



# The Epitonium

## President's Message

By Leslie Crnkovic

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the HCS Auction! We will be selling HCS Banquet Tickets at the **Auction on March 19th**.

Tickets will cost \$33.00 per person for the **Banquet** at the **Monument Inn** on **Saturday April 23rd**.



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Menu options on page 5.

See you soon!

## Election of Officers

A short business meeting will be held at the Auction to select next year's officers. The Nominating Committee (Allison McHenry, John Haneiko and Leslie Crnkovic) present the following slate of officers:

Leslie Crnkovic – President, Angela Doucette – Vice President/Programs, Rusti Stover – Recording Secretary, Angie Haneiko – Treasurer, and Jerry Clampit – Corresponding Secretary. Nominations may be made from the floor at the time.

## Another Shell Auction

Please mark your calendars for a trip to San Antonio. On **Saturday, August 6**, the **San Antonio Shell Club** will be hosting an auction. More details will be available in coming months.

## Auction

By Tina Petway

Calling all lovers of nature's beautiful and exotic mollusks! This year the Houston Conchology Society's auction on **March 19th, 2022** will be well worth your time to attend because of the many very special shells available this year. Not only will the "Sale Tables" hold lots of great shells that would normally be found on our Silent Auctions, but the Silent Auctions will feature some shells usually found on our Oral Auctions.

Slit shells such as a very large and beautiful *Perotrochus teremachii* with operculum and great color are available. Also being offered are several pieces of corals. Another fabulous find is a *Spondylus linguefelis* from Hawaii – color purple. There are several Cypraea species to lure you including *Cypraea mappa panthyr*a with gorgeous deep pink bases. There are rare Volutes such as *Voluta roadnightae* and a cream colored *Voluta broderipi* with no markings. Don't forget the beautiful, spiny Murex including 2 color forms of *Chicoreus cornucervi*. **Cont on page 3**



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**CALENDAR**

3/19/22	HCS Auction
4/23/22	HCS Banquet?
5/31-6/4	2022 COA in Galveston
8/6/22	San Antonio Auction
10/14 - 10/16	2022 Texas Jamboree & Shell Show



**FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES**

Submitted by Rusti Stover

The February 20, 2022 meeting of the Houston Conchology Society was called to order by President Leslie Crnkovic at 2:07 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church. A motion was made by Mary Harris and seconded by Angela Doucette to approve the minutes of the last meeting, which was November 21, 2021. The January 2022 meeting had been canceled.

The President opened by mentioning the passing of Dave Barziza in December, and Eric Shepherd, President of the San Antonio Shell Club, and Tom Rice in Thailand.

Leslie then gave the financial report, as Treasurer Angie Haneiko was not present. Rusti Stover then gave a report on club eBay sales of shells for January and February.

Leslie stated that the HCS nominating committee of himself, Allison McHenry and John Haneiko has a slate of officers for the upcoming election, which will be held during the business break at the auction on March 19. The slate: Leslie Crnkovic, President; Angela Doucette, VP & Programs; Angie Haneiko, Treasurer; Rusti Stover, Recording Secretary, and Jerry Clampit, Corresponding Secretary. There were no other nominations from the floor.

Angela Doucette gave a report on upcoming events for the rest of the meeting season. Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> is the Annual Auction and election of officers. The Annual Banquet will be Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Monument Inn. The COA Convention is in Galveston this year, starting May 31<sup>st</sup>, so there is no May meeting. In discussion about the Banquet, Leslie stated the cost per banquet ticket is 33 dollars this year, due to inflation. This is based on at least 20 tickets being sold. There will be an additional 50-dollar charge by the Monument Inn, if there are less than 20 tickets sold, and the club will cover that if necessary. Tickets will be available at the March Auction and also in person at the Banquet. Checks should be made out to HCS.

