



The Epitonium

April Program

By Rusti Stover

Our speaker for the last regular meeting at the museum for this season, **Tuesday, April 21, 2015**, will be Fabio Moretzsohn, Ph.D., Research Associate at the Center for Coastal Studies of Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi. We should all be familiar with Fabio, as he has given us splendid programs in the past few years.

This year, his program is titled "Hawaii and Hawaiian Shells", and promises to be very interesting. Fabio journeyed to Hawaii last Christmas to visit family and friends, and took a lot of photos, so this is a travelogue about Hawaii and some of its shells. The **pro-**

gram will start at 7:30 pm, and our regular meeting will be after that, so our speaker can leave to drive back to Corpus Christi.

In order to make this last-of-season program and meeting a bit more fun, why not wear a Hawaiian-style lei to the meeting, to go along with our program theme! If you happen to have a seashell lei, wear that! Perhaps a flower in your hair, ladies? We will try to come up with some tropical food for the occasion, also!



President's Message

By Leslie Crnkovic

We had an amazing time at the March Auction. It was good to see so many old friends and even meet a few new ones. Thank you all for your support of the club. Thanks also for your vote of confidence in re-election and for passing the HCS By-Laws revision.

April marks our last program of the year so come on out to see it!

Reminder: **May 2** is our annual banquet at "Brady's Landing", with a full buffet for only \$20.00.

2015-2016 Dues

Thanks to everyone who paid dues at the auction. If you have not paid, you can pay at the April meeting or download a form from the HCS web site: [http://](http://www.houstonshellclub.com/PDFfiles/2014-15%20Membership%20web.pdf)



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March Minutes

Submitted by Tina Petway

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm. by President Leslie Crnkovic, during the break between sections of the oral auction. The minutes and treasurer's report were approved. Leslie reminded those present that the annual banquet will be held on May 2nd at Brady's Landing beginning at 11:00 am. Tickets may be purchased for \$20.00 each. Also, Dues may be paid along with auction purchases.

The slate of officers nominated for next year was read again and nominations from the floor were opened. There being no further nominations, ballots for the election of officers, proposed by-laws changes discussed at the February meeting, and the proposal to change the club's first meeting of the year from August to September were passed out to current members.

The slate of officers was elected as follows:

President: Leslie Crnkovic

Vice President: Rusti Stover

Treasurer: Nancy Mustachio

Corresponding Secretary: Lucy Clampit

Recording Secretary: Rachel Zelko

The other two propositions also passed. Our first regular meeting for the coming year will be held in September.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:12 pm.

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CALENDAR

4-21	HCS meeting
5-2	HCS Banquet
7-14	COA Convention
9-15	HCS Meeting

The Annual HCS Banquet is on Saturday May 2nd

HCS FOOD, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!

FOOD: A full buffet for only \$20. Expect - Shrimp, Fish, Roast, Chicken, vegetables, a large salad bar, soups, and gourmet deserts. For those of you who want adult beverages, there is a cash bar.

WHEN: We'll gather at **11 am, eat about 11:30**, and then enjoy time together without being rushed.

TICKETS: Buy your \$20 per person tickets at the April HCS Meeting or call Nancy Mustachio to reserve your spot (713) 526-7733. Pay with Cash or Check.

DEADLINE: **The reservations deadline is the end-of-day Monday April 27th.**

WHERE: A new and closer venue "Brady's Landing" 8505 Cypress St, Houston, TX 77012 (713) 928-9921.

DIRECTIONS: Very easy to get to ... Take 610 to 225 and go west. 225 ends at Broadway, turn right. Go a few blocks, cross under the Rail Road tracks, then take the 1st right on to Cypress St., go to the end, and it's on the left. That's it!

ABOUT: Brady's Landing is on Brady's Island at the mouth of Braes Bayou in Buffalo Bayou, in the heart of Historic Harrisburg, an area with history older than Houston itself. We will share a bit of the history of Brady's Landing, Harrisburg and Manchester, providing you with an area sightseeing map to make your own adventure once you leave.

2015 Auction

Wow! On March 7 the HCS had another fun and successful auction thanks to the hardworking auction committee made up of Darwin Alder, Cathy Betley, Lucy Clampit, Angela Doucette, Mary Harris, and Tina Petway.

This could not have been achieved without the many donors that include: Dave and Nancy Barziza, Tuawanda Bermudez, Cathy Betley, Lucy and Jerry Clampit, Sandy Clark, Wanda Coker, Angela Doucette, Judy Elkins, Mary and Dennis Harris, Cheryl Hood, Houston Museum of Natural Science, Barbara Hudson, Patty Humbird, Laurretta Marr, Gary Olson, Tina and Frank Petway, Harry and Brownie Sharp, and Rusti Stover.

The committee would also like to thank everyone who helped with the silent auctions: Nancy Barziza, Sandy Clark, Leslie Crnkovic, Nancy Mustachio, and John and Rachel Zelko. Rachel was especially helpful in organizing the bid sheets for our cashiers Jerry Clampit and Dennis Harris. (Thanks, Dennis and Jerry for another great job.)

Thanks to Frank Petway for his hard work in the kitchen, and all of the people who brought delicious food to share. Thanks to Patty Humbird for her help with the oral auction and Leslie Crnkovic and Pat Hough for helping to put the room back together at the end. Thanks to Rusti Stover for the pictures.

Many, many thanks for the generous spending of those who attended. The HCS now has enough money to fund our educational grants for this year. Special thanks go to members of the Coastal Bend Shell Club, the San Antonio Shell Club, and the Sea Shell Searchers for taking time out of their busy schedules to join us.

A few pictures are available in this newsletter other are in the Photos on the website: <http://www.houstonshellclub.com/photos.htm>.

(Editor's note: I apologize if I left anyone's name out. Please let me know if I did.)

