1966 SHELL FAIR REVISITED

For one reason and another (mostly a lack of space) we were not really able to do the Sanibel Shell Fair justice when it occurred, so we figured that the summer time was a good time to look it over again—and since this is the Fourth of July weekend, we figured our visitors would also be interested in reading about something they may never have been able to see.

CRAWFORD N. CATE won the "Shell of the Show" (world-wide) for an erosania guttata, a shell which was first reported in 1791, although only about eight specimens have been found since then. This particular winning shell is the only one known to have been found alive and comes from the Ifalak atoll in the Caroline Islands.

A traveling priest ministers to the sick inhabitants of the atoll, performs death and marriage ceremonies as well as the regular religious ones and is paid with shells of the mollusks they eat. Since shells bring the best prices in an inland town, the padre sells them by the bag-lull in the inland towns and somehow or other, this shell found its way to California, where Mr. Cate traded a set of rare books for it. Neither of the judges, Dr. WILLIAM CLENCH and Dr. DONALD MOORE, had ever seen this shell before, outside of pictures in books, Mr. Cate also won a first prize with a display of cypraea.

DONALD REESE won "Sanibel Shell of the Show" with a tellina magna found on upper Captiva alive—which he found the same day he and GLADYS found a live golden olive. They only collected six weeks before working up their first exhibit in last year's show, and were helped by MAUDE and HARVEY MEYER, who encouraged them to read, contd on page 3

The live shell exhibit of the 1966 Shell Fair was, as always, a great attraction. This year, it was even more interesting than usual, since two Florida cones started laying eggs. It was the first time this process had been observed on the Islands and no one knew what the egg cases looked like. A National Geographic photographer, Otis Imboden, arrived just in time to be in on the excitement.

The live exhibit, which had been set up by Jerry Way, Micky Powell, contd on page 3
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Here we are on a sub-tropical Island—with natural foods around us. Euell Gibbons' book, "Stalking the Blue Eyed Scallop," tells us what to look for on our beaches.

This book includes drawings to aid the fast-reading text in identifying everything from crabs, clams, mussels to beach plants that may be used for salads and desserts and the edible sea weed usable for relishes and in aspic.

There is also information about inshore fish that can be caught in tide-pools or from docks. You'll find recipes for using these foods from the sea.

Mr. Gibbons considers them genuine gifts from the sea because of their high natural mineral and vitamin content.

Come in any Tuesday or Saturday morning, 10 - 12 o'clock, and borrow this or one of the many other books available to you at the Sanibel Public Library.
to make their own identifications and to use Latin names from the start.

It is interesting to note that the Academy Award presentation was
brought to the Shell Fair by Mrs. Meyer's efforts. She had approached
the Academy and asked the requirements for the Shell Fair to qualify
for the trophy and was told the only specification was that the show
must be judged by professionals, and the quality of the work must be
worth of them. The trophy was first offered at the Shell Fair in 1963,
Mrs. Meyer, who is president of the Sanibel-Captiva Shell Club,
said that the club tries to encourage research, accuracy of data, will-
ingness to work, the importance of proper labeling with Latin names,
and particularly tries to urge Islanders (who have the best shell.
beaches in the country) to boost local shells.

Our eight blue ribbons in the adult entries, six were won by Shell
Club members. As president of the Club, Mrs. Meyer remarked
that while Islanders must WORK to get prizes (especially if they complain
when the bulk of them go to off-islanders), the objective should not be
prizes, but to show what can be found on the Island.

LOSE YOUR TACKLE BOX?
Mark McClintick of Trade-winds on Sanibel island said he
found a tackle box at the lighthouse fishing pier Thursday a
week ago. The car which evidently left it had a local tag,
but he was unable to get the number and didn’t recognize the
car. If it is yours, please call
him at GR 2-2321, describe it
to him, and if the descriptions
match, come pick it up!

PLEASURE OF HIS COMPANY
Everyone should enjoy "The Pleasure of His Company" at
the Pirate Playhouse on Sanibel Island this weekend, especially
since the theater is wonderfully air-conditioned.

Curtain time for this com-
yedy, which enjoyed a respect-
able Broadway run and was later
made into a film, is 8:15. It’s a
good idea to make reserva-
tions at the box office (GR 2-
2343) for your tickets, as many
have already been sold for the
two performances on Saturday
and Sunday.

Directed by Philip Hunter, the
cast includes Robin Hunter, Fred Raetch, Arthur Gollf, Ruth Hunter, Robert Dorman and Scotti Gaie,
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CAPTIVA LIBRARY
FOOTNOTES

The Captiva Library has many of the books listed in the American Library Association Notable Books Council as outstanding publications of 1965. They are:


These are all available for borrowing. The library is open in the Community Center every Friday from 10 a.m. until noon.

BOOKSHOP BROWSING

"In a free country there is much clamor, with little suffering; in a despotic state there is little complaint, with much grievance." - Carnot.

"Old men are fond of giving good advice, to console themselves for being no longer in a position to give bad examples." - Jean Rochefoucauld.

