



**2024 ANNUAL SANIBEL SHELL SHOW
MARCH 8-9, 2024
MARRIOTT SANIBEL HARBOUR RESORT
FORT MYERS, FLORIDA**



Dear Exhibitor,

As always, please read these rules carefully because there have been several changes and additions since last year. We want to ensure that your exhibit qualifies for the class you are entering and meets the size limitations and other requirements. Pay attention to page 1. If you have any questions, please contact the chairperson of the division you are entering.

The show will run for two days; Friday March 8th and Saturday March 9th. The hours of the show are 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

Entry forms are accepted in the order the Artistic and Scientific Exhibit Chairpersons receive them. Their addresses can be found on the entry forms. **The Division Chairpersons reserve the right to limit the number of items per exhibitor if entries exceed the available space.** All entry forms must be received by **February 1, 2024**. Entries in both Divisions will no longer be accepted once the available exhibition space has been exceeded.

Show entries must be brought to the **Marriott Sanibel Harbour Resort, 17260 Harbour Pointe Dr, Fort Myers, FL, on March 6th between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM.**

All exhibits must be removed on Saturday, March 9th between 4:15 PM and **no later than 6:00 PM.**

The judges for the 2024 Annual Sanibel Shell Show Scientific Division are as follows:

Kevan Sunderland and John Slapcinsky

The traditional Judges and Awards Reception will be held at the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum and Aquarium on Thursday, March 7. The doors will open at 6:00 PM. Reservations are required to attend the reception. The reservation form can be found on the last page of this document.

We sincerely thank you for entering your exhibit in the 2024 Annual Sanibel Shell Show and we look forward to your participation. If you have any questions, please contact us at:

Kathy Kenley, 2024 Sanibel Shell Show Scientific Division Chair 609-442-8113 dolphin_gal2000@yahoo.com

Linda Graves Arnold, 2024 Sanibel Shell Show Chair 314-422-2762 shellshow@sanibelshellclub.com
Artistic Division Co-Chair

*Karen Silverstein, President
Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club*

2024 SANIBEL SHELL SHOW - SCIENTIFIC EXHIBITOR PACKET

PLEASE NOTE THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

APPLICATIONS

The deadline for receiving Scientific is **February 1, 2024**.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

To promote the highest quality at the Sanibel Shell Show, all awards, except "People's Choice," will only be given if the Judges determine an entry is deserving of a given award because of quality and content.

An exhibit entered as the sole contender within a given class must fulfill the parameters of a high-quality exhibit, in the Judges opinion, in order to win a First Place award in that class. Likewise, if there are only two exhibits within a class, it does not guarantee a First Place and Second Place winner.

SCIENTIFIC DIVISION

APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED VIA EMAIL OR TRADITIONAL MAIL.

RULE 2. Total exhibit width is limited to **40 feet**. Every effort is made to avoid wrapping exhibits. Note- If the width of the exhibit changes from what is stated on the entry form, the exhibitor is required to notify the Scientific Chair no later than two weeks prior to the shell show. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of the exhibit.

BEST OF THE BLUES: Limited to any exhibit that has previously won a Blue Ribbon at any past Sanibel Shell Show. This exhibit cannot have won a major award at any shell show. These exhibits are eligible for the du Pont Trophy and the Conchologists of America Award.

SANIBEL PLATINUM AWARD: Limited to exhibits that have previously won any major award, such as du Pont, C.O.A., Smithsonian or American Museum of Natural History Award, Masters, Superstar, Mote Gold, or Clench at any shell show.

VERY IMPORTANT: It is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify the Scientific Chair if the exhibit wins a major award elsewhere after the entry form is submitted.

