



Chicago Shell Club

Chicago, 1 September 2011

Dear Chicago Shell Club Members,

Yet another Shell Club season is looming large. Here is some information about the past season and a couple of announcements for the upcoming one.

The business meeting in May left the board of directors unchanged:

President	Jochen Gerber
Vice President	Stephanie Clark
Treasurer	Cheryl Whitten
Secretary	Cheryl Whitten
Librarian	Beth Heierling

Long-time Club members Don and Beverly Schmidt let us know last season that they won't be able to attend Club meetings in the future due to Don's health. They donated Don's shells to the Club and we already made some of them available to Club members at meetings. 100% of the proceeds goes to the Club and help support our programs. Thanks Don and Beverly and our best wishes for both of them!

A one-time Club member, Annetta D. Mulvey of Chicago, passed away at age 88 in May of this year. She also wished that the Club should have her shells after her passing and her daughter, Holly, fulfilled this wish and gave us the shells. We will also offer them to members over the next one or two seasons. Many thanks to Holly and her late mother.

Earlier this month, we heard of the passing of our long-time Shell Club member and friend Pat Frank at age 85. (See obituary at: <http://legacy.suburbanchicagonews.com/obituaries/stng-napervillesun/obituary.aspx?n=patricia-frank&pid=153148452>) Pat had regularly attended our meetings until last season. We will miss her dearly. The meetings will not be the same without her. Our sympathy is with Pat's daughter, Kathy Frank, and son-in-law, Earl Stubbe, also Shell Club members.

The new season will start with an open house in Lynn Funkhouser's home, with shell offerings brought from Iowa by Duane Thenhaus.

October will be special, since we will have two events: First, on the regular second Sunday, our field trip, this time to NW Indiana. Then, second, on the last Sunday, a presentation by well-known paleontologist Ed Petuch from Florida. Dr. Petuch's talk is on an unusual date, but I hope that many of you will nevertheless grasp the rare opportunity to meet a malacological celebrity in person.

A season schedule can be found on the next page. Note that, following a majority decision at the business meeting in May, we have moved the times of regular meetings at Helix one hour later, i.e. those meetings are now scheduled from 2:00–5:00 pm.

I hope to see you all soon. Happy shelling,

Jochen Gerber
President, The Chicago Shell Club



2011–2012 Program

September 11 **Lynn Funkhouser's home, 1:00 – 4:00 PM**
Chicago, IL

Host: **Lynn Funkhouser**, Chicago Shell Club Life Member.

Lynn graciously invites us to her home again. Bring a dish to share and your summertime stories to tell. Duane Thenhaus joins us from Iowa with many new shells offered at a silent auction.

October 9 **Field trip to Michigan City, IN**

Leader: Jochen Gerber, Chicago Shell Club President.

For our field trip this year we will venture into NW Indiana, where we will look for gastropods in a variety of habitats in and around Trail Creek in Michigan City.

October 30 **Helix Camera and Video, 2:00 – 5:00 PM**
Special Date

310 S. Racine Ave., Chicago, IL

Speaker: **Dr. Edward Petuch**, Professor, Department of Geosciences, Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL.

Presentation: **To be announced.** *Dr. Petuch is a molluscan paleontologist and has written numerous books and articles on fossil and Recent molluscan faunas, particularly of the eastern United States.*

November 13 **Helix Camera and Video, 2:00 – 5:00 PM**

310 S. Racine Ave., Chicago, IL

Speaker: **Lynn Funkhouser**, Chicago Shell Club Life Member.

Presentation: **The Philippines — The Apex of the Coral Triangle.** *Lynn Funkhouser is an internationally published photographer, author, lecturer, environmentalist, world adventuress, and leader in Philippine dive travel. She is an ardent proponent, eloquent spokesperson, and effective catalyst for protection of the aquatic environment.*

December 4 **Sawa's Old Warsaw Restaurant, 1:00 – 6:00 PM**

9200 W Cermak Rd. (@17th Ave.), Broadview, IL.

St. Nick and Neptune Party, Banquet and Auction.

Don't miss one of the country's best silent and voice auctions of shells! Make reservations for the banquet and auctions or come just for the shells and the camaraderie.

January 8

Helix Camera and Video, 2:00 – 5:00 PM

310 S. Racine Ave., Chicago, IL

Speaker: **Paul Mayer**, Fossil Invertebrate Collections Manager, Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago.

Presentation: **Fossil shells over time.** *Paul has been Collections Manager at the Field Museum since 2008. The world-class collection contains over two million specimens of fossil shells and other invertebrates. Paul is a specialist on Devonian brachiopods with a broad knowledge of other fossil invertebrate groups.*

February 12

Helix Camera and Video, 2:00 – 5:00 PM

310 S. Racine Ave., Chicago, IL

Speaker: **Richard Goldberg**, Worldwide Specimen Shells, Columbia, MD.

Presentation: **To be announced.** *Richard is a well-known specimen shell dealer with more than a passing passion for land snails. He regularly travels to Jamaica and Indonesia, among many other exotic destinations, to collect.*

March 11

Helix Camera and Video, 2:00 – 5:00 PM

310 S. Racine Ave., Chicago, IL

Speaker: **To be announced.**

April 8

Helix Camera and Video, 2:00 – 5:00 PM

310 S. Racine Ave., Chicago, IL

Speaker: **To be announced.**

May 6

Kremer family home, 2:00 – 5:00 PM

Crystal Lake, IL

Annual Meeting and Shell Auction

Hosts: **Lee and Jan Kremer**, Chicago Shell Club Life Members.

Spring Auction. Duane Thenhaus will again join us from Iowa bringing a wealth of shells for a silent and oral auction. Adding to the fun will be a potluck meal. Bring your checkbooks and a dish to share. We will also have our annual election of officers and discuss other Shell Club business.

More Information

For more information on the Chicago Shell Club, meeting times and how to get to meeting locations, contact:

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