



# The Epitonium

## Jamboree/Shell Show

Are you ready for some shell fun?! The Texas Sheller's Jamboree and Sea Shell Searchers Shell Show will be October 14-16 in the Ballroom of the Civic Center in Lake Jackson, TX. If you haven't already done so, it's not too late to register for the Jamboree. You can find the form at: [www.houstonshellclub.com](http://www.houstonshellclub.com).

There will be lots of opportunities for you to acquire shells, coral, books, and home décor items through silent auctions, the oral auction, vendors, the raffle, and door prizes. All major shell families will be well represented. There is an oral auction list and pictures of some of the items in this newsletter. If you can't come for the entire weekend, come to the Oral Auction and Shell Show on Sunday. It's free, and there will be lots of amazing shells. We hope you can join our shell celebration, enjoy some interesting programs, visit with old friends, make new friends, and, of course, eat.

## President's Message,

Hello HCS Members,

It was good to see you all at the September HCS meeting kicking off the season.

We are just a few days away from the Texas Sheller's Jamboree, ...it is not too late to register!

Hope to see you all there.

Leslie

## HCS Grant Recipient

The newsletter editor recently received an email from Marc Hanke, PhD, who is an Instructional Associate Professor in the Honors College at the University of Houston. He thanked us for a grant that we awarded a student a few years ago:

"Before Covid, I had a student, Rachel Sanchez, receive a grant from the society. I am writing to express my appreciation and gratitude. That small amount of funding facilitated a huge difference in her professional trajectory and how students present their work. I have attached the two papers that she is a co-author on."

The two papers are: "Can Relic Shells Be an Effective Settlement Substrate for Oyster Reef Restoration?" and "Localized Placement of Breakwater Reefs Influences Oyster Populations and Their Resilience after Hurricane Harvey."

The papers are too long to include in the newsletter, so they are in the Scientific Publications section on the Publications page of the HCS website: <https://houstonshellclub.com/publications.htm>.

## eBay

At the September meeting, Rusti Stover was given some two more Junonias and a Scaphella dubia kieneri for eBay sales. The three shells sold for over \$500! Thank you, Rusti. Your sales have kept the club afloat for the last couple of years.

**President:**  
Leslie Crnkovic

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**Recording Secretary:**  
Rusti Stover

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Jerry Clampit

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[www.houstonshellclub.com](http://www.houstonshellclub.com)

September minutes will be published in the November newsletter

## Hurricane Ian

The editor is pleased to report that our members who live in Florida suffered little hurricane damage other than the loss of electrical power for several days. They are all still planning to attend the Jamboree.

Unfortunately, the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum on Sanibel Island had significant flooding and structural damage. Fortunately, some of the marine life in the Living Gallery aquarium did survive.

At this time, our Sanibel friends are just beginning to return to the island to check on the damage to their homes and businesses. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

## CALENDAR

10/14/22	Jamboree-Shellshow
11/13/22	HCS Meeting
12/11/22	HCS Christmas Party
1/15/22	HCS Meeting
2/19/22	HCS Meeting
3/19/22	HCS Meeting
4/16/22	HCS Meeting
5/20/22	HCS Banquet
5/31/22	COA Convention

## Flower Garden Banks

There was some disturbing news about the Gulf of Mexico's coral reefs in the October 5th edition of the Houston Chronicle. So far, our reefs have not experienced the devastating diseases that have been killing corals in Florida and the Caribbean, but lesions were recently found on some of the corals. You can read the article on the Publications page of the HCS website: <https://houstonshellclub.com/publications.htm>.

### Auction Item



## Houston Gem & Mineral Society Show.

Humble Civic Center, Free Parking.  
9am- 6pm. Friday/Saturday, November 11th & 12th.  
10am-5pm. Sunday, November 13th.  
Tickets: \$9 for all 3 days. FREE 10 & under.  
<https://hgms.org/annual-show/>

HOUSTON GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

# 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Gem, Mineral, Jewelry & Fossil Show

**Nov 11 - 13, 2022**  
HUMBLE CIVIC CENTER

**Tickets \$9**  
Good for all 3 days, kids 10 & under get in free  
(Purchase ahead online or in-person at the show)

Fluorite on Celestine  
Clay Center, Wood Co., Ohio  
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# Auction Items









## Houston Conchology Society 2022-2023 Year Calendar of Events

**HCS Meetings:** Typically, Third Sundays at 2 pm, on scheduled months.

**Location:** Immanuel Lutheran Church, 306 E 15th St, Houston, TX 77008

### HCS 2022-2023 Meetings / Activities Calendar

August 10<sup>th</sup> – HCS Social, Katz Deli.

September 18<sup>th</sup> – HCS Annual Business Meeting and Program.

October 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> – Texas Sheller's Jamboree & SSS Shell Show, Lake Jackson.

November 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> – Houston Gem & Mineral Society Show, Humble Civic Ctr.

<https://hgms.org/annual-show/>

November 13<sup>th</sup> – HCS Meeting and Program, at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

November 30<sup>th</sup> – HCS Tree Decorating, 9 am in the HMNS Lobby.

December 6<sup>th</sup> – SSS Christmas Party, Tuesday 7 pm.

- Brazosport Museum of Natural Science. 400 College Blvd, Clute, TX 77531
- Bring a Pot Luck Side, Desert or Appetizer, and a \$20 gift for exchange

December 11<sup>th</sup> – HCS Christmas Party, Sunday 2 pm.

- At the home of: John & Nancy Mustachio
- Bring a Pot-Luck Side, Desert or Appetizer, and a \$20 gift for exchange.

December 24<sup>th</sup> – Lowest Tide of December for Texas. -0.91 feet. (San Luis Pass)

January 15<sup>th</sup> – HCS Meeting and Program, at Immanuel Lutheran Church

January 21<sup>st</sup> – Lowest Tide of the Winter for Texas. -1.06 feet. (San Luis Pass)

February 18<sup>th</sup> – Lowest Tide of February for Texas. -0.86 feet. (San Luis Pass)

February 19<sup>th</sup> – HCS Meeting and Program, at Immanuel Lutheran Church

March 19<sup>th</sup> – HCS Meeting and Program, at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

Election of Officers. (*and possible silent auction or sale tables*)

April 16<sup>th</sup> – HCS Meeting and Program, at Immanuel Lutheran Church.

May 20<sup>th</sup> – HCS Banquet, noon, Monument Inn. Tickets \$35, per person.

May 31<sup>st</sup>-June 4<sup>th</sup> – COA Convention, Wilmington, NC.

<https://ConchologistsOfAmerica.org/Conventions/>

HCS Web Site: [www.HoustonShellClub.com](http://www.HoustonShellClub.com)

HCS Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/groups/128963581053327/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/128963581053327/)

Best Tide Prediction Site: <http://tbone.biol.sc.edu/tide/>



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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!!!

Membership year extends from June 1 through May 31.  
Annual membership dues: Family \$20; Single \$15; Junior (under 18) \$6.

Make checks payable to Houston Conchology Society and send to Angie Haneiko, 11407 Blackhawk Blvd., Houston, TX 77089.



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