2024 SANIBEL SHELL SHOW RULES

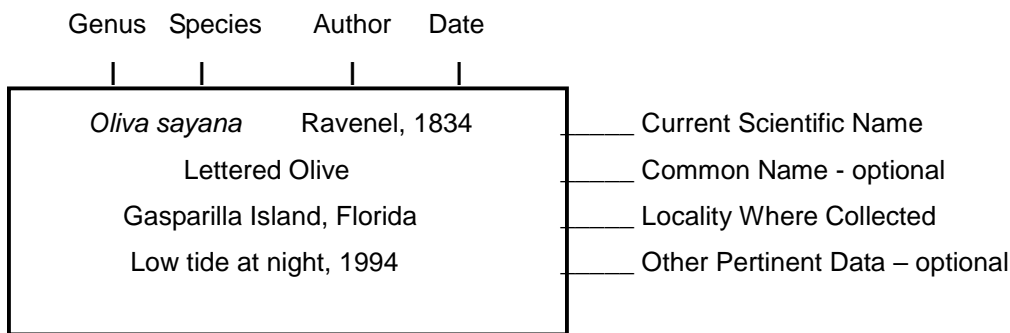
GENERAL SHOW RULES – Applicable to both Scientific and Artistic Division Exhibits

Exhibitor may enter more than one class, but no more than one entry per class.

1. Entry applications are accepted on a space-available basis. They will be accepted in the order in which they are received. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to select the appropriate entry class. Entry class may not be changed after the Application Due Date except with approval of the Division Chairperson.
2. The contents of each exhibit must be the property of the exhibitor – no borrowed specimens or art pieces. When an exhibit is a collaboration, the names of all exhibitors must appear on the entry form.
3. As judging is anonymous, the exhibitor's name or photos of themselves must not be visible on any exhibit until after judging is completed. This is especially pertinent to the artist's name or initials on individual artistic exhibit items.
4. Exhibitors shall check in and set up exhibits at the **Marriott Sanibel Harbour Resort, 17260 Harbour Pointe Drive, Fort Myers 33908 only between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 6, 2024**. Each exhibitor is responsible for obtaining his/her own help for carrying in his/her exhibit(s). Exhibitors must move their vehicle to the parking lot after unloading. Diagrams for where to park will be distributed prior to the show. Immediately after setting up exhibits, exhibitors **must exit** the display room unless he/she is working with a Chairperson of the Shell Show. If an exhibitor cannot check in until after 4:00 PM, the exhibitor must make special arrangements with the Division Chairperson to check in later.
5. Arrangement and exact placement of exhibits will be determined by Shell Show officials and not by exhibitors. Accordingly, no exhibitor shall move or otherwise handle another's exhibit. **Exhibitors may not handle their own exhibits while the show is open to the public without permission from the Shell Show Chairperson.**
6. During the show, no exhibit or portion thereof may be removed. **Anyone removing an exhibit prior to the show closing will be excluded from exhibiting in future shell shows.**
7. Exhibitors must remove all exhibits **between the hours of 4:15 PM and 6:00 PM on Saturday, March 9th**. Please note the 4:15 PM time. We allow 15 minutes to clear the public and exhibitors for an orderly takedown. **Exhibitors must inform Shell Show officials if someone other than the exhibitor is removing their exhibit. Shell Show officials will remove exhibits not removed by 6:00 PM. Exhibitor will then be responsible for retrieval of his/her exhibit.** Exhibitor is responsible for obtaining his/her own help with carrying out his/her exhibit(s).
8. Evaluation of the merits of exhibits and the distribution of awards is solely the responsibility of the judges, whose decisions will be final. Awards in each class will be given only to the extent that the judges determine exhibits are of sufficient merit.
10. Noncompetitive exhibits may be entered in the show with permission of and at the **sole discretion of the Division Chairperson**. They will be allowed only on a space-available basis with priority always given to competitive exhibits.
11. **Suggestions or complaints concerning the show must be directed to the Shell Show Chairperson only. Any unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of any exhibitor will be discussed at the next meeting of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club Board of Directors and appropriate action will be taken, including possible expulsion from future shows for a minimum of one year or perhaps longer.**
12. **DISCLAIMER POLICY:** Exhibitor agrees and recognizes the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club and the Marriott Sanibel Harbour Resort shall not, under any circumstances, be responsible for damage to or loss of the exhibitor's or vendor's property. This includes but is not limited to exhibits, items for sale, and personal property of the exhibitor or his/her staff or guests. It includes losses of every nature including but not limited to damage, destruction, and theft. Exhibitor acknowledges having been advised to obtain insurance to cover such potential losses.
13. Unsigned entry forms will not be processed.

