



The Epitonium

April Program

By Rusti Stover

The Emperor's Top Shell: A Slit-Shell With A Rich History And The Art Of Its Philately (*Philately – the study of stamps and postal materials.*) Presented by Leslie Crnkovic.

Shellers: the **April 19th** meeting at the Houston Museum of Natural Science is the final meeting with a program for this season, as we have the Annual Banquet scheduled for **Saturday, May 21**, at Brady's Landing. We hope you join us at 7:00 PM for our social and snack time, our meeting, and this fine program.

Our President, Leslie Crnkovic, will give us a PowerPoint slide show and talk on the Japanese Slit-Shell *Pleurotomaria Mikadotrochus hirasei* (Pilsbry, 1903), one of the oldest

known living species of slit shells (dating back to the mid-1700s), and the postage stamps featuring this shell and all of its history and wonder.

So plan to come see and hear this fine pro-

gram and meet with your fellow shell collectors one more time at the Museum, before we have our closing banquet and take our Summer Break! Bring a snack to share, see you there!



Presidents Message

By Leslie Crnkovic

A special thanks to each of you who supported the club at our auction, the revenues exceeded expectations. Also, thank you for allowing me to serve another year as president.

At the April meeting I look forward to providing the program on: The Emperor's Slit-Shell and its Postage Stamp Art. Hope to see you there!



Texas Jamboree

It's not too late to make plans to attend the Jamboree **April 22-23** hosted by the Sea Shell Searchers. Details and forms are available at: www.seashellsearchers.org. It is always fun to visit with shellers from around the state.

Membership Dues

Thanks to everyone who paid dues at the auction. If you have not paid, you can download and print a form at: <http://www.houstonshellclub.com/PDFfiles/Membership%202015.pdf>.

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CALENDAR

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

In Memoriam

Longtime HCS members Cliff Harris and Milton Ganer recently lost their battles with their respective health issues.

HCS members send thoughts and prayers to the families.

March Minutes

Call to Order: A regular meeting of the Houston Conchology Society was held on March 5, 2016 at The Immanuel Lutheran Church during the annual auction festivities. It began at 12:50 pm and was presided over by President Leslie Crnkovic. A moment of silence was observed for club members/shellers that recently passed.

Approval of Minutes: Motion from Sandy Clark: That the minutes from previous February meeting be approved as posted in the March newsletter. Seconded by Mary Harris. Motion carried

Officers' Reports: The Treasurer Report was tabled until next meeting.

Main Motions: Motion from Leslie Crnkovic: That the slate of officers (Sandy Clark – Treasurer, Tina Petway – Recording Secretary, Rusti Stover – VP, Jerry Clampit – Corresponding Secretary, and Leslie Crnkovic – President), presented at the February meeting be voted on. Seconded by Cathy Betley. Motion carried

Announcements: The new HCS business cards are now available for members. Please carry and distribute to people wanting more information on the club.

COA brochures were available for those interested in attending the conference this year in Chicago.

Patty Humbird announced that Sea Shell Searchers are hosting this year's Shellers' Jamboree on April 22 and 23rd at the Brazosport Museum of Natural Science. Registration forms were available. She also mentioned that the status of Texas shell clubs would be discussed at the Jamboree. This is very important as everyone knows some clubs are being phased out due to low or non-participation so please try to make an effort to attend. If anyone has questions contact her or Wanda Coker.

The HCS banquet to be held at Brady's Landing on May 23. Tickets for \$20 per person were available for purchase.

CS membership renewal time; dues could be added to purchases at the end of the auction.

Kay Klaus announced that she and Del would be hosting a Seashell Sale/BBQ at their home again in Fredericksburg sometime in June. Details to follow in the newsletter.

Adjournment: Tina Petway moved that the meeting be adjourned, and this was agreed upon at 1:05 pm.

2016 Auction

The auction committee, Darwin Alder, Cathy Betley, Lucy Clampit, Sandy Clark, Mary Harris, and Tina Petway, thanks everyone who helped with the auction and who spent their hard earned money. The profit was about \$3,400.

