



# The Epitonium

## 2015 HCS Auction

Have you been saving your money? The big shopping day is almost here! The auction committee has been busy preparing another great event for **Saturday, March 7!** Many major shell families will be represented: spiny *Murex* and colorful *Pectens*, along with large *Strombus* and *Pleuroplocas*. There will also be shell cabinets, shell fabric, land snails, books, numerous bags of craft shells, and many home décor items that include snails, turtles, and pelicans. Something for everyone!

Several of the oral auction items are pictured in this issue. A list of the oral auction items is also included. Shoppers will find numerous great buys during the silent auctions and on

the sale table. As usual, there will be some great raffle items, door prizes, and guess how many.

The first silent auction will begin at **10:00 a.m.** The sale table will open at **10:15**, and the first oral auction will begin at **11:00**. Sandwiches, chips, and drinks will be provided by the club. HCS members, please bring dips, salads, desserts, etc. to supplement the sandwiches. Come and join us at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 306 East 15<sup>th</sup> Street, in Houston's Heights area. A map and directions are included in this newsletter.

Profits are used for educational grants and donations to the Houston Museum of Natural Science.

### President's Message

By Leslie Crnkovic

Auction – Voting – Banquet

Thanks to all for a good and productive February meeting. Looking forward to the March Auction and Annual Meeting, we will be voting on: Officers, By-Laws, and Meetings; and for your privacy, using traditional paper ballots.

Tickets for the Banquet will also be on sale at the Auction for \$20 per person at the check-out table.

See you at the Auction on the 7th!

### Auction Item

Tuawanda Bermudez has donated two, six feet ten inch, storage towers, each with 32 removable shelves. Each tower is seven-teen inches wide and eleven and one half inches deep and comes with 24 shallow plastic boxes. The



person who purchases one of these units will need to provide transportation home for the tower, 32 shelves, and 24 boxes. The picture shows a tower without the shelves and boxes.

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## CALENDAR

3-7	HCS Auction
4-21	HCS meeting
5-2	HCS Banquet
7-14	COA Convention

## Limpets

HCS member Elizabeth Gillespie shared this link to an interesting story in *The Washington Post*:

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2015/02/18/scientists-have-discovered-natures-newest-strongest-material-and-it-comes-from-a-sea-snail/?tid=trending\\_strip\\_3](http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/morning-mix/wp/2015/02/18/scientists-have-discovered-natures-newest-strongest-material-and-it-comes-from-a-sea-snail/?tid=trending_strip_3)

# February Minutes

Submitted by Tina Petway

At 7:30 p.m., February 17, Rusti Stover introduced Russell Renka, from the San Antonio Shell Club, who gave a wonderful presentation on the shells of a little known area off of the coast of South Korea and China. It is known as the "Yellow Sea". His shells and slides were most interesting and there was a lively discussion and Q and A session following the presentation.

The business meeting was called to order by President Leslie Crnkovic at 8:10. The minutes were approved as was the treasurer's report. Rusti informed the group of upcoming programs which included Fabio Moretzsohn from Corpus Christi in April. His presentation will feature Hawaiian shells. March is our annual auction and May is our annual banquet that will be held at Brady's Landing. Nancy Mustachio has tickets which are \$20.00 each.

Old Business began with discussion concerning the survey recently sent to all members. There will be a vote at the March meeting concerning when to begin our programs for the upcoming year; either in August or September.

The By-Laws are being amended concerning the terms for re-election of an officer who has served 3 consecutive years in a position.

Rachel Zelko announced the proposed slate of officers for the coming year. They are: President – Leslie Crnkovic, Vice President/Programs Chair – Rusti Stover, Treasurer – Nancy Mustachio, Recording Secretary – Rachel Zelko, and Corresponding Secretary – Lucy Clampit. Officers will be elected at the March meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m., and Darwin Alder announced door prizes and raffle winners.