SCIENTIFIC DIVISION RULES – Applicable to Scientific Division Exhibits only.

1. All scientific exhibit tables are 2 feet 6 inches (30 inches) deep, front to back.
2. Total exhibit width is limited to **40 feet**. Every effort is made to avoid wrapping exhibits. **Note- If the width of the exhibit changes** from what is stated on the entry form, the exhibitor is required to notify the Scientific Chair no later than two weeks prior to the shell show. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of the exhibit.
3. If an exhibit includes an upright poster or panel, its height from tabletop shall not exceed 36 inches, including stands or supports, and its back shall be plain and finished, preferably in a dark color, so as not to detract from exhibits on the other side of the back-to-back tables.
4. **The entire exhibit must be in enclosed cases except for the backboards.** These cases may or may not have the ability to be locked during show. They should be unlocked for judging so that judges can remove and examine individual specimens, as they deem necessary. If the exhibitor chooses to keep the exhibit cases locked during judging, he/she recognizes that his/her exhibit may receive a lesser award if judges wanted, but were unable, to remove specimens for examination. A single specimen within an exhibit in any class that is too large to be in an enclosed case may be entered with approval of the Scientific Chairperson.
5. Specimens must not be sprayed or coated with acrylic, lacquer or other artificial glazes.
6. An exhibit that received a First Place Award at a previous Sanibel Shell Show is ineligible as a competitive exhibit in the same category unless the exhibit has been changed more than fifty percent.
7. “Self-collected” means personally collected from the species’ natural habitat; personally retrieved on a boat from a trap, net or dredge; or personally retrieved on shore from beach drift or scallop dump. “Self-collected” does not include loaned, gifted, purchased or traded specimens. “Self-collected” specimens may be designated by a red star or dot on the label if they are not in a self-collected exhibit class.
8. All specimens must be labeled with full scientific name (genus, species or subspecies, author, date) and locality where collected. A diagrammatic chart, like the sample below may be used for labeling.



- (a) Genus & Species: The Latin or Latinized names are in italic. The genus name is capitalized. The species name is not capitalized. Leave space between genus and species name as shown above.
- (b) Author & Date: The person who first described and named the species and the year of authorship. When author and date are in parenthesis, it means that the species has been reclassified into a genus different from the one in which the author originally placed it.
- (c) Current scientific shell name: The WoRM website has the currently accepted name of the shell.
Website: <http://www.marinespecies.org>

NOTE: Remember to add a brief description of your exhibit(s) on the entry form in the space provided following the measurements of your exhibit. This is to help us ensure that your exhibit is in the right class.

SCIENTIFIC JUDGING CRITERIA

All Scientific Exhibits at the Sanibel Shell Show will be judged by our Judges, in accordance with the recommended standards for judging, as outlined in the American Conchologist, March 2001 issue. Clear criteria are important for exhibitors, when creating an exhibit, and Judges during the judging process to provide a clear, systematic basis for judging. See criteria below.

