



The Epitonium

April Program

Sarah Gossett, from the Galveston Bay Foundation, will be the speaker at the meeting on Tuesday, **April 17, 2018**. Sarah is the Water Quality Manager for GBF. She “leads efforts in executing diverse water quality programs that help ensure Galveston Bay’s waters remain fishable and swimmable. Sarah is passionate about engaging citizens and decision-makers in hands-on experiences to improve water quality for both human and ecological health. Sarah holds a Bachelor’s Degree from Texas A&M University in Environmental Geosciences.”

Here’s a brief summary of her presentation: “Hurricane Harvey highlighted the importance of ongoing, continuous data collection before, during and after a disaster. Since 2012 Galveston Bay Foundation’s Water Quality

Monitoring program has been utilizing citizen scientists to collect water quality data in Galveston Bay and has continued monitoring the after-effects of Harvey. In this presentation, Sarah will be discussing Galveston Bay Foundation’s findings of how Hurricane Harvey has impacted water quality, both immediately after the storm and over time. Special focus will be given to how major environmental events such as storms and droughts can impact Galveston Bay’s shellfish and other wildlife. Additionally, Sarah will highlight various ways we can all work to protect Galveston Bay’s waters and wildlife.”

The meeting will be in **Classrooms 2&3** at the Houston Museum of Natural Science. It will begin at **7:30**, but come early for refreshments and socializing.

President’s Message

By Angela Doucette

Hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Easter break with friends and family. We are winding down to the close of our 2017-18 season. We encourage members and non-members to attend the last meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, April 17, 2018** at the Houston Museum of Natural Science.

Additionally, please do not forget about the club’s annual banquet on Saturday, **May 19, 2018** at the Monument Inn at **11:30am**. Tickets may be purchased at the April meeting or contact Sandy Clark if you plan to attend.

Lastly, we are all excited about the 2018 Sheller’s Jamboree hosted by the Coastal Bend Shell Club in Corpus Christi, **May 4-6, 2018**. You certainly don’t want to miss out on some great specimens.

Dues for 2018-19

Thank you to everyone who paid their dues at the auction. If you have not paid, you can find a form at: [http://](http://www.houstonshellclub.com/PDFfiles/2018-19%20Web%20Membership.pdf)

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CALENDAR

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

May Birthdays



Tina Petway	05 - 02
Janey Cormier	05 - 13
Majorie Caulfield	05 - 14
George Carpenter	05 - 15
John Haneiko	05 - 18
Angela Doucette	05 - 22
Barbara. Heinrich	05 - 30

March Minutes

Submitted by Rusti Stover

The March meeting of the Houston Conchology Society was called to order by President Angela Doucette at 11:50 a.m. on Saturday March 3, 2018, during the lunch break at the club's annual auction.

Angela welcomed guests as well as visitors from other Texas clubs. She thanked the auction committee for all their hard work for this annual event.

Business items: Angela asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the February meeting. Mary Harris made the motion; Darwin Alder seconded; all approved; motion passed. She then asked Treasurer Sandy Clark for a report. Sandy said she did not bring the report with her. That was tabled for the next meeting.

The annual election of officers proceeded next. Angela asked for any nominations from the floor. There were none. The present slate of officers had all agreed to serve another term, so she asked for a motion to accept by acclamation. Lucy Clampit made the motion; Mary Harris seconded; all approved; motion passed. For the next meeting season, the officers of the club will remain: President Angela Doucette; Vice President Darwin Alder; Treasurer Sandy Clark; Recording Secretary Rusti Stover; Corresponding Secretary Jerry Clampit. Angela also reported that Cheryl Hood had volunteered for the position of field trip chairperson. Angela thanked Cheryl for volunteering, and noted Cheryl is managing our club Facebook site also.

Announcements: Angela reminded everyone that club dues could be paid when attendees checked out from the auction. Banquet tickets were also available at \$20 each. The Banquet will be held at the Monument Inn on Saturday May 19th, 2018.

