as sent. The motion passed.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Membership: Steven Coker – dues are now due
2. Field Trip: Dean Harris reported that the San Luis Park trip was fun. A motion was made by Patty Humbird, seconded by Steven Coker to purchase a sea bean book for San Luis and Quintana parks. Motion passed. Patty will research.
3. Programs: Steven Coker – October program will be John Michael Cousteau documentary of north Hawaiian Islands

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Frank Petway reported on the Quintana anniversary celebration in June. It was fun and they had a good crowd.
2. Patty Humbird reported on the partnership with BISSD. Wanda Coker, Janey Cormier and Patty helped the children learn to do a shell exhibit. Steven Coker served as judge of the exhibits.

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Tina Petway made a motion seconded by Wayne Humbird that the club give the museum \$100 to pay for paper goods. The motion passed.
2. Tina Petway made a motion seconded by Steven Coker to give a \$500 grant to the museum malacology department to buy books or specimen shells to improve the collection. The motion passed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Frank Petway needs budget requests by next meeting.
2. Wayne Humbird has room at the fair.
3. Forms for the shell show are on the web.

<http://bcfas.org/museum/SSSBC/SSSBC.html>

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Cliff Harris, seconded by Wayne Humbird that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed.

Article by George Wolf

## Made this Old Man's Day!

In June I was asked if I would do a display in July at the Clear Lake Freeman Center Library by Bay Area in Houston. The display had 4x8x4 foot cases. It took me two weeks to get it ready and two days to put it in. The first case had fossil shells from Florida, the next two had shells from Florida and Texas, the last one had sea beans and things that washed ashore from the Gulf. This case was done by my very good friend Sidonia.

While putting it in, people would stop and ask all types of questions. The best one was from a dad with his 7-year old daughter who was blind. He asked if she could feel a sea shell. We did a lot more than one. Then I asked her dad to let her hear the sound of the sea in some bigger shells. After they left, it made my work a lot more fun, and I had a very good feeling inside to see her smile. She made my day.