# HCS 2015 Banquet



8505 Cypress  
Houston, TX 77012

Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 11 am - 3 pm

Buffet Tickets \$20 per person  
on sale at meetings or by mail  
send checks payable to: HCS  
C/O - Nancy Mustachio  
1932 Bissonnet, Houston, TX 77005

## COA Convention

Posted on Conch-L by Nancy Galdo

"You are invited! The Broward Shell Club cordially invites you to join us for the 2015 Conchologists of America "Gala in the Glades" Convention at the beautiful Bonaventure Resort and Spa in Weston, Florida. There will be two days of field trips on Sunday, July 12 and Monday, July 13, 2015 prior to the convention. The Convention will officially open on Tuesday, July 14, 2015. There will be a welcome party, a variety of interesting programs, silent auctions, door prizes, raffles and a Gala in the Glades banquet. The Bourse will be held on Friday, July 17 and Saturday, July 18, 2015. Registration forms were mailed with the last

American Conchologist magazine and are available for download on our convention websites: <http://2015coaconvention.com> and on the COA website, <http://www.conchologistsofamerica.org/home/>. The websites also have additional details about the hotel, field trips and other helpful information and links. If you have any questions, please contact us at: [2015COA@gmail.com](mailto:2015COA@gmail.com). LIKE us on Facebook, as well. There is a 2015 COA Convention Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/2015coaconvention>. We hope to see you there!!! Best regards, Nancy Galdo & Linda Sunderland co-chairs & the entire Broward Shell Club team!"

## Auction Item

HCS member Lauretta Marr donated two shell storage cabinets to the auction. Each is 40 inches tall and 24 inches square. They are on rollers. This is a picture of one of them. The purchaser/purchasers will need to have transportation to get them home.



Xenophora conchyliophora



Jim Shore Angel



# You Are Invited

to

The Houston Conchology  
Society

Annual Auction

Saturday, March 7, 2015

at

The Immanuel Lutheran Church

306 East 15th Street

Houston, Texas

(map opposite this page)



Black coral



Snail light



Chicoreus palmarosae



Murex alabaster

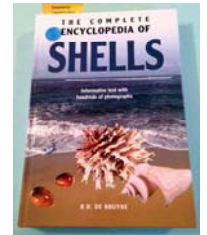


First silent auction begins at 10:00 am

First oral auction begins at 11:00 am

Lunch provided

Followed by a silent auction  
and another oral auction

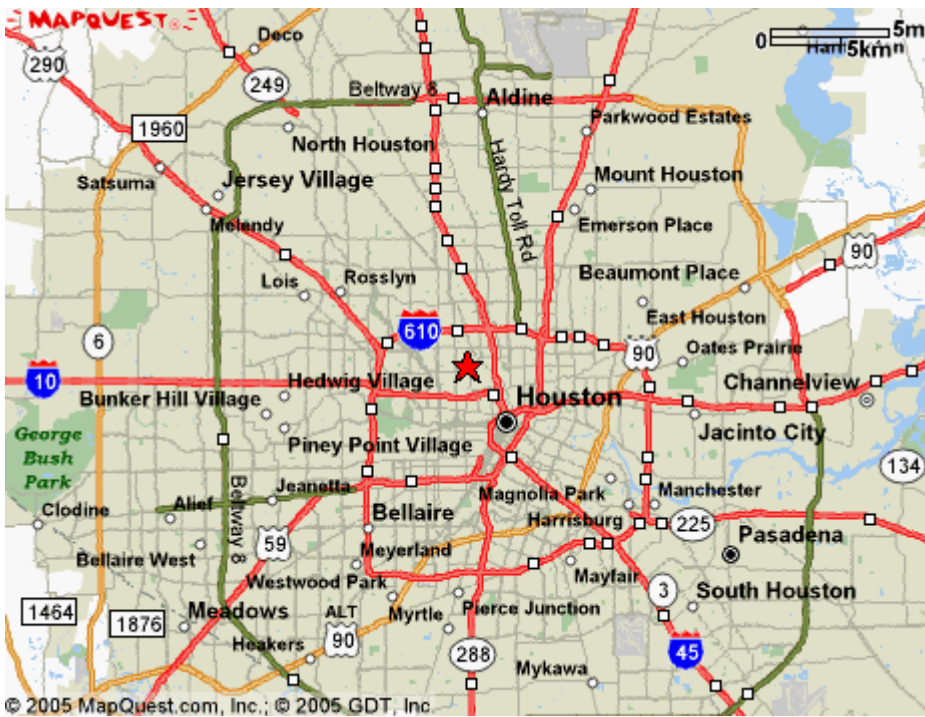


Sale table, raffle and door prizes throughout auction

Shells from all major families available  
along with shell books, craft shells and many shell related items.  
Bring your wish list. There will be some great bargains.

All lovers of seashells welcome!

