



# The Epitonium

## HCS Auction

Are you ready to add some new shells to your collection? The auction committee has planned another fun event for **Saturday, March 3!** Bring your checkbook or cash to the Immanuel Lutheran Church at 306 East 15th Street in the Heights area of Houston. The first silent auction will begin at **10:00 a.m.** It will be followed by an oral auction at 11:00. There will be another silent and another oral auction after lunch. Sale table items, raffle tickets, and door prizes will be available throughout the day, along with the popular “guess how many.”

Specimens from all major shell families will be available for purchase in the auctions as well as on the sale table. This year we have a large selection of identification books and a few coffee table books. We also have several lots of plastic boxes and jewelry boxes to help organize your shells. They will be on the silent auctions.

If you need to spice up your home décor, you will find collectables (Jim Shore & Tom Clark), dishes, glasses, and other items that feature shells. Two of Patty Humbird’s beautiful counted cross stitch pieces will be in the oral auctions along with a lovely sailor’s valentine, and, if you are the DIY type, there will be craft shells to purchase. Several pieces of coral will also be for sale. Pictures of some of the oral auction items are in this newsletter.

A lunch of sandwiches, chips, and drinks will be provided by the club. HCS members, please bring dips, salads, desserts, etc. to supplement the sandwiches.

An invitation, map, and oral auction list will accompany this newsletter.

Come join the fun and invite your friends and family!

## President’s Message

By Angela Doucette

**GET READY, GET SET, GO** to the Annual Seashell Auction at Immanuel Lutheran Church on **Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** Please mark your calendars and invite your friends, family, and neighbors to the auction for a variety of seashells, books, and lots of bargains.

The profits made from the auction go toward

the club’s educational grants and donations to the Malacology Department of the Houston Museum of Natural Science.

There will be a short business meeting during lunch to elect a new slate of officers. Nominations can be made from the floor that day provided you have obtained prior approval of the person you wish to nominate.

Hope to see y’all at the AUCTION and thank you in advance for your participation.

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Jerry Clampit  
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## CALENDAR

3/3	HCS Auction
4/17	HCS Meeting
5/4-6	Texas Jamboree
5/19	HCS Banquet
8/29	Begin COA

## April Birthdays



Darwin Alder	4/6
TJ Nelson	4/8
Cathy Betly	4/9
Nancy Mustachio	4/11
Lonnie Hood	4/19
Harry Sharp	4/20
Jerry Clampit	4/20

# February Minutes

Submitted by Rusti Stover

President Angela Doucette called the February 20, 2018 meeting of the Houston Conchology Society to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Houston Museum of Natural Science meeting room. Angela welcomed everyone, including a friend of Sandy Clark, to the meeting, then called for a moment of silence and remembrance for recently deceased shell club friend Jean Dickman of the San Antonio Shell Club, and Wayne Humbird of the Sea Shell Searchers, who was also a member of HCS.

The minutes of the November 2017 meeting were approved as published. Motion was made by Lucy Clampit, seconded by Mary Harris.

Sandy Clark gave the treasurer's report.

Angela thanked Mary and Dennis Harris for hosting the Christmas party, Alex Chapman and Darwin Alder for chairing and helping with the Museum Christmas Tree, and John and Angie Haneiko for hosting a field trip in January to their home to view their vast shell collection.

Lucy Clampit gave an update on possible Sunday afternoon meeting places. A location has not been determined yet, but the search will resume after the auction.

Angela spoke on the nominating committee for the upcoming March election. Lucy reported that the current officers agreed to serve another year. Nominations will still be taken from the floor at the Annual Auction in March. Angela also noted we do not have a field trip chairperson, and asked members to consider it.

A venue was chosen and booked for the annual Banquet, which will be held once again at Monument Inn. Tickets will be \$20.00 apiece, and the Banquet date is Saturday May 19, 2018, starting at noon. We can access the room at 11:30 a.m.

There being no further business, Angela called for an adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Angela then introduced Darwin Alder, who presented a few moments of "The More You Know" about seashells.