SCIENTIFIC / SPECIMENS MULTIPLE SHELLS EXHIBITS

Aesthetics

1. Attractiveness
2. Neatness

Specimen

1. Choice of Specimen
2. Completeness

Labels and Text

1. Correct spelling
2. Correct punctuation

Educational Value

1. Clarity
2. Scientific Accuracy
3. Interest / Originality

SCIENTIFIC / SPECIMEN SINGLE SHELL EXHIBITS

Specimen

1. Quality and rarity

Label

1. Correct information

Display

1. Attractiveness and neatness

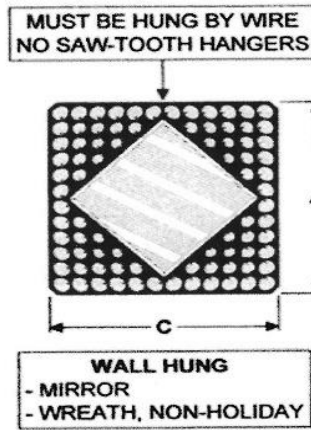
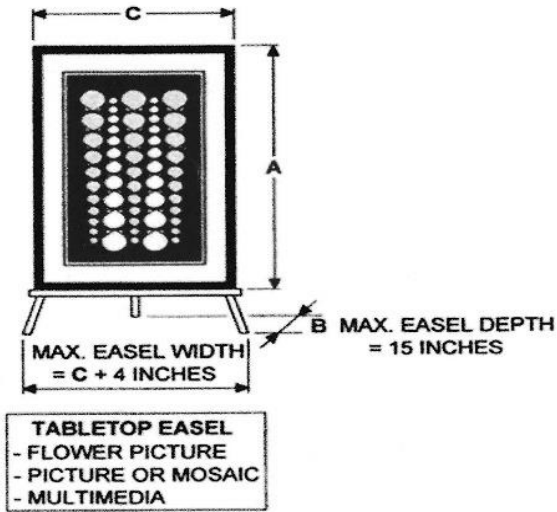
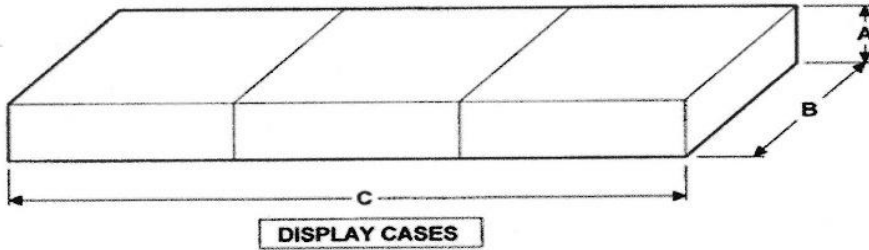
INFORMATION ABOUT HOW TO CREATE A SHELL SHOW EXHIBIT:

If you have never created an exhibit for a shell show before or would like a refresher, check out this informative presentation with ideas about different ways to make a presentation. This is courtesy of John Timmerman of the North Carolina Shell Club and can be found at the following link.

<https://www.ncshellclub.com/Shell%20Exhibit%20JT1.htm>

EXHIBIT DIMENSIONS

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**EXHIBIT CLASSES – SCIENTIFIC DIVISION
2024 SANIBEL SHELL SHOW**

STUDENT CLASSES

1. GRADES K-6. Shells and/or sea life. Multiple or single shell. Worldwide. Any source
2. GRADES 7-12. Shells and/or sea life. Multiple or single shell. Worldwide. Any source

SINGLE SHELL CLASSES – One specimen only

3. SANIBEL-CAPTIVA – Self-collected
4. FLORIDA-CARIBBEAN – Self-collected
5. FLORIDA-CARIBBEAN – Any source
6. WORLDWIDE – Self-collected
7. WORLDWIDE – Any source
8. UNUSUAL VARIANTS (Albino, freak, etc.) – Any source
9. FOSSIL (Shells and/or other Sea Life) – Any source
10. SEA LIFE - **OTHER THAN SHELLS** – Coral, echinoderm, etc. – Any source