# Map to HCS Auction



The Immanuel Lutheran Church is located at 306 East 15th Street between Cortlandt & Arlington Streets.

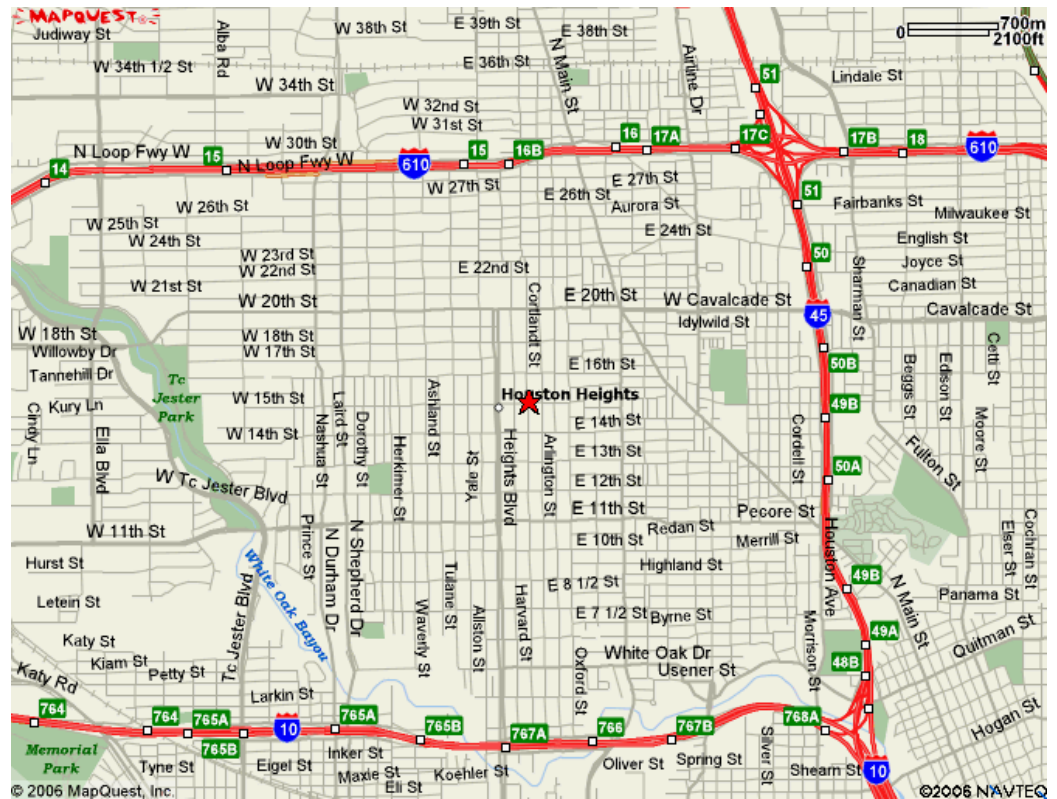
Whether going East or West on I-10, exit at Heights Blvd. (exit 766):

Turn **North** on Heights Blvd.

Go North on Heights Blvd. to the signal light at 14th Street.

Turn East (right) on 14th. Go 3 blocks.

Turn left on Arlington. Parking lot is on the left.



