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## 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 Carolina 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-full 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,

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The live exhibit, which had been set up by Jerry Way, Micky Powell,

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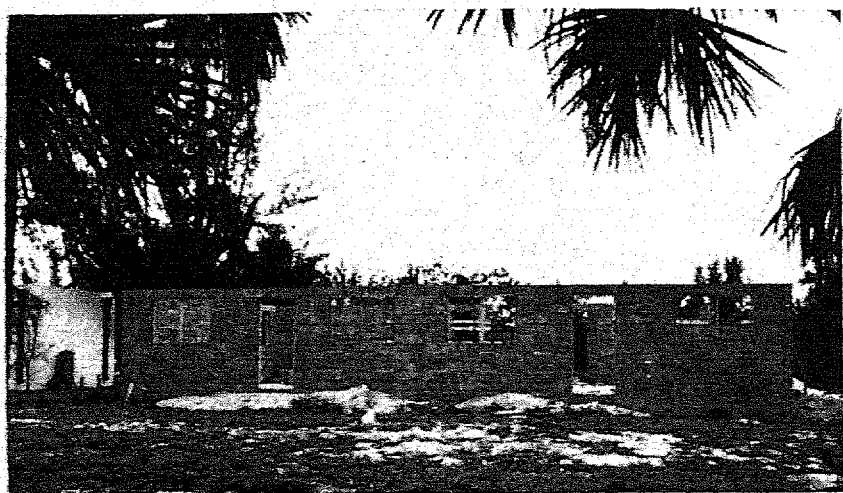


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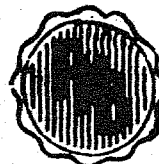
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to make their own identifications and to use Latin names from the start. Donald also won a blue ribbon and the Community Association cup for adult beginner with a Sanibel-Captiva collection. Gladys has a long-range goal for working on an educational exhibit which she doesn't expect to finish for several years. This factor, by the way, is very important in a good shell exhibit---the willingness to WORK to make an outstanding exhibit.

MARY and FLYNN FORD of Fort Lauderdale, who have been consistent winners in various shell shows around the circuit, including our own, won first prize for World Wide shells, any source, with an unusual collection of rare sizes and species.

HARVEY MEYER won first prize and Perpetual Cup for the experienced beginner's collection of Sanibel-Captiva shells. It was picked first for the large number of species included, the unusual number of small shells (as small as 2 cm.), for its documentation and classification of shells and, as Dr. Clench put it, "He went just a little beyond (the usual or expected)." This was his first exhibit.

Mrs. HARVEY (MAUDE) MEYER, who is president of the Shell Club, won the blue ribbon and the Academy Trophy with her study of the pen shell so common on Sanibel beaches. In their review of the judging later, Dr. Moore and Dr. Clench declared it one of the finest educational exhibits they had seen, as it not only covers the biology of the pen shell thoroughly, but answers the viewer's questions as they arise.

Interesting facts gleaned from her exhibit: The Golden Fleece, for which Jason searched so long, was not a mammal's coat, as he probably thought, but most likely was the anchor, or byssus, of the giant pen nobilis pinnidae, then found in the east Mediterranean. A number of black pearls occasionally found in pen shells were included in the exhibit---one of her finds was the remarkable number of 33 in one shell. The pen adductor, also part of her display, is delicious chilled, sliced and eaten with a dip as an appetizer.

JO and JIM PICKENS won first prize in self-collected, world wide, with a collection they gathered during a six-week trip to Europe in 1958 and during a Mexican trip in 1965.

HELEN WOODRING of Wilmington, Delaware, who won a first on her "Alice in Wonderland and Cheshire Cat" shell picture three years ago (which is now on display at Doti's shop on Sanibel), won another first in the picture division this year.

Mrs. ROBERT CHAPMAN, who has her own TV and radio show in her home town, Knoxville, Tennessee, won first with a cocktail table of shells imbedded in a special epoxy resin.

