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CALENDAR

11/14	HCS Meeting
12/9	HCS Christmas Party
3/3	HCS Auction
5/4-6	Texas Jamboree
8/29	Begin COA

Birthdates

Beginning in January this space will display the upcoming birthdates for HCS members.



October Minutes

Submitted by Rusti Stover

The October 2017 meeting of the Houston Conchology Society was called to order by President Angela Doucette at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 17, at the Houston Museum of Natural Science meeting room.

Angela welcomed everyone and thanked Rusti Stover for arranging the field trip to Moody Gardens Aquarium and Sandra Poole for inviting all to her beach condo afterwards. She also thanked everyone for bringing an orange shell to the meeting.

Minutes from the September meeting were approved as published: Sandy Clark made the motion, Leslie Crnkovic seconded. Sandy also gave a short treasurer's report; there is approximately \$8700 in the club account.

Angela announced the change in meeting night for November, due to Thanksgiving. The meeting will be on the second Tuesday, November 14th.

Lucy Clampit spoke on finding a new venue for meeting on Sundays in the future. Several possibilities were discussed and the search is ongoing.

Lucy also announced our annual auction will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church in the Heights on Saturday March 3, 2018.

Mary and Dennis Harris volunteered to host this year's Christmas party. It will be either Saturday, December 9th or Sunday the 10th and will be finalized soon.

Alex Chapman is chairing the Museum Christmas Tree, and possible workshop dates will be Sunday November 5th and /or November 18th and 19th if needed, and will be held at Nancy Mustachio's house. More info will be forthcoming. Theme for this year's colorful tree is Coral Reefs.

Under New Business: Discussion was undertaken and approved for the club to buy its own projector as the museum's are unreliable. Jerry Clampit did the research and was authorized to purchase one.

Angela announced a January field trip to John and Angie Haneiko's house to see their collection, and Rusti announced Sandra Poole wants everyone to come back to her condo on the Galveston seawall in February.

Lucy announced membership numbers as of right now are 72 members, and new directories will be printed soon. **Cont. on page 3**

Minutes continued from page 2 Lucy and Leslie announced that the San Antonio Shell Club is having a shell auction on Saturday November 4th. A broadcast email will be sent to members soon.

Angela asked everyone to think about volunteering to be field trip chairperson.

There being no further business, call for adjournment was undertaken and approved at 7:56 p.m. Darwin then announced the program for the night would be Shells of Australia by John and Angie Haneiko.



Texas Jamboree

By Theresa Stelzig

It's official! The Jamboree will be in Corpus Christi on **May 4, 5 & 6, 2018**. It will be held at the Comfort Inn Suites on South Padre Island Drive. Registration will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Friday. Mark your calendars now so you won't miss a fun, fabulous weekend of sea shells and programs. We look forward to seeing each and every one of you. More information to follow.

Can't wait!



Christmas Party

Mary and Dennis Harris will host the annual Christmas Party at their home on **Saturday, December 9, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** A map and more details will be available next month



Christmas Tree

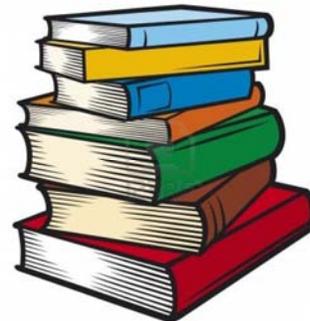
A workshop for making ornaments to be used on the HMNS tree will be held at **9:30 a.m.** at the home of Nancy Mustachio, 1932 Bissonnet, on **Saturday, November 18**. If you plan to help, please bring a glue gun. The tree will be decorated at the museum on **Friday, December 1, at 9:00 a.m.**

If anyone would like to help Darwin make tentacles for the jelly fish he is preparing for the tree, he will bring supplies to the November meeting. You can take the materials home to do the work.

Annual Auction

We hope you are saving your money for the auction which is scheduled for **Saturday, March 3, 2018** at Immanuel Lutheran Church. The auction committee is busy organizing donated items, but it will gladly take shells or shell related items that you would like to donate. Bring them to a meeting or contact Lucy Clampit at: 713-468-0610 or lclampit@comcast.net. Thanks to generous donors, we will have a nice selection of books for sale.

Auction profits are used to fund the HCS educational grants.



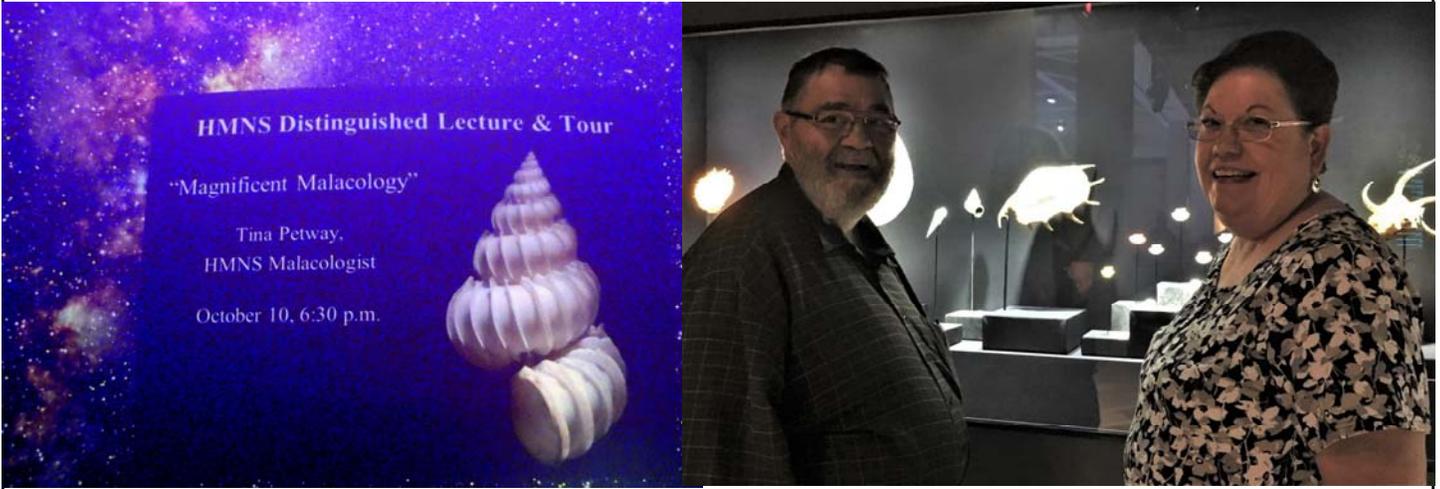
COA 2018

Mark your calendars! The next convention will be **August 29-September 2** in San Diego, California at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina. Field trips are scheduled for August 27 & 28. Make plans to join the fun!

Poppe Shells at HMNS

Several HCS members attended Tina Petway's presentation at the HMNS and toured the new installation of Poppe shells in the Strake Hall of Malacology.

(Pictures by Rusti Stover and Lucy Clampit)



Aquarium Field Trip

Twenty-four HCS members, family, and friends attended the field trip to the Moody Gardens Aquarium. After the aquarium visit, some participants stopped by Sandra Poole's condo. Sandra, thank you for your hospitality, and Rusti Stover, thanks for organizing the trip.

(Photos by Rusti and Lucy Clampit)