MULTIPLE SHELL CLASSES – Two or More Specimens

11. SANIBEL-CAPTIVA – Self-collected
12. FLORIDA-CARIBBEAN – Self-collected
13. FLORIDA-CARIBBEAN – Any source
14. WORLDWIDE – Self-Collected
15. WORLDWIDE – Any source
16. ONE SUPERFAMILY or FAMILY or SUBFAMILY – Any source
17. ONE GENUS – Any source
18. ONE SPECIES to show COLOR, FORM and/or GROWTH – Self-collected
19. ONE SPECIES to show COLOR, FORM and/or GROWTH – Any source
20. EDUCATIONAL. Shells intended primarily to teach. Any source
21. LAND or FRESH WATER SHELLS – Any source
22. UNUSUAL VARIANTS (Albino, freak, etc.) – Any source
23. FOSSILS (Shells and/or other Sea Life)– Any source
24. SEA LIFE - **OTHER THAN SHELLS** – Coral, echinoderm, etc. – Any source
25. SPECIAL – An exhibit that does not fit into any of the above classes
26. MINIATURES – Adult shells only, maximum size 1 inch. May be a general, regional, or specialized collection.
27. BEGINNING SCIENTIFIC EXHIBITOR: Any person over the age of 18 who has not exhibited in a recognized shell show prior to the current Shell Show season. This category applies to the first year of exhibiting only.
28. ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS - The objective of this class is to bring attention to how mollusks are impacted by issues including, but not limited to: pollution, ocean acidification, collecting practices pertaining to sustainability, climate change, and habitat destruction. Any source.
Examples:
 - a. How invasive Apple snails devastate the native populations and how they affect the wetlands and marshes they live in
 - b. The effect warmer waters have on mollusks
 - c. The impact of microplastics on mollusks and marine life

SINGLE SHELL OR MULTIPLE SHELL CLASSES

29. BEST OF THE BLUES. Limited to any exhibit that has previously won a Blue Ribbon at any past Sanibel Shell Show and has not won a major award at any shell show. These exhibits are eligible for the du Pont Trophy and the Conchologists of America Award.
30. SANIBEL PLATINUM AWARD. Limited to exhibits that have previously won any major award, such as du Pont, C.O.A., Smithsonian or American Museum of Natural History Award, Masters, Superstar, Mote Gold, or Clench at any shell show. Exhibits in this class are not eligible for any additional award except “Shell of the Show” and the “People’s Choice Award.”

**SCIENTIFIC DIVISION SPECIAL AWARDS
2024 SANIBEL SHELL SHOW**

DU PONT TROPHY

This annual award is a plaque presented by the Delaware Museum of Natural History to the most outstanding exhibit of mollusks judged as contributing most to the success of the show and is most instructive and inspiring to visitors because of attractiveness, educational value and scientific accuracy. It may be given only to a blue-ribbon winning exhibit that has not been awarded another major award in the present show. The purpose of this award is to advance the cause of amateur Malacology by encouraging the entry of exhibits that will stimulate public interest and increase appreciation of the hobby and the scientific study of mollusks. It may be from Classes 1 – 28.

CONCHOLOGISTS OF AMERICA AWARD

This award consists of a plaque and a pin presented by the Conchologists of America to the scientific exhibit that shows overall excellence and best furthers interest in shells and shell collecting. It may be given only to a blue-ribbon winning exhibit that has not been awarded another major award in the present show. It may be from Classes 1 - 28.

BEST SANIBEL-CAPTIVA SHELLS -- SELF-COLLECTED

Best Sanibel-Captiva Shells in any class.

BEST FLORIDA-CARIBBEAN SHELLS – ANY SOURCE

Best Florida-Caribbean Shells, any source, in Classes 12 and 13.

BEST WORLDWIDE SHELLS – ANY SOURCE

Best Worldwide Exhibit, any source, in Classes 14 and 15.

BEST FOSSILS EXHIBIT – MULTIPLE SHELLS – ANY SOURCE

Best Exhibit in Class 23.

MARILYN NORTHROP AWARD: SHELL OF SHOW -- SELF-COLLECTED

The exhibit that, in the opinion of the Judges, is the best Self-collected Single Shell included in any exhibit. It is awarded for rarity and the condition of the specimen.

EUGENE AND EVELYN SPENCER AWARD

Best Single South Pacific Shell in any exhibit.

SHELL OF SHOW: ANY SOURCE

The exhibit that, in the opinion of the Judges, represents the best single shell from any source in any exhibit. It is awarded for rarity and the condition of the specimen.

SHELL OF SHOW: FOSSIL

The exhibit that, in the opinion of the Judges, represents the best single shell fossil included in any exhibit.