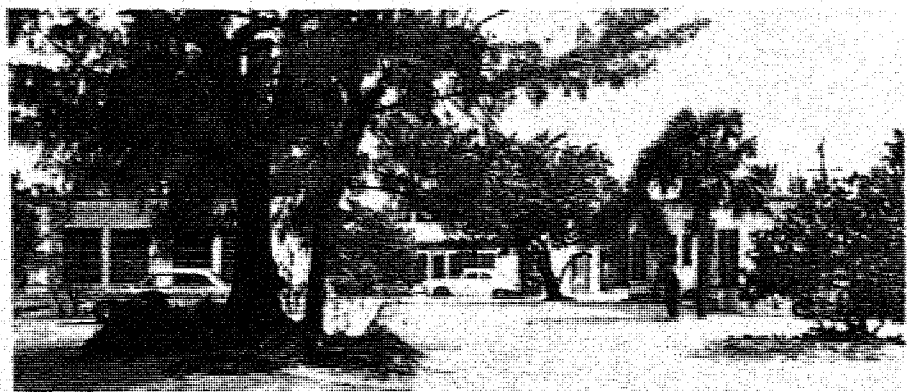
Mrs. CHETWOOD ELLIOTT of Chestertown, Md., who was staying on Captiva Island, won a first with her interesting display of reproductions in shells of antique candlesticks.

KAREN FORD, a poised young lady of 10 from Sarasota, handled the arrangements for entering her exhibit like an old hand, and impressed the judges with her neatness and thorough identification.

Mrs. ETHEL REYNOLDS won a first prize for her fine collection of miniatures, Mrs. GRADY McGEE won a first with a picture and table arrangement, and Mrs. MARY NIX won a first with her very fine collection of strombus.

## LIVE SHELL EXHIBIT from page 1

Bob Sabatino, Mary Cunningham, Dan Malone, Mr. and Mrs. Southwick Victor, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Guthrie, Tom Nix, Mrs. Ned Brown, Mrs. Jean Stevens, Gordon Tracy, Mrs. A. D. Williamson, Dewey Miller, Mrs. J. P. Glass and Clarence Rutland, contained a wide assortment of sea life and shells---clams, whelks, apple murex, tulips, oysters, alphabet cones, Florida cones, scallops, carditas, worm shells, slipper shells, bumpless wonder, king's crowns, angel wings, queen conchs, hawk-wing conchs, vase shells, catfish, blowfish, crabs, shrimp, sailor's choice, sea urchins, sea anemones, angel fish, pipe fish, trigger fish, toad fish, sea horses, squilla, sand dollars and flounder.



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Dr. William Clench presents the Academy of Natural Science of Philadelphia Award to Mrs. Harvey G. (Maude) Meyer under the approving gaze of Dr. Robert Moore, co-judge of the Shell Fair with Dr. Clench. She won the trophy and a blue ribbon for her study of the pen shell.

Mrs. Meyer was the first Islander ever to win the trophy since the start of the award. (Elsie Malone won it one year, but that was when she was still a resident of Marathon.)

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 worthy 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, willingness to work, the importance of proper labeling with Latin names, and particularly tries to urge Islanders (who have the best shelling beaches in the country) to boost local shells.

Out of 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 Islands.



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Crawford N. Cate and his prize-winning Shell of the Show (world-wide) an erosania guttata.

JOE GREEN of Captiva Island took HERVEY ROBERTS and PHILIP HUNTER out for a day of fishing at Red Fish Pass and got quite a catch, including some good sized trout!

## LOSE YOUR TACKLE BOX?

Mark McClintick of Tradewinds on Sanibel Island said he found a tackle box at the light-house fishing pier Wednesday 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 airconditioned.

Curtain time for this comedy, which enjoyed a respectable Broadway run and was later made into a film, is 8:15. It's a good idea to make reservations at the box office (GR 2-2943) 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 Raetsch, Arthur Orloff, Ruth Hunter, Robert Dormer and Scotti Gale.

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

"The Garden of the Finzi-Continis," by Giorgio Bassani; "Edith Wharton and Henry James, the Story of Their Friendship," Millicent Bell; "Manchild in the Promised Land," Claude Brown; "Dog Years," Gunter Grass; "Stonehenge Decoded," Gerald Hawkins and John B. White; "Journal of a Soul," Pope John XXIII; "Starting Out in the Thirties," Alfred Kazin; "At Play in the Fields of the Lord," Peter Matthiessen; "The Peacemakers," Richard B. Morris; "Thomas," Shelley Mydans; "Report from a Chinese Village," Jan Myrdal; "Everything that Rises Must Converge," Flannery O'Connor; "South African Tragedy; the Life and Times of Jan Jofmeyr," Alan Paton; "The Kimono Mind," Bernard Rudofsky; "A Thousand Days," Arthur M. Schlesinger; "The Lost Revolution," Robert Shaplen; "Kennedy," Theodore C. Sorensen; and "Wandering through Winter," Edwin Way Teale.

