



The Epitonium

AUCTION 2016

The BIG shopping day is almost here! The auction committee has been busy preparing another great event for **Saturday, March 5**.

One auction item is a shell cabinet that contains six drawers that can be used as display cases. It needs two pieces of glass replaced, and there is some water damage from a Houston flood, but most of the damage is on the back, so it is not very noticeable. Its measurements are: 36" tall X 24 ½" wide X 19" deep. The purchaser will need to have transportation to get it home.

Are you planning to exhibit a shell at the Jamboree? If you are, there will be several display cases of various sizes available that will show off your shell perfectly.

Have you considered becoming an olive collector? Thanks to Tuawanda Bermudez' generous donation of her late husband Alex's olive collection there will be some beautiful specimens for sale, including some uncommon ones.

Books will be on the oral and silent auctions as well as the sale table.

As usual, most major shell families will be well represented. There will also be shell fabric, land snails, bags of craft shells, and many home décor items. Something for everyone!

Several of the oral auction items are pictured in this issue. A list of oral auction items is also included. Shoppers will find numerous great buys during the silent auctions and on the sale table. 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 15th 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.

Invite your friends and neighbors. The more the merrier!

President's Message

By Leslie Crnkovic

Spring Greetings!

Our Auction is already upon us.

Here are some extra's at our **March 5th** Auction:

- . HCS Annual Business Meeting and Officer Election (brief).
- . Buy your HCS Banquet ticket \$20 each (5/21, noon, Brady's Landing).
- . Pay your HCS 2016-2017 Dues Early.
- . Pick up our new HCS Business Cards.
- . Pick up Texas Sheller's Jamboree registration forms (BMNS 4/22-23). You can probably pay a Sea Shell Searcher representative also.
- . Pick up a brochure for COA in Chicago.
- . Pick up information on Summer Shell Shows.
-oh, and buy shells !!!

We look forward to seeing you all at the Auction.

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CALENDAR

3-5	HCS AUCTION
4-19	HCS meeting
4-22-23	Texas Jamboree
5-21	HCS BANQUET
7-27	COA in Chicago

HCS Membership Directory



If you have not received your new directory, or your information is incorrect, please notify Lucy Clampit at: lclam-pit@comcast.net or 713-468-0610.

Monthly Minutes

Submitted by Rachel Zelko

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Houston Conchology Society was held on February 16, 2016 at Houston Museum of Natural Science. It began at 7:31 pm and was presided over by President Leslie Crnkovic.

Approval of Minutes: Motion from Lucy Clampit: That the minutes from previous January meeting be amended to show "auction information to be in March newsletter". A motion to approve the amended minutes was made by Rusti Stover. Seconded by Tina Petway. Motion carried.

Officers' Reports: Treasurer Report was presented by Nancy Mustachio and approved.

Announcements: Election for new officers will be held at the annual auction next month. Leslie Crnkovic read off the slate of officers for the 2016-2017 term and asked members to please be present.

Lucy Clampit gave an update on preparations for the auction; with photos and a list of items to be in the March newsletter.

Registration forms were available for persons interested in the jamboree that is being sponsored by the Brazoria shell club to be held in Lake Jackson in April.

The shell club banquet will be held at Brady's Landing and tickets will be available for purchase at the auction.

Rusti Stover announced that we have some good programs coming up. Les will be giving a program on *Pleurotomaria* and stamps at the April meeting and Allison McHenry will do one in the fall on Native Americans and shells. So plan to be there to show your support.

Adjournment: Mary Harris moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 7:43 pm.