Wanda Coker gave a short report on the Sarasota Shell Show which she attended, and one of her entries won Shell of the Show. Wanda and Steven Coker also said they plan to attend the Panama City Shell Show coming up soon. Leslie said he is attending and entering the Sanibel Shell Show in the next few weeks.

Wanda and Lucy Clampit gave updates on the COA Convention in Galveston the end of May. Lucy showed one of the Goody Bags for the convention. Wanda also mentioned that

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**Minutes from page 2** registration for the convention is coming due in April, and Moody Gardens Convention Center and Hotel has booked another convention for the same time, so people need to make their hotel reservations as soon as possible. She said as of now, plenty of rooms at the special convention rate are still available. Lucy also added that Moody Gardens is not accepting cash for any transactions, only credit cards. (The Bourse Dealers are separate from that).

Wanda mentioned that registration forms for the Texas Jamboree and Shell Show, October 14, 15 & 16 this year, will be available in the next 5 or 6 weeks. Lucy Clampit said more information about the March 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Auction will be available soon. Lucy also said we need some able-bodied persons to help with set up on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 4 PM. She will also contact the church for this. Lucy said Sandy Clark is providing individually wrapped sandwiches for the auction, and others volunteered to bring water bottles and other wrapped snacks. She will also email out a request list for volunteers to bring prepackaged snacks.

No other old or new business was forthcoming. Sandy Clark made a motion to adjourn, Steven Coker seconded, and the President adjourned the meeting at 2:45 pm.

The scheduled program was postponed due to unforeseen circumstances.

**Auction from page 1** Many lovely home décor pieces will be for sale including a shell lantern made by Mary Harris and several pictures that would look great on your wall.

If you need a small display case for the COA and/or Sea Shell Searchers Shell Show, there will be a few available.

Even the Raffle items are very special. So, bring yourself and friends and be prepared to enjoy a fun-filled day and add to your own collections some great shells.

*(Editor's note: Reminder – HCS can only accept cash or checks. Pictures of some of the items are in this newsletter.)*



# Winners!

HCS congratulates 3 members who have recently entered Florida shell shows and won various awards.

It started with Wanda Coker's entry in the Sarasota Shell Club's Shell Show in February. Her entry was the Cymatiidae family, and she won Shell of the Show for *Halgyrineum louisae* (Lewis, 1974). It is the rarest shell in the Cymatiidae family. Her shell was found in New Caledonia, but the species was originally discovered in Hawaii. Congratulations, Wanda!

Members Leslie Crnkovic and Angie Marsland both won awards at the very competitive Sanibel Shell Show in early March.



*Halgyrineum louisae* (Lewis, 1974)  
Norfolk Ridge, New Caledonia  
dredged at 400 meters



Leslie won first place in the World-Wide, Self-Collected category. His entry was "Mitters of the Caribbean and Adjacent Waters." In his words, "It is a collection of 15 Miter species from Honduras, Florida and off Texas. The Texas shells kept it out of the 'Florida-Caribbean' category. Mitters were once one happy family, ...but there has been a division into the Super-family Mitroidea and Turbinelloidea. So, about half the exhibit was in each of these Superfamilies." Congrats, Leslie!

Angie continued the winning with 3 entries in the show. In the Collectibles Category she won second place for a Victorian Sailor's Valentine. She received third place for a *Sthenorytus pernobilis* in the Single Shell from Florida/Caribbean Region (Any Source) category.

Angie also won second place for her entry about "Art Imating Life and Life Imating Art." She wrote an article about it, "Angie's Shell Painting: Life Imitating Art", for the November issue of the *Epitonium*. You can reread it here: <https://www.houstonshellclub.com/Epitoniums/2021-11.pdf>. Way to go Angie!



