



The Epitonium

October Program

Our speaker John Haneiko loves Australian shells. This is what he said about the program that he will present at the October 17th meeting: "The subject is 'Seashells of Australia' and it is a slide presentation of about 75 shells from my personal collection from Australia. It focuses mostly on Volutes (many of them endemic to Australia) and Cypraea, especially the Zoila grouping. However, it also includes examples of Murex, Cones, Limpets, Abalone and some bivalves, as well as some unique shells. When I was choosing the shells to include, I tried to emphasize very large specimens, unusual or rare specimens, and some that I think are not seen that often although they are not rare. I also feature variations in some species."

Come and enjoy beautiful shells!

Field Trip

The club trip to the renovated Moody Aquarium in Galveston is scheduled for **Saturday, October 14**. Participants will meet at **10:00 a.m.** in the lobby of the aquarium pyramid. The cost is \$12 per person. **Please bring cash or a check made out to HCS.** If you pay with cash, **please bring correct change.** The club will write one check to Moody.

If you plan to attend and have not told Rusti Stover, please let her know by the evening of **October 11**. Her email address is: wordmerchantrusti@att.net, and her phone number is 713-614-4882.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Angela Doucette

As some of you are already aware, I love **ORANGE**

SHELLS from *Conus aurantius* to *Spondylus americanus*,



just to mention a few in my collection. To add some enthusiasm and interest to our October meeting, please bring an **ORANGE** shell from your collection to show off to other club members. Suggestions are always welcome for future activities during the meetings.

Last weekend I went to Round Top, TX for the Antique Show with 2 other friends. We found some interesting "shelly" things at "antique prices". I found a sterling silver coral ring and a silver plated scallop pasta spoon. We met seashell dealer, Rob Martinsen. He had beautiful coral lamps, gorgeous coral and a variety of seashell specimens. Rob was one of the dealers at COA in Key West.

We look forward to seeing many members on **Tuesday, October 17, 2017** at the Houston Museum of Natural Science at 7:00pm. John and Angie Haneiko will present a program on shells from Australia.

Also, don't forget to notify Rusti Stover if you plan to attend our field trip to the Aquarium in Galveston on **Saturday, October 14, 2017**.

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CALENDAR

10/14	HCS Field Trip
10/17	HCS Meeting
11/28	HCS Meeting
12/?	HCS Christmas Party
3/3	HCS Auction
TBA	Texas Jamboree

November Meeting Date

FYI:

The November meeting date has been changed from the 3rd Tuesday to the 4th Tuesday. It will be **November 28th**.



September Minutes

By Rusti Stover

The September meeting of the Houston Conchology Society was called to order by President Angela Doucette at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 19, 2017, at the Houston Museum of Natural Science meeting room. Lucy Clampit moved to accept the minutes of the April 2017 meeting as previously published, and Cheryl Hood seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Sandy Clark reported a current balance of \$8,859.47.

Sandy also gave an updated report on our 501c 3 status as a not for profit organization. We are now all OK with the government and a simple yearly tax statement online is all we need to do to keep everything OK. The determination was also retroactive to our filing for the status.

New Members: Angela introduced new members Heather Goodspeed and Tim Braithwaite.

New Business: Lucy spoke on a matter the board had discussed in their August Board meeting. So many of our members are aging and do not want to drive at night, and other shell clubs are meeting in the daytime on weekends, so a Sunday afternoon meeting at a venue outside of the museum was discussed. The museum is way too busy and shares the garage with Miller Outdoor Theater on weekends, so a change of venue is being sought. Lucy will look into inside-the-loop locations for possible meeting places, and for Sunday afternoons around 1, 1:30 or 2 p.m. times. The club is hoping to have something in place by either January of 2018 or our next meeting season starting in September 2018. The Houston Community College downtown campus was one of the suggested places, or a community center.

Grants: Lucy also spoke, in Tina Petway's absence, about our grant program. No one applied during the last year, so the club is reaching out to more universities to promote the grants. One grant is for a Texas student, and the other one is for any USA student meeting the criteria.

Christmas Tree: Alex Chapman is in charge of this year's Christmas tree for the museum lobby, and Rachel Zelko made a motion that Sandy seconded to approve \$500 toward the decorations. All in favor, motion passed.

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Field Trips: Rusti Stover spoke about the club having a field trip to the newly renovated Moody Gardens Aquarium in October. A show of hands helped decide on the date, Saturday October 14. Rusti arranged for all members and guests to attend at only \$12 per person, instead of the new entry price of \$31.95 per person, as long as we have 20 people in our party. Lucy will send out a broadcast email soon stating the information, and those attending can contact Rusti by phone or email with the number of people in their party.