Darwin then introduced Sandy Clark, who gave an excellent program about her trip to Baja California to watch and pet Gray Whales.

### 2018 Banquet

The annual banquet will be at noon on **Saturday, May 19** at the Monument Inn. Tickets will be \$20 each and will be for sale at the auction.



### COA Convention

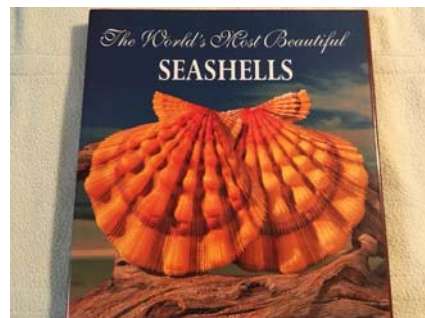
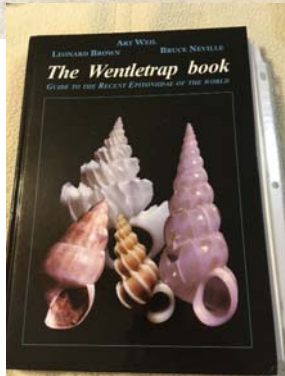
The 2018 convention is scheduled for **August 29 – September 2** in San Diego California. You can find information at:

<http://www.conchologistsofamerica.org/conventions/>.

### Texas Jamboree

If you plan to attend the Jamboree in Corpus Christi **May 4-6**, please send in the registration form that was in the February newsletter before **April 20**.

Below are auction items for the 2018 auction on May 3rd.





# You Are Invited

to

The Houston Conchology  
Society

Annual Auction

Saturday, March 3, 2018

at

The Immanuel Lutheran Church  
306 East 15th Street  
Houston, Texas  
(map opposite this page)



First silent auction begins at 10:00 am

First oral auction begins at 11:00 am

Lunch provided

Followed by a silent auction

and another oral auction

Sale table, raffle, and door prizes throughout auction



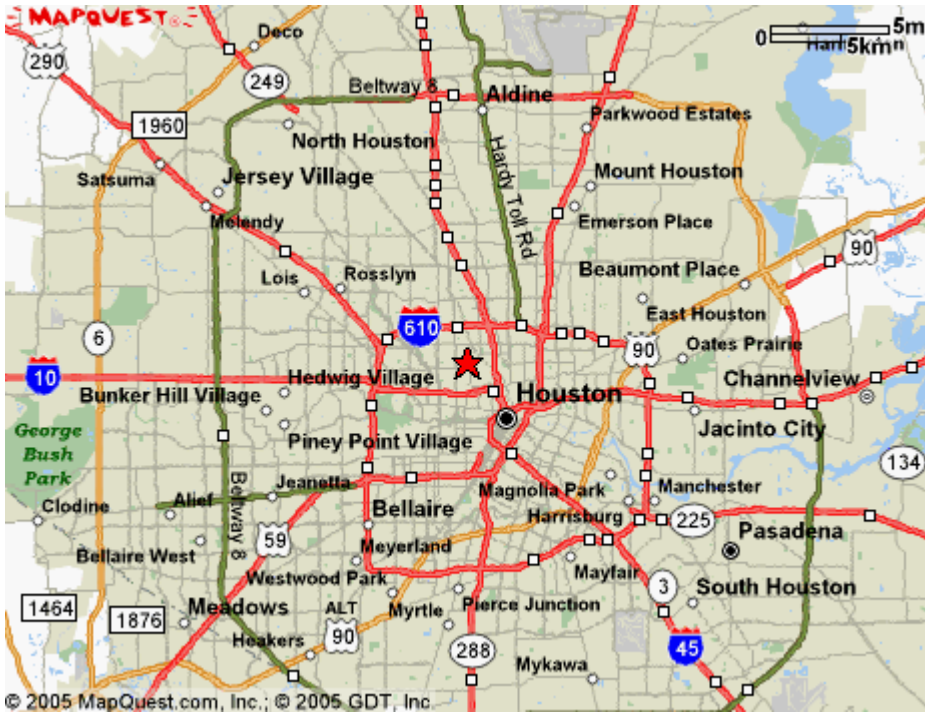
Shells from all major families will be available along with shell books, craft shells and many shell related items. Bring your wish list. There will be some great bargains.