Strombus peruvianus

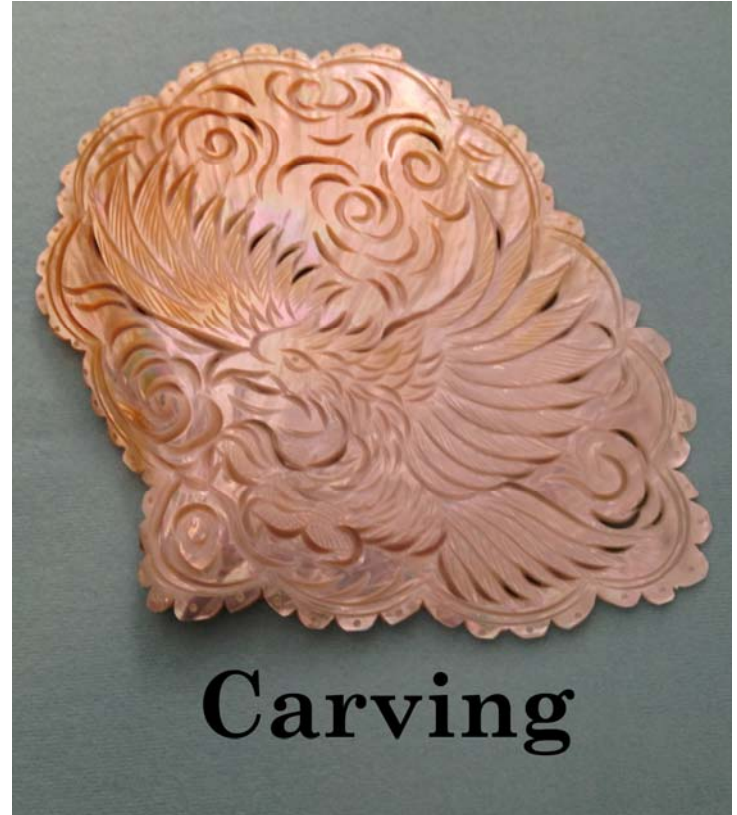
Texas Jamboree 2016

The 2016 Texas Sheller's Jamboree will be hosted by the Sea Shell Searchers at the Brazosport Museum of Natural Science in Clute, TX on **April 22-23**. If you are planning to attend, you can find forms for registration and the shell exhibit at: <http://bcfas.org/museum2/SSSBC/SSSBC.html>. Click on the Texas Sheller's Jamboree link. There will also be registration forms available at the HCS auction on **March 5**, and Patty Humbird will be accepting registrations at the auction.

If you plan to spend the night, the Web site also has a list of hotels in the area. **Don't delay in making room reservations**, especially if several of you want to stay at the same hotel. There are some other events around that time, and the weather will be warming up, so people will be heading for the beach.

Jamboree registration needs to be received by **April 10**.

Come join the fun and visit with shellers from around the state.

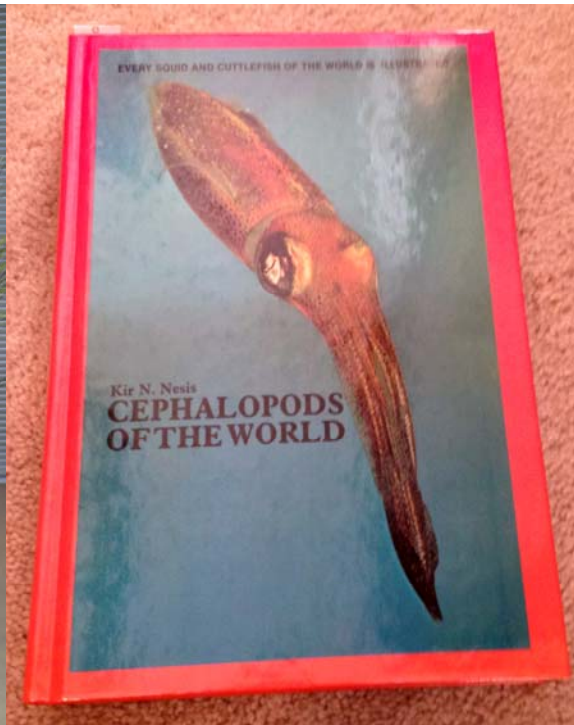


Carving

Oliva porphyria



Conus aulicus



You Are Invited

to

The Houston Conchology
Society

Annual Auction

Saturday, March 5, 2016

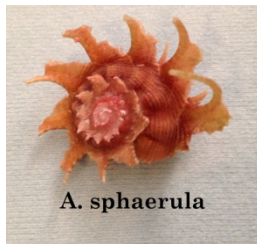
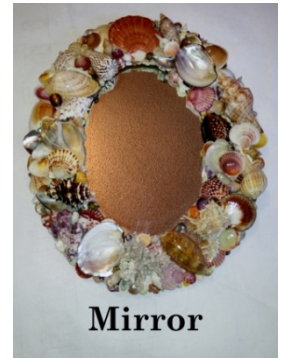
at

The Immanuel Lutheran Church

306 East 15th Street

Houston, Texas

(map opposite this page)



