



2012-2013 Program

September 09 Helix Camera and Video, 2:00 – 4.00 PM

310 S. Racine Ave., Chicago, IL

Speaker: John Slapcinsky, Collections Manager, Division of Invertebrate Zoology, Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville, FL.

Presentation: Land snail diversity on tropical islands. John, besides being a past Chicago Shell Club Member and President, is the collection manager of the 4th largest mollusc collection in North America and also currently pursues a PhD degree studying the land snail diversity of Madagascar and New Guinea.

► **Duane Thenhaus will join us from Iowa with new shells for a silent auction.**

October 14 Field trip. Location to be announced.

Leaders: Jochen Gerber and Stephanie Clark.

November 11 Meeting place to be determined

Speaker: Dr. Stephanie Clark, Chicago IL.

Presentation: Snail adventures in the deserts and mangroves of Australia. Stephanie has been a member of the club since 2006. Recently she has spent 3 months collecting land snails in central Australia and mangrove snails along the Queensland coast, collaborating with colleagues at the Australian Museum.

December 2 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 13 Meeting place to be determined

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

Presentation: Fossil shells over time. Paul has been the collections manager at the Field Museum since 2008. The collection is world class and contains over 2 million specimens. He is a specialist on Devonian brachiopods with a broad knowledge of other fossil invertebrate groups.

February 10 Meeting place to be determined

Speaker: To be announced.

March 10 Meeting place to be determined

Speaker: Tom Eichhorst, Rio Rancho, NM

Presentation: Neritidae of the World. Tom is the Editor of American Conchologist, The Quarterly Journal of the Conchologist of America. He is also a world authority on the gastropod family Neritidae.

April 14 Meeting place to be determined

Speaker: Shell Club Members.

Last season's trial run with mini-presentations by members was so successful that we are doing it again. Presentations are 10–15 minutes each. Anything goes: favorite shell(s), memorable shell collecting adventures, shells with a story, etc. Presentations can be slide shows and/or demonstrations of actual shells and other objects. A prize will be raffled off ONLY among participating presenters, so start thinking about what your presentation will be.

May 5 Kremer family home, 1:00 – 4.00 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, special meeting times and how to get to meeting locations, contact:

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