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ORAL AUCTION LIST

Item#	Description	Donated By	Notes
O-1	<i>Pleuroploca gigantea</i> Grouping	Misc. Donors	
O-2	Brass Crab Trivet	Lucy Clampit	
O-3	Polished Nautilus Framed Picture	Mary & Dennis Harris	
O-4	Snail Light	Patty Humbird	
O-5	<i>Murex lowei</i>	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-6	Angel Figurines	Misc. Donors	
O-7	<i>Liguus virgineus</i> Color Set	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-8	Turtle Sculpture	Gary Olson	
O-9	Misc.Craft Shells	Lauretta Marr	
O-10	<i>Chicoreus palmarosae</i>	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-11	<i>Cypraea moneta</i> -ROSTRATED	Lauretta Marr	
O-12	Art Glass Shell	Cathy Betley	
O-13	<i>Xenophora conchyliophora</i>	Cathy Betley	
O-14	Eyelash Fish	Cathy Betley	
O-15	<i>Turbinella angulata</i> (3)	Lauretta Marr	
O-16	3 Iron Sea Creatures	Gary Olson	
O-17	<i>Fasciolaria tulipa</i> Collection (3 w/egg case)	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-18	Bowl of Glass Floats	Cathy Betley	
O-19	<i>Cypraea cervis</i> (2)	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-20	<i>Chicoreus spectrum</i>	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-21	Mangrove Sculpture	Cathy Betley	
O-22	<i>Pecten sanguinea</i>	Lucy Clampit	
O-23	Lighthouse w/Coasters	Cheryl Hood	
O-24	<i>Strombus peruvianus, S. latissimus, S. sinuatus</i>	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-25	Scallop Dip Bowl	UNK.	
O-26	Shell Cabinet	Lauretta Marr	
O-27	<i>Murex cabritti</i> (2)	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-28	Mini Philippine Collection	Barbara Hudson	
O-29	<i>Epitonium angulatum</i>	Misc. Donors	
O-30	<i>Murex centrifuga</i> (2)	HMNS	
O-31	Tower Cabinet	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-32	<i>Murex fulvescens</i>	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-33	<i>The Complete Encyclopedia of Shells</i>	Lauretta Marr	
O-34	Lap Quilt	Cathy Betley	
O-35	Black Coral	Judy Elkins	
O-36	<i>Chicoreus banksii</i> (2)	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-37	<i>Murex cornucervi</i>	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-38	<i>Pecten vexillum</i>	Lucy Clampit	
O-39	Blue Coral	Cathy Betley	
O-40	<i>Busycon contrarium</i> (3 w/egg case)	Tuawanda Bermudez	

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ORAL AUCTION LIST

	Description	Donated By	Notes
O-41	Art Glass Shell	Cathy Betley	
O-42	<i>Argonauta hians</i> & Brass <i>Argonauta</i>	Bermudez & Elkins	
O-43	Crystal Seahorse	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-44	Pair of Framed Posters	Mary & Dennis Harris	
O-45	<i>Pleuroploca gigantea</i> Grouping	Judy Elkins	
O-46	Craft Shells	Cathy Betley	
O-47	<i>Charonia variegata</i>	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-48	Costa Rica Collection	Sandy Clark	
O-49	Lobster Bowls (2)	Cathy Betley	
O-50	<i>Chicoreus chicoreum</i> Collection w/albino	Judy Elkins	
O-51	Mini Philippine Collection	Barbara Hudson	
O-52	Gaudy Asaphus Color Collection	Judy Elkins	
O-53	Dolphin Sculpture	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-54	Worm Shell Collection	Misc Donors	
O-55	<i>Pecten gloriosa</i>	Lucy Clampit	
O-56	Shell Ship	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-57	Shell Cabinet	Lauretta Marr	
O-58	<i>Charoia tritonis</i> (2)	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-59	<i>Latiaxis</i> Collection	Misc Donors	
O-60	Glass Float	Cathy Betley	
O-61	<i>Strombus gigas</i> (2)	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-62	<i>Murex margaritensis, m. pomum, m. peratus</i>	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-63	Carved Horn Fish Sculpture	Cathy Betley	
O-64	<i>Tuphis bullisi</i>	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-65	<i>Pecten sanguinea</i>	Lucy Clampit	
O-66	Sea Star	Judy Elkins	
O-67	<i>Murex cornucervi</i>	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-68	<i>An Annotated Price Catalog of Marine Shells</i>	Lauretta Marr	
O-69	<i>Liguus virgineus</i> Color Set	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-70	<i>Turbinella angulata</i> (3)	Lauretta Marr	
O-71	Tower Cabinet	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-72	<i>Voluta zebra</i> Rare Form	HMNS	
O-73	Horse Conch Metal Sculpture	Harry & Brownie Sharp	
O-74	<i>Strombus latissimus</i>	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-75	<i>Cassis tuberosa</i> Pair	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-76	<i>Murex alabaster</i>	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-77	<i>Murex cabritii</i>	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-78	<i>Chicoreus chicoreum</i> Collection w/Albino	Tuawanda Bermudez	
O-79	Snail Sculpture	Lucy Clampit	

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The Society holds regular meetings on the third Tuesday of August, September, October, November, January, February and April. There are seasonal events and a yearly shell auction scheduled in the other months. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Museum of Natural Science, 5555 Hermann Park Drive.

VISITORS WELCOME!!!

Membership year extends from June 1 through May 31. Annual membership dues: Family \$12; Single \$10; Junior (under 18) \$6; Subscriptions only (Museums, Corporations) \$12; Foreign postage add \$8.

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