The HCS is unable to accept credit cards, so please bring cash or a check to pay for purchases.

All lovers of seashells welcome!

# Map to HCS Auction



The Immanuel Lutheran Church is located at 306 East 15th Street between Cortlandt & Arlington Streets.

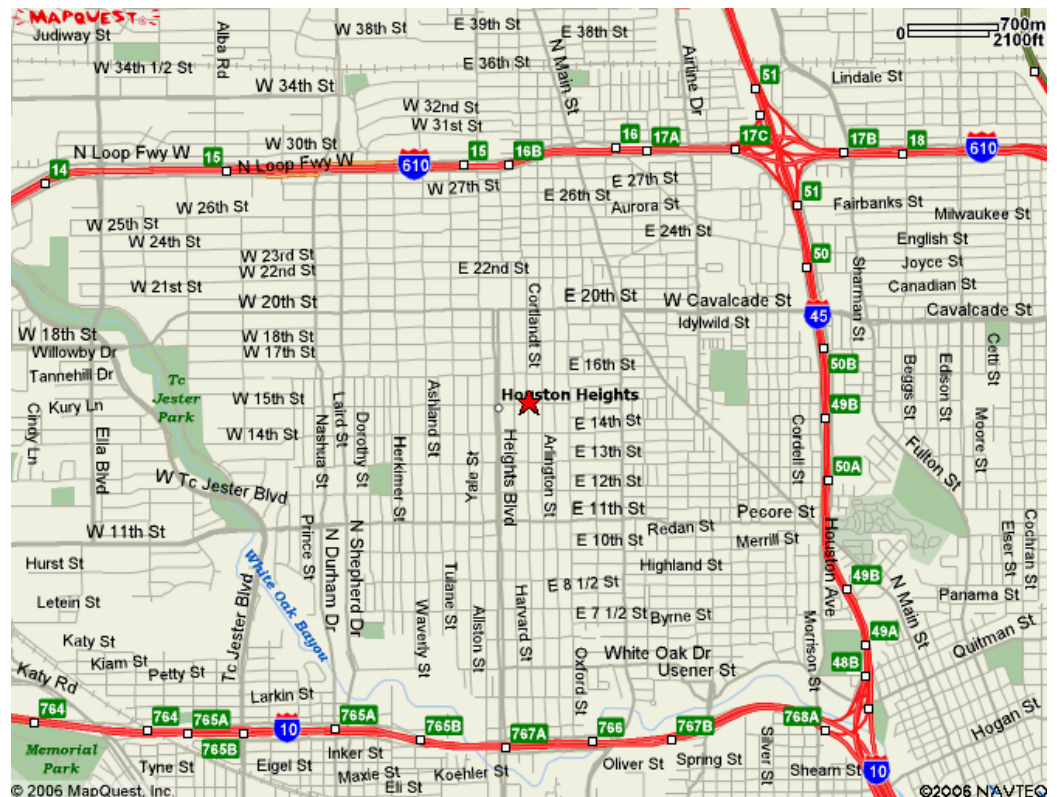
Whether going East or West on I-10, exit at Heights Blvd. (exit 766):