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Lunch provided

Followed by a silent auction

and another oral auction

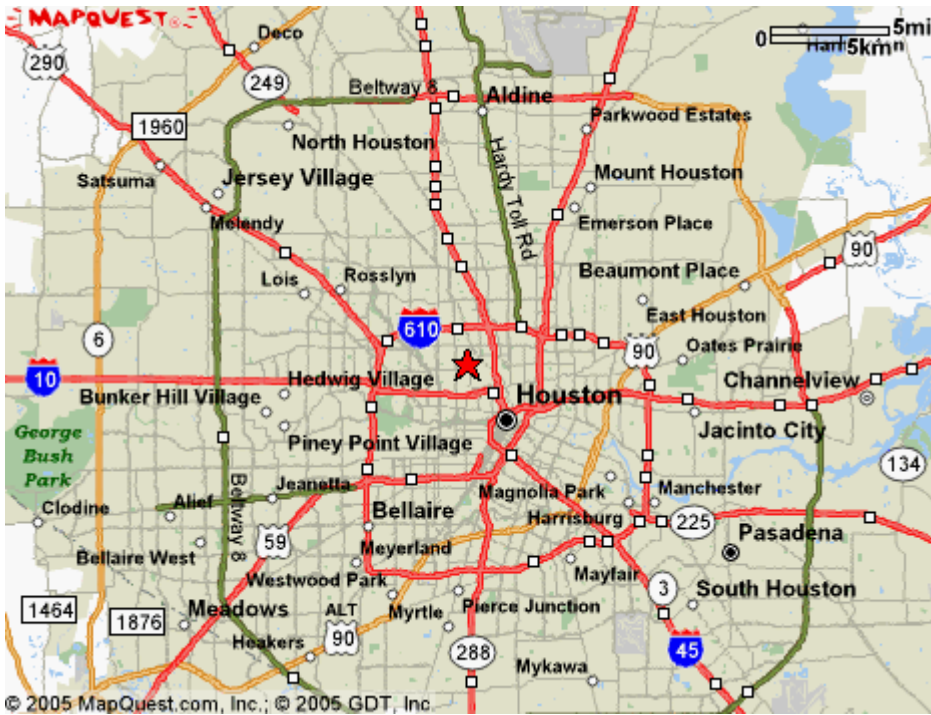
Sale table, raffle and door prizes throughout auction

Shells from most 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.

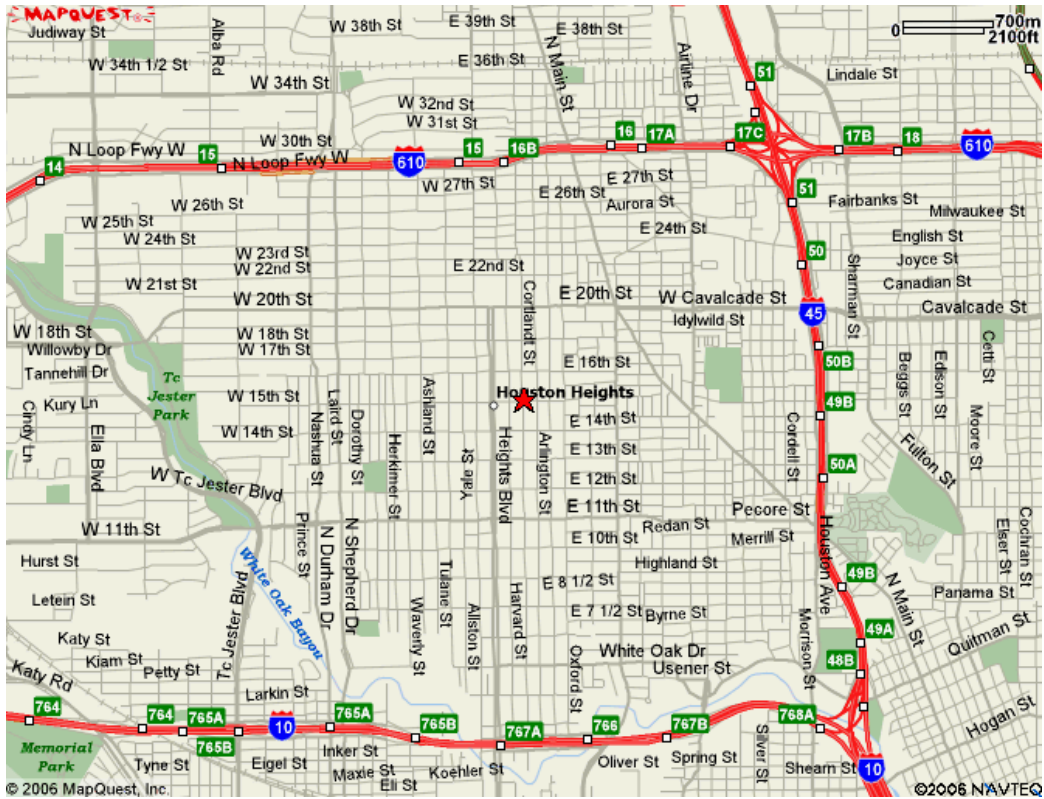
Whether going East or West on I-10, exit at Heights Blvd. (exit 766):