This would not have been possible without generous donors: Darwin Alder, Dave and Nancy Barziza, Tuawanda Bermudez, Cathy Betley, Lucy Clampit, Sandy Clark, Victoria Craig, Wanda Coker, Angela Doucette, Judy Elkins, Leola Glass collection, Mary Harris, Cheryl Hood, Barbara Hudson, Patty Humbird, Kathy Keenan, Laretta Marr, Nancy Mustachio, Gary Olson, Tina Petway, and Rusti Stover.

Thanks to: everyone who helped with the silent auction, the cashiers Jerry Clampit and Dennis Harris, Frank Petway and Leslie Crnkovic for kitchen help, Pat Hough for helping with the oral auction, and everyone who brought the tasty food. It was a team effort.

Several members of the San Antonio Shell Club and the Sea Shell Searchers were in attendance. It is always a pleasure to visit with shellers from around the state.

Rusti Stover provided pictures of the event.

Thanks again to everyone.

Banquet

Mark your calendar for the annual banquet on **Saturday, May 21**. You can make your reservation and pay at the April meeting. It will be at Brady's Landing again. More details and a map will be in the May newsletter.

COA in Chicago

The Conchologist of America 2016 convention will be in Chicago **July 27-31**. Registration forms and other details are available at: <http://www.conchologistsofamerica.org/conventions/default.asp>.



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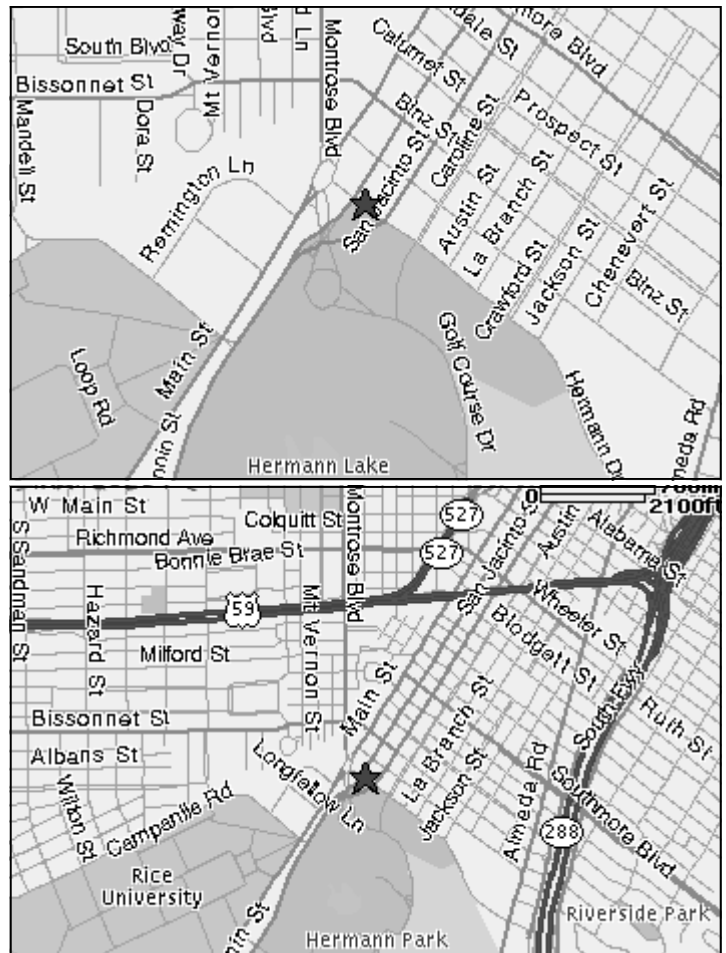
The Society holds regular meetings on the third Tuesday of August, September, October, November, January, February and April. There are seasonal events and a yearly shell auction scheduled in the other months. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Museum of Natural Science, 5555 Hermann Park Drive.

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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