Registration forms for the biannual Sheller's Jamboree were also available. The Jamboree will be held in Corpus Christi Friday, May 4th through Sunday, May 6th, 2018.

Brochures for the Annual COA Convention in San Diego were also available.

Angela also noted some exciting news: the club has an opportunity to display shells at the downtown Houston Public Library in August or September of this year. Angela asked for volunteers to work with her to coordinate the exhibit. Alex Chapman and Rusti Stover volunteered. Other volunteers

Minutes continued on Pg 3

Minutes from Pg 2 would be welcome, and meetings will be held in early summer to coordinate this.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

2018 Texas Jamboree

The Coastal Bend Shell Club will be hosting a fun filled weekend for Texas shellers, **May 4-6**, in Corpus Christi. There will be interesting and informative programs along with lots of shells, books, and shell related items for sale.

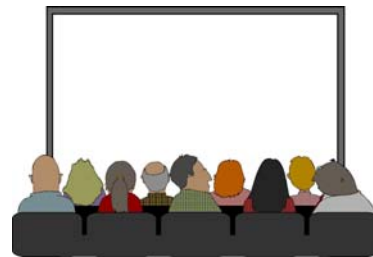
It will be held at the Comfort Inn Suites on South Padre Island Drive. Jamboree room rates are only available until **April 20**, so make your reservations soon.

More details are on the registration form. If you need a form, contact Lucy Clampit at: lclampit@comcast.net.

COA

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

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



Annual Banquet

The annual HCS banquet will be on **Saturday, May 19, 2018** at the Monument Inn. **We will gather at 11:30. Food will be served at noon.**

Tickets will be \$20 each and will be for sale at the April meeting. More details will be in the May newsletter.



Book Humor

Harry Sharp recently read *The Wilderness Warrior* a biography of Theodore Roosevelt. He shared a couple of humorous excerpts from the book.



From the book: about preteen TR – “he actually enjoyed analyzing the radula of mollusks”. Harry’s comment: “Can’t imagine doing it at any age.”

From the book: “According to Captain Reid, a real naturalist lived outdoors while the ‘old mummy-hunters of museums sat around like shriveled prunes making divisions and subdivisions of Crocnilida ad nauseas.’ Harry’s comment: “I split a gut over this.”