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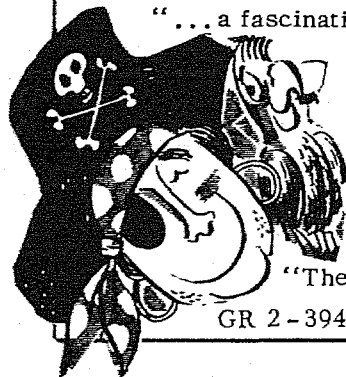
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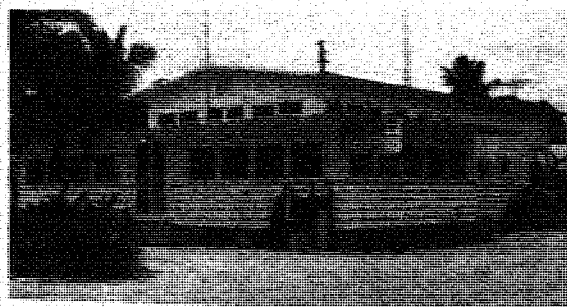
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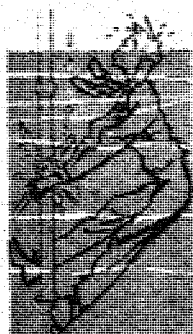
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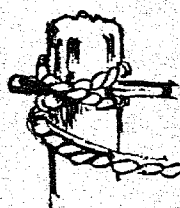




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Operating under the theory that late news is better than no news (especially since our staunch reporter DOROTHY STAFFORD had to leave the Islands for a few weeks because of her daughter's illness) we're hereby printing some items which were too-well filed too long ago.

Fortunately, a shell is a shell no matter when it was found---

so---CAESAR CAMP was reported to have found THREE junonias in one lucky day (on a Sunday in March, if one wishes to be specific.)

Other lucky shellers around the same time were Mr. and Mrs. LOUIS STEVENS of Annapolis, Maryland, staying at Snooks Apartments on Sanibel, found a junonia and a scotch bonnet. Mr. and Mrs. PAUL MORELAND, also at Snooks and also from Annapolis, found a junonia in front of Casa Ybel, and Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES WILLIAMS, ditto Snooks and Annapolis, found a fine purple-

surely a triton, but all believed it was not a "hairy triton." (ed. note: only its hairdresser knows for sure??) Some felt certain it was a cymatium poulsoni, or Poulson's triton (Gulf of Mexico, very rare) and this tentative identification was reinforced with further research.

In nearly the same spot, Mr. and Mrs. J.H. WOOD of Lambeth, Ontario, Canada, found a 3 1/2 inch junonia, and a few days earlier, Mr. and Mrs. H.I. KENNEY of Minneapolis found half a lion's paw.

So, fellows, even if the shelling isn't so hot right now (except in isolated spots) it was pretty good last March!

## THE MAGIC SHOW

by ethel snyder

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 Irene 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 with the bright colored balls, scarves and many other items. They were amazing exhibitions of magic perfectly executed and the time flew by! The enthusiasm and pleasure well repaid the Williams.

Mr. Williams puts on a series of demonstrations on liquid air in elementary schools through high schools all over the country. He has made these demonstrations in all but 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 that the earth's surface of atmosphere has a high and low tide as water has but of course it is not obvious. He suggested we look up in the Encyclopedia Britannica what is told about Liquefaction 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 colours. His rabbits 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 jest ain't no such animal." Mebbe they ain't but the Sanibel Island school children loved them all!



lipped fighting conch on the beach near their cottage.

And for more excitement (same time, same place) ROBERT HILLSON or his wife ESTELLE (both claimed the other was the finder) found a shell in front of Snooks that looked like a hairy triton. No positive identification was made ---it was alive, very hairy and

## The Red Pelican

Sanibel Island, Florida

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LIVE AND LEARN

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 ride 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 or read 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 end of the story is happy ---we walked into Mary's shop on Captiva Island last Thursday and she greeted us with "Carolyn was right, Scotch bonnets DO have operculums," 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---and Carolyn's shell now has a name.

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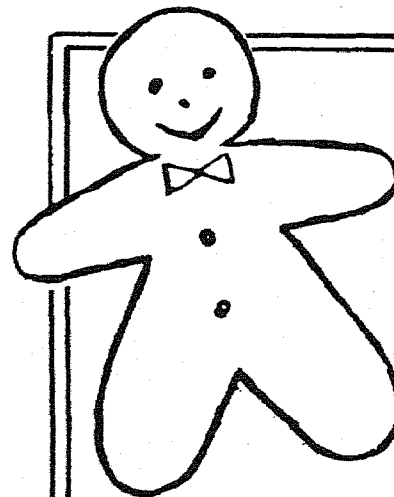
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	2 p.m. readings	
	TEMP	RAIN
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