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



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ORAL AUCTION LIST

Item#	Description	Donated By
O-1	<i>Melo broderippi</i>	Patty & Wayne Humbird
O-2	Iconography-Recent Volutidae	Brownie & Harry Sharp
O-3	Jim Shore Angel	Patty & Wayne Humbird
O-4	Set of 4 Murex	Wanda Bermudez
O-5	<i>Triplofusus giganteus</i>	Shelly Leatherwood
O-6	Shell Fabric Purse	Lucy Clampit
O-7	Iconography-Lyriini	Brownie & Harry Sharp
O-8	<i>Strombus goliath</i>	Patty & Wayne Humbird
O-9	Pecten & Turquoise earrings	Dennis & Mary Harris
O-10	Knobby Coral	Patty & Wayne Humbird
O-11	Set of Dishes	Dean Harris
O-12	Murex Book & <i>Murex pecten</i>	Lauretta Marr & HMNS
O-13	Set of Cones (4)	HMNS
O-14	Large Chambered Nautilus	Patty & Wayne Humbird
O-15	Pair of Porcupine Fish	Shelly Leatherwood
O-16	<i>Voluta becki</i>	Patty & Wayne Humbird
O-17	Set of Glasses (8)	Dennis & Mary Harris
O-18	<i>The Wentletrap Book</i>	Lauretta Marr
O-19	Pair of <i>Cassis rufa</i>	Shelly Leatherwood
O-20	Atlantic Bay Scallop Display w/Case	Patty & Wayne Humbird
O-21	Pink Coral	Patty & Wayne Humbird
O-22	Landsnail Collection (7)	Wanda Bermudez
O-23	Counted Cross Stitch	Patty & Wayne Humbird
O-24	Sea Glass Books (2)	Gary Olson
O-25	<i>Melo aethiopica</i>	HMNS
O-26	Iconography-Conidae	Brownie & Harry Sharp
O-27	Escargo Plates	Dennis & Mary Harris
O-28	Coral	Shelly Leatherwood
O-29	Ornaments & Stand	Patty & Wayne Humbird
O-30	<i>Lambis chiragra</i>	Virginia Randall
O-31	Set of 3 Murex	Wanda Bermudez
O-32	Iconography-Harpidae	Lauretta Marr
O-33	2 Gulf of Mexico Volutes	Petway & Clampit
O-34	<i>World's Most Beautiful Seashells</i> Book	Lauretta Marr
O-35	Mikasa Serving Dishes (South Hampton pattern)	Lucy Clampit
O-36	Counted Cross Stitch	Patty & Wayne Humbird
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O-40	Faux Tusk with Scrimshaw	Patty & Wayne Humbird

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	Description	Donated By
O-41	<i>Charonia tritonis</i>	Patty & Wayne Humbird
O-42	Sand Dollar Collection	Shelly Leatherwood
O-43	Book - <i>Indo-West Pacific...</i> (3 Families)	Lauretta Marr
O-44	<i>Oliva rubrolabiata</i>	Wanda Bermudez
O-45	Lettuce Coral	Shelly Leatherwood
O-46	Octopus Cookie Jar	Patty & Wayne Humbird
O-47	Large Lightening Whelk	Shelly Leatherwood
O-48	Iconography-Ficidae	Lauretta Marr
O-49	Barrel Sponge	Shelly Leatherwood
O-50	Olive Collection	Wanda Bermudez
O-51	Iconography-Haliotidae	Brownie & Harry Sharp
O-52	<i>Charonia tritonis</i>	Misc. donors
O-53	Murex Collection	Tina & Frank Petway
O-54	Jim Shore Seahorse	Patty & Wayne Humbird
O-55	Wine Glasses (7)	Dennis & Mary Harris
O-56	Volutes (3)	Patty & Wayne Humbird
O-57	<i>Seashells of Tropical West America</i> Book	Brownie & Harry Sharp
O-58	<i>Cassis madagascariensis</i>	Virginia Randall
O-59	Tom Clark Gnome	Patty & Wayne Humbird
O-60	Iconography-Turbinidae	Brownie & Harry Sharp
O-61	Pearl Oyster w/Attachment	HMNS
O-62	Coral	Shelly Leatherwood
O-63	Iconography-Acavidae	Brownie & Harry Sharp
O-64	<i>Melo broderipi</i>	HMNS
O-65	Scallop Lamp	Patty & Wayne Humbird
O-66	James Avery Fish Pin	Cathy Betley
O-67	Dishes (4)	Patty & Wayne Humbird
O-68	Sailor's Valentine	Patty & Wayne Humbird
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