ELSIE MALONE AWARD

Best Young Scientist Exhibit in Classes 1 and 2.

ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS AWARD

Best exhibit in Class 28.

SANIBEL PLATINUM AWARD

Presented to the best Entry in Class 30. It is limited to exhibits that have previously won any broad-category major award, such as the Masters, du Pont, C.O.A., Bosch, Mote, Clench, Masters Award, or other similar major award at any shell show. Entries for the Platinum Award compete only for this one award in the show with the exception of the People's Choice Award.

PEOPLES' CHOICE AWARD – SCIENTIFIC

Presented to the Scientific exhibit voted most outstanding by the public.

BEST OF THE BLUES

This award is presented to the best Entry in Class 29. This is limited to any exhibit that has previously won a Blue Ribbon at any past Sanibel Shell Show and has not won a major award at any shell show. These exhibits are eligible for the du Pont Trophy and the Conchologists of America Award.

JUDGE'S SPECIAL RIBBONS

One award by each Scientific Judge to any Scientific Division exhibit.

JUDGES' MERIT RIBBON

Awarded to a non-blue-ribbon scientific exhibit that both Judges agree was noteworthy of recognition.

**SCIENTIFIC DIVISION ENTRY FORM
2024 SANIBEL SHELL SHOW**

Please print and fill out completely

NAME: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

WINTER SEASON ADDRESS (IF ANY) _____

PRIMARY PHONE NUMBER: _____ **ALTERNATE NUMBER** _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

If you are age 17 or under, please indicate your age and grade: _____

LEAVE BLANK	CLASS NUMBER	NO. OF CASES	OVERALL EXHIBIT SIZE			DESCRIPTION OF EXHIBIT (with shell names) & MAJOR AWARDS WON FROM OTHER SHELL SHOWS, IF ANY
			(A) Including Backboard	(B)	(C)	

If entering Class 30 indicate below the award (du Pont, COA, Smithsonian, etc.) that qualifies your exhibit for entry, and the name of the show and year in which the award was conferred. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to notify the Scientific Chair if the exhibit wins a major award after the entry form is submitted.

AWARD: _____ **SHOW:** _____ **YEAR:** _____

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Is someone other than you bringing in or taking out your entry? ___ Who? _____

SIGNED: _____ **DATE:** _____

Would you commit to a 2-hour shift to help at the show? YES:___ NO:___

Is this your first time exhibiting at the Sanibel Shell Show? YES:___ NO:___

Are you willing to donate an exhibit to the Club for fundraising purposes? YES:___ NO:___

If so, please reach out to the Scientific Chair with a photo and description of the item. It can be an item that has been exhibited before or not at all. Thank you for your consideration!

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR COMPLETED ENTRY FORM TO KATHY KENLEY, SCIENTIFIC CHAIR

ENTRIES CAN BE MAILED TO: KATHY KENLEY 217 Tiel Ave North Ft. Myers, FL 33903
ENTRIES CAN BE EMAILED TO: DOLPHIN_GAL2000@YAHOO.COM For questions: 609-442-8113

ENTRY FORM MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2024



You are cordially invited to join the judges, members of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club and the Shell Show Committee at the

**2024 Annual Sanibel Shell Show
Judges and Awards Reception**

Thursday, March 7th, 2024

at the

Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum and Aquarium

3075 Sanibel-Captiva Road, Sanibel Island

- 6:00 p.m. *Social time*
- 6:30 p.m. *Heavy Hors d'oeuvres*
- 7:15 p.m. *Introduction of Judges*
- 7:30 p.m. *Winners announced followed by a Sneak Preview of the Shell Show at the Marriott Sanibel Harbour Resort open only to those who attend the reception*

\$35 per person

Seating is limited. Make your reservation early.

No reservations accepted after maximum number of reservations is reached or after February 20th.

Yes, I would love to join the festivities.

Names of people attending _____

Contact phone or email _____

Check enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club.

Mail to: Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club, P.O. Box 355, Sanibel, FL 33957