Christmas Party: No one had volunteered as of the meeting date to host this year's Christmas party.

Programs: Darwin gave an update on future programs: October will be John and Angie Haneiko on Australian shells; November will be a travelogue from Lucy; December is the Christmas party; January will be a program by Raven Hood on the Galapagos Islands; Sandy volunteered for a travelogue in February; March is the annual auction, and April will be a birthday party, recap of club trips and/or a travelogue.

November Meeting: Lucy spoke on the date for the November meeting, which has to be moved because of the 3rd Tuesday's proximity to Thanksgiving. Traditionally the club moves it to the second Tuesday in November, but the museum has the opening of a new exhibit hall that night, so the revised date for the November meeting will be Tuesday November 28th this year.

There being no further business before the board, a call for adjournment was undertaken and approved at 7:55 p.m.

Darwin then introduced Leslie Crnkovic with the second half of his program (started in April) on the Emperor's Slit Shell. The second half of the program encompassed the slit shell on Japanese postage stamps.

Shell Art

HCS member Angie Marsland, who lives in Great Britain, has developed an interest in shell art and shared a picture of some of her work. She goes to "car boot sales" and has found some interesting items. Here is a note she sent: "A car boot sale, as we call it here, is when everyone drives their cars and vans to a field or large parking lot and sets up tables or ground cover, etc. They then empty their unwanted items out of their vehicles and sell them for very low prices. A lot of it is household stuff, but you do find shells, minerals and fossils as well! You have to get up very early, though!!"



Texas Jamboree

Theresa Stelzig from the Corpus Christi shell club told the editor that they are still trying to find a location for the Jamboree. They want to have it the first weekend in May, but may have to postpone it until later in the year. She will let us know when they get a venue and date.

Auction

Mark your calendars. We have a date for the annual auction – **Saturday, March 3, 2018**. If you have items to donate, please bring them to a meeting or contact Lucy Clampit.

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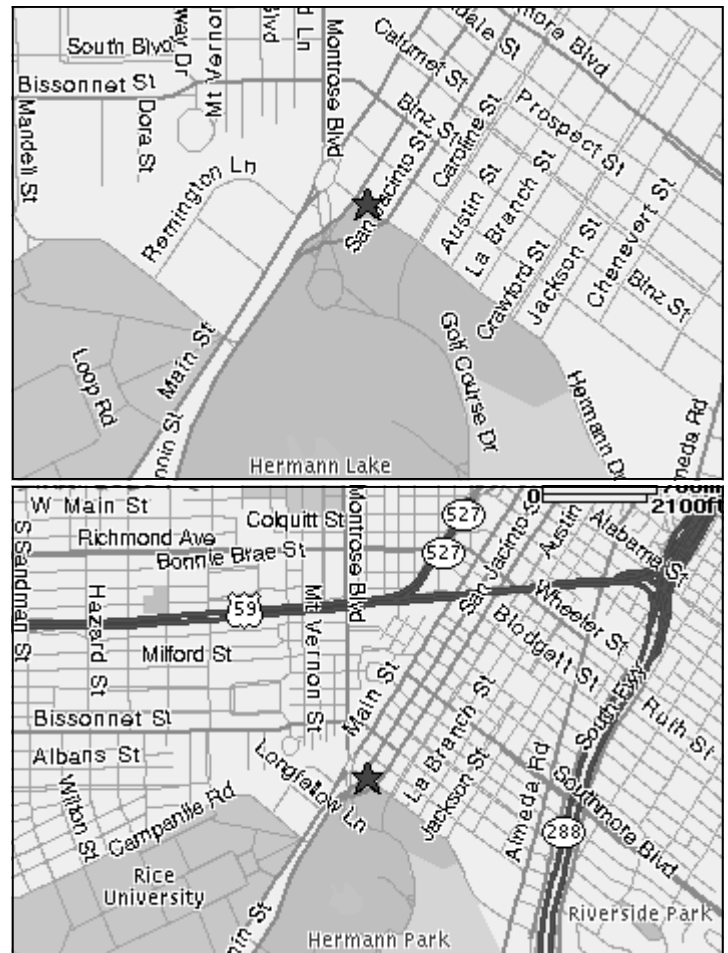
The Society holds regular meetings on the third Tuesday of September, October, November, January, February and April. There are seasonal events and a yearly shell auction scheduled in the other months. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Museum of Natural Science, 5555 Hermann Park Drive.

VISITORS WELCOME!!!

Membership year extends from June 1 through May 31.
Annual membership dues: Family \$12; Single \$10; Junior (under 18) \$6.

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