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
O-1	Pearl Oyster Carving	Victoria Craig
O-2	<i>Tridacna gigas</i>	Elkins Collection
O-3	<i>Angaria sphaerula</i> (2)	Petway
O-4	<i>Murex orchidiflorus</i>	Petway
O-5	Misc. Florida Fossils	Elkins Collection
O-6	Shell Planter	Cheryl Hood
O-7	Table Top Fountain	Lucy Clampit
O-8	<i>Spondylus foliaceus croceus</i>	Petway
O-9	Set of Shell Placemats & Napkins (4)	Cheryl Hood
O-10	<i>Conus gloriamaris</i>	Petway
O-11	Mini Shells	Barbara Hudson
O-12	Set of Misc. Cones (5)	Petway
O-13	<i>Oliva porphyria</i>	Bermudez Collection
O-14	<i>Epitonium scalare</i> & <i>E. clathrus</i>	Elkins & Bermudez Collections
O-15	Latiaxis (5) & Books (2)	Misc. Donors
O-16	<i>Murex bequaerti</i>	Bermudez Collection
O-17	<i>Voluta junonia</i>	Elkins Collection
O-18	Shell Mirror	Nancy Mustachio
O-19	<i>Turbinella angulata</i>	Elkins Collection
O-20	<i>Pecten sanguinea</i> Misc. Colors	Lucy Clampit
O-21	Craft Shells	Elkins Collection
O-22	Land Snail Collection	Bermudez Collection
O-23	Dolphin Wall Sculpture	Cheryl Hood
O-24	<i>Spondylus foliaceus</i>	Petway
O-25	Margaret Furlong Ornament	Elkins Collection
O-26	<i>Strombus galeatus</i>	Lucy Clampit
O-27	Olive Collection	Bermudez Collection
O-28	Pewter Strombus	Victoria Craig
O-29	<i>Cypraea mus</i> forms	Petway
O-30	<i>Murex pazi</i>	Bermudez Collection
O-31	<i>Oliva foxi</i>	Bermudez Collection
O-32	<i>Pecten vexillum</i> Misc. Colors	Lucy Clampit
O-33	Shell Case	Cheryl Hood
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	Description	Donated By
O-41	<i>Turbinella angulata</i> (2)	Elkins & Bermudez
O-42	Display Case	Dennis & Mary Harris
O-43	Wall Décor	Gary Olson
O-44	<i>Cephalopods of the World</i> Book	Cheryl Hood
O-45	<i>Distorsio</i> Collection (8)	Lucy Clampit
O-46	<i>Spondylus americanus</i>	Petway
O-47	<i>Murex anniae</i>	Bermudez Collection
O-48	<i>Fasciolaria tulipa</i> Very Large	Elkins Collection
O-49	<i>Oliva rubrolabiata</i>	Bermudez Collection
O-50	Silver Earrings, James Avery (2pr)	Lucy Clampit
O-51	Wind Chime	Gary Olson
O-52	<i>Angaria</i> Collection (6)	Lucy Clampit
O-53	<i>Cypraea tigris f. pardalis</i>	Petway
O-54	Mini Shells	Barbara Hudson
O-55	<i>Haliotis</i> (2)	Hudson & Petway
O-56	Display Case	Cathy Betley
O-57	<i>Murex consuela</i>	Bermudez Collection
O-58	<i>Epitonium mitchelli</i>	Bermudez Collection
O-59	Misc. Florida Fossils	Elkins Collection
O-60	<i>Conus aulicus</i>	Petway
O-61	<i>Strombus peruvianus</i>	Petway
O-62	Xenophora & 2 Xenophora Books	Betley & Elkins
O-63	Cone collection (4)	Petway
O-64	Colorful Pecten pairs in Jar	Lucy Clampit
O-65	<i>Pleuroploca gigantea</i> Growth Series (5)	Elkins Collection
O-66	Short Sleeved Sweater w/Shell Décor	Lucy Clampit
O-67	<i>Cypraea mus f. donmoorei</i>	Petway
O-68	Olive Collection	Bermudez Collection
O-69	Shell Planter w/Silk Orchid	Darwin Alder
O-70	<i>Strombus gigas</i> Growth Series(4)	Elkins Collection
O-71	Turtle Sculpture	Gary Olson
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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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