"Man has three ways of acting wisely. Firstly on MEDITATION, this is the noblest; Secondly, on IMITATION, this is the bitterest; Thirdly, on EXPERIENCE, this is the bitterest..." - Confucius.

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RENTAL:
One bedroom furnished Bayfront lot on Woodring Point was sold by The Rocks, Inc., to Mr. and Mrs. HANS KRANE, of Los Angeles, California, to Miss MARIAN J. VELING of Upper Saddle River, New Jersey. A lot in The Rocks Subdivision was sold by The Rocks, Inc., to our own CHARLES and JEAN LeBlond, at a large bay front lot on Woodring Point was sold by The Catholic Mission of Egypt to A. SCOTT HAMILTON, JR., and Dr. ROY B. CONNORS, of Louisville, Kentucky. Also on Sanibel the V.J. HUTCHINSONS of Tampa, sold their duplex to Mr. and Mrs. W.B. DISTEL of Cincinnati, Ohio.

PRISCILLA MURPHY'S active office reports four more sales this week. On Captiva, a lot was sold by Mr. and Mrs. HANS KRANE of Los Angeles, California, to Miss MARIA J. VELING of Upper Saddle River, New Jersey, A lot in The Rocks Subdivision was sold by The Rocks, Inc., to our own CHARLES and JEAN LeBlond, at a large bay front lot on Woodring Point was sold by The Catholic Mission of Egypt to A. SCOTT HAMILTON, JR., and Dr. ROY B. CONNORS, of Louisville, Kentucky. Also on Sanibel the V.J. HUTCHINSONS of Tampa, sold their duplex to Mr. and Mrs. W.B. DISTEL of Cincinnati, Ohio.

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**THE MAGIC SHOW**
by ethel anyder

On the morning of May 26 the Sanibel Elementary School had quite a treat. For the second time David S. Williams and his attractive wife Gayle from Duluth, Minnesota, put on a magic show.

All the children and teachers gathered at ten o'clock in the main room at the Sanibel Elementary School. All were filled with expectancy for they had attended a similar show the year before. For forty minutes the pupils and teachers, the principal and myself, were thrilled and entertained by the professional magicians' tricks.

Some of the children assisted in cutting of strings and helped with the bright colored balls, scarves and many other items. They were amazed with the series of magic perfectly executed and the time flew by! The enthusiasm and pleasure well repaid the Williams.

Mr. Williams put on a series of demonstrations on liquid air in the schools throughout high school all over the country. He has made these demonstrations in about two states and carries considerable equipment with him. Only two men in the entire country are devoting their entire time to this subject. Mr. Williams told us a fact which was most surprising and interesting to us. He said that the earth's atmosphere has a high and low level of which water has no course for it is not obvious. He suggested a book up in the Encyclopedia Brittanica which is all about Liquidation of gases. It is a startling new idea to most of us. We thank the Williams for sharing their knowledge and their magic show with us again this year.

One interesting thing he did was make animals by blowing up balloons of various shapes and colors. His rabbit with long ears, the swans with long necks and the yellow giraffe with a long neck were especially interesting. He said a farmer at one show looked at a giraffe, yellow and with a long neck, and said: "They just aren't too much animal," Mabelle they ain't but the Sanibel Island school children loved them all!

The magic show was a big hit with the children. For forty minutes the time flew by! The enthusiasm and pleasure well repaid the Williams.

Every Thursday, we pop around the Islands delivering the ISLANDER to various motels and shops and normally inveigle a friend to accompany us. (This has led to confusion among many of our motel owners, who raise us about our "fleet of taxis" as frequently we go in their car——especially when it's airconditioned.)

A few months ago we were accompanied by Carolyn Lowry, who is not only a friend but a fellow worker and an inveterate sheller. One of the stops along the way was at Mary Cunningham's on Captiva Island. Naturally, they got into quite a conversation on shells, during which Carolyn happened to mention she had been given a Scotch Bonnet with an operculum.

"Oh, no," Mary said, "it couldn't be, I've never heard of one..."

Well, Carolyn came home, much disillusioned. She said she kept taking her un-Scotch bonnet out of its case and saying to it, "Well, you poor little thing, I don't know WHAT you are, but you certainly do a good job of looking like a Scotch bonnet..."

Then she'd sigh and put the nameless shell back.

The story is a happy one—we walked into Mary's shop on Captiva Island last Thursday and she greeted us. When Carolyn was right, Scotch bonnets (without operculum) and she showed us one to prove it. It was the first she'd ever seen, and she had to see it to believe it. As no other malacologist had ever written about one, which leads one to believe they didn't know about them either.

So everybody's happy—said Carolyn's shell now has a name.
RUTH HUNTER of the Pirate Playhouse said that Mrs. ARTHUR SWANSON deserves the blue ribbon for the best-tied package to be shipped to the Rosary Catholic Mission for Negroes in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

Ruth is collecting clothing for the mission and will pay the postage on any package which is delivered to the theater in a tied box—ready to be shipped—but she said Mrs. Swanson’s contribution was beautifully wrapped and would obviously withstand the journey in marvelous shape!

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