*(Editor's notes: Photos provided by winners. Check out the fabulous Sailor's Valentines from the Sanibel show that are posted on the HCS Facebook page.)*



## Banquet

The annual Banquet will be held at the Monument Inn at noon on **Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup>**. The cost is \$33 per person. That includes the tip and tax. Tickets will be available at the Auction or the restaurant. The food choices are below:

### LYNCHBURG BANQUET DINNER OPTIONS

(Guests select one of the following entrees)

- \* Fisherman's Platter, Fried: Catfish, Shrimp, Stuffed Shrimp Stuffed Crab, Fried Oysters
- \* Angus Ribeye Steak, Grilled 10 oz.
- \* Broiled Tilapia with Pontchartrain Sauce
- \* Chicken Breast with Sauteed Onions, Mushrooms with a Red Wine Sauce

All entrees served with:

- \* Tossed Green Salad
- \* Baked Potato
- \* Homemade Cinnamon and Yeast Rolls
- \* Iced Tea and Hot Coffee

The food is good, and you will probably have enough left over for another meal.

## Galveston COA 2022 (May 31-June 4)

Dave Green has stepped down as convention chair, and Wanda Coker is replacing him. He is doing well. The chemo is killing the cancer, but in the best interest of his health, he decided to turn the reins over to Wanda who will do a great job.

If you are planning to stay at the Moody Gardens Hotel, and have not made a reservation yet, please do so soon. The hotel number is: 409-744-4673. Tell them that you want the COA 2022 discounted rate.

If you have not registered for the convention yet, the registration form, along with other convention forms, are available at: <https://conchologistsofamerica.org/conventions/>. Don't forget to sign up for the \$56 Moody Gardens Attractions Pass. For those who might have difficulty walking to the attractions, the hotel provides transportation. And, don't forget to enter the Mini-Shell Show and/or the Texas Parade of Snails.

Since we will be celebrating COA's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, a few programs will be centered around the history of the organization and members. Our own Tina Petway will be speaking, along with Jose Leal from the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum, and Paul Callomon from the Academy of Natural Sciences in Philadelphia. Greg Whittaker with Moody Gardens Coral Research & Development Project will also be speaking.

Come join the fun!



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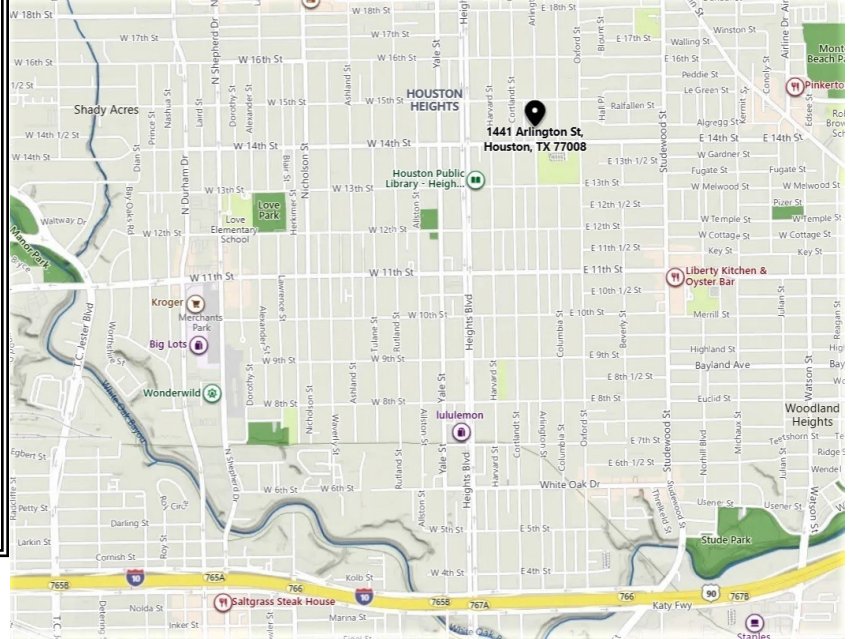
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The Society holds regular meetings on the third Tuesday of September, October, November, January, February and April. There are seasonal events and a yearly shell auction scheduled in the other months.

**VISITORS WELCOME!!!**

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