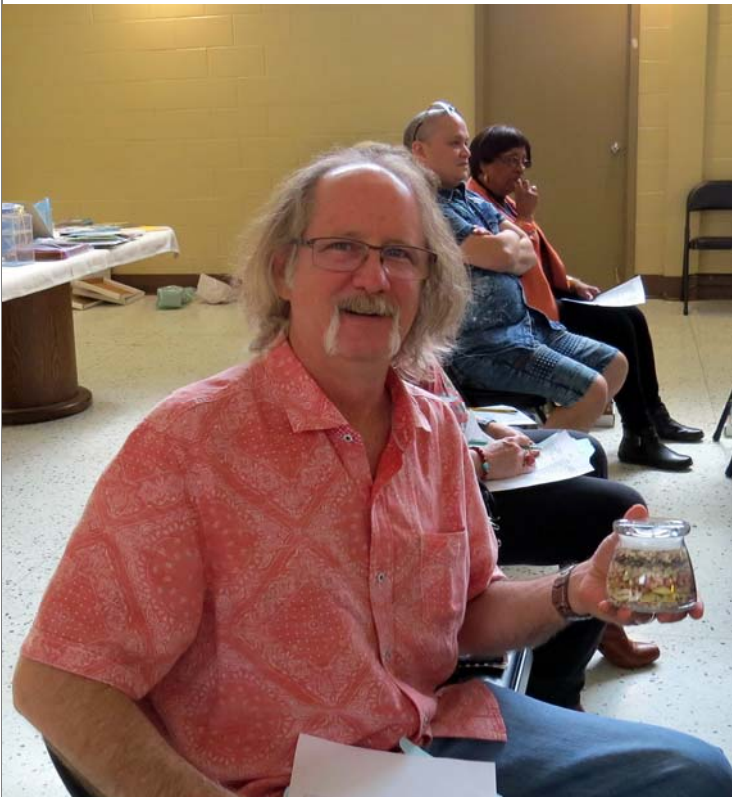
HCS Auction

The auction profit was a little over \$3,485. The auction committee: Darwin Alder, Cathy Betley, Lucy Clampit, Sandy Clark, Mary Harris, and Tina Petway, thanks everyone who helped with the auction and those who spent their hard earned money. This would not have been possible without generous donors: Darwin Alder, Dave & Nancy Barziza, Tuawanda Bermudez, Cathy Betley, Lucy Clampit, Sandy Clark, Victoria Craig, Angela Doucette, Dave Green, Dennis & Mary Harris, the HMNS, Patty Humbird, Shelley Leatherwood, Laretta Marr, Nancy Mustachio, Gary Olson, Tina Petway, Mike Randall, Harry & Brownie Sharp, and Rusti Stover. Thanks to everyone who helped with the silent auction, especially Cheryl Hood and Rachel Zelko who organized bid sheets for cashiers Jerry Clampit and Dennis Harris. **Continued on Pg 4**

Auction from Pg 3 Thank you to Frank Petway and John Zelko for getting the sandwiches and to Frank's daughters Melanie and Tracey for helping him in the kitchen. Thanks to everyone who brought the delicious food. We thank Wanda Coker for her help with the oral auction. Thanks to everyone who helped set up on Friday afternoon and take down on Saturday afternoon. The cooperative work of many people made it a great success.

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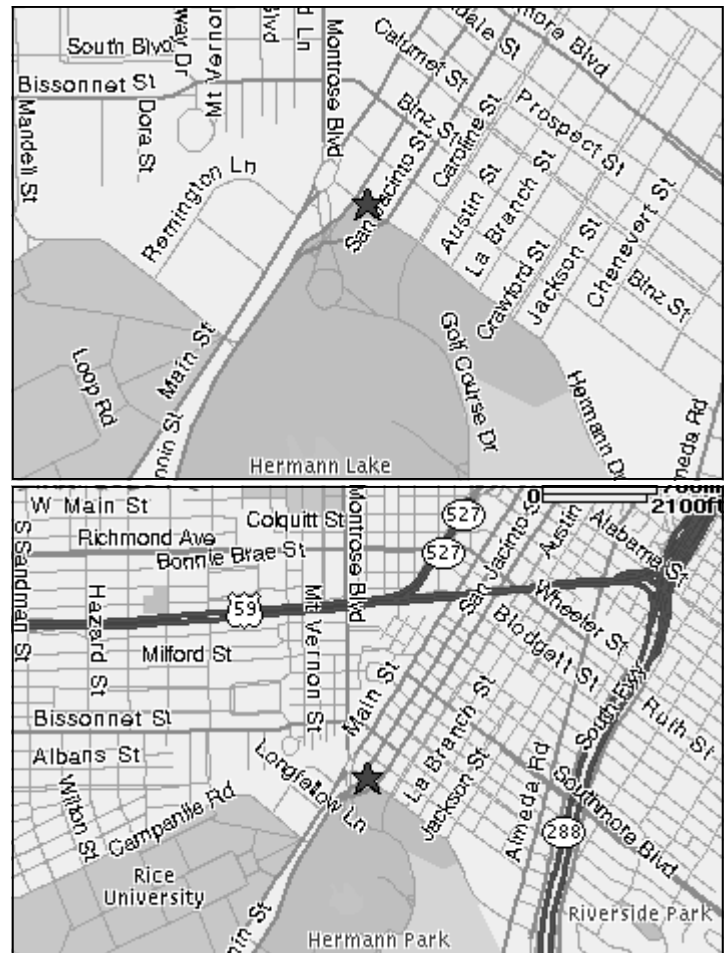
The Society holds regular meetings on the third Tuesday of September, October, November, January, February and April. There are seasonal events and a yearly shell auction scheduled in the other months. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Museum of Natural Science, 5555 Hermann Park Drive.

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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