



# The Epitonium

## Banquet

The HCS Banquet is **Saturday, April 23**, at **noon**, at the Monument Inn restaurant – 4406 Independence Parkway South, La Porte, TX 77571. The meal will be \$33 per person. That includes tax and tip, plus you will probably have enough food leftover for another meal. Please make your check payable to HCS. The club will then write one check to the restaurant. No credit cards.

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 \* Home-made Cinnamon and Yeast Rolls \* Iced Tea and Hot Coffee.

Come join the fun and enjoy delicious food!

## HCS Auction

Thanks to everyone who helped made the auction a great success! Our profit was a little over \$3,500.



It was a great team effort by many club members, from those who donated items, the ones who prepared and organized the material, those who brought food, the ones who helped at the auction, and, of course, those who spent

## President's Message

By Leslie Crnkovic

Hello Shellers,

It is not too late to join us for the HCS Banquet. Please RSVP by **Tuesday night April 19<sup>th</sup>**, to: [leslie@harf.org](mailto:leslie@harf.org) or 713-784-7084. We look forward to seeing you there!

Meanwhile, hope you have a very Blessed Easter Weekend.

*Leslie*



**Houston Conchology Society**  
Annual Banquet, Tickets \$33.00 per person.  
Monument Inn, Noon, Saturday April 23, 2022  
4406 Independence Parkway South, La Porte, TX 77571

their hard-earned money. To list all of the names would be like reprinting the membership directory. The HCS sincerely appreciates your help.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

*(Pictures by Rusti Stover)*



**President:**

Leslie Crnkovic

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Angela Doucette

**Treasurer:**

Angie Haneiko

**Recording Secretary:**

Rusti Stover

**Corresponding Secretary:**

Lucy Clampit

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## CALENDAR

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

## In Memoriam

Long time HCS member Virginia Joiner passed away on March 2, one day after her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. No other details are available at this time.

For many years she volunteered at the HMNS and served on the Malacology Subcommittee. She went on several shell collecting trips with the late Connie Boone. A few years ago, Virginia donated her collection to the HMNS and the HCS.

HCS members send their condolences to her husband John.

## March Minutes

Submitted by Rusti Stover

The Houston Conchology Society held its election of officers during the noon lunch break at the annual auction, Saturday, March 19, 2022, at Immanuel Lutheran Church Hall.

President Leslie Crnkovic called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m. Leslie thanked all for coming to the auction, and asked for a moment of remembrance for all the fellow shellers that recently passed. He then asked for approval for the February 20, 2022 meeting minutes. Russell Renka made the motion, Angela Doucette seconded, all approved.

Leslie then announced upcoming events: the HCS Banquet will be held at noon, Saturday April 23, 2022 at the Monument Inn. Tickets are available for 33 dollars apiece. HCS dues are due, and can be paid today; \$15 dollars individual, \$20 Family. The COA Convention will be held in Galveston TX from May 31<sup>st</sup> through June 4<sup>th</sup>, and there are brochures about this on the back table near checkout.

The Texas Sheller's Jamboree & Shell Show will be held in October at the Lake Jackson Civic Center; information will be forthcoming. The San Antonio Shell Club will be holding a shell auction on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Check upcoming newsletters for more information.

Leslie announced the slate of officers up for election: Leslie Crnkovic, President; Angela Doucette, Vice President/Program Director; Rusti Stover, Secretary; Angie Haneiko, Treasurer, and Jerry Clampit, Corresponding Secretary. There were no other nominations from the floor. A motion was made by Lucy Clampit to elect the officers by acclamation; Mary Harris seconded. The motion carried, and all were elected.

Susan Griffin announced that the San Antonio Shell Club is renting a beach house in Galveston for the convention, and it sleeps 10 people. All would share in the cost, and they already have 6 people. Anyone who wishes to rent the space with them, please contact them.

There was no other business forthcoming, so Angela Doucette made a motion to adjourn, Lucy Clampit seconded, and Leslie Crnkovic adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.



## COA 2022

We will be celebrating COA's Golden Anniversary in Galveston (May 31-June 4). A special 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pin will be available to purchase for \$7.00. It was designed by HCS President Leslie Crnkovic.

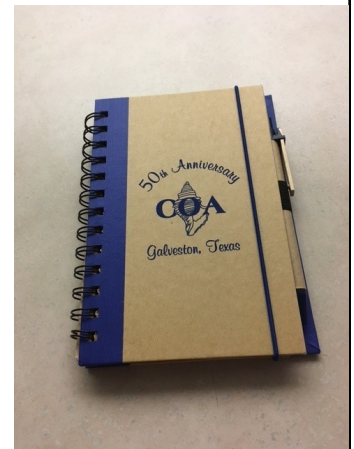


The convention tote bag and notebook will also honor the anniversary. Their design was adapted from the pen with the help of Rusti Stover's daughter Andrea.

If you are planning to attend, it's not too late to register. 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.

If you plan 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.

Hope you can join the fun!



## Hello

The editor recently received a call from Harry Sharp. He wanted me to tell everyone hello for Brownie and him. They are in their early 90's and doing well.

Here is a picture that was posted on Facebook in August of 2020. They were celebrating their 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.



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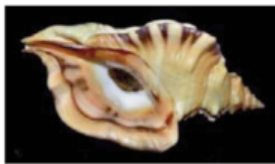
**On Safari with Seashells**

by Linda Brunner

We often hear the older generation complain about change. Why do you think? I believe it might be because it is easier to remember the familiar than it is to remember change. When you are encouraged to learn the scientific names of shells you often wonder why. The most often repeated reason is that if you know the scientific name of a shell then you can communicate with anyone in the world about a specimen because the "Latin" name is universal in all languages. But, you say, "What if they don't know the scientific name?". Well that is another story, however it seems best to give it a try.

Many of us studied another language in high school. For me it was Latin but I really wanted to learn French. French was not offered in my small rural school so it was Latin or nothing. The second language I studied was German in hopes of going to Germany but, no, the Army in all of its wisdom thought my husband was needed in Asia. Off we went! First we landed in Okinawa where Japanese was spoken. No need for Latin or German there except I had fun while a customs officer practiced his German on me and taught me a bit of Tagalog in return. Still, no use for Latin arose until we started to collect seashells while living in the Philippines.

After a while I found that some names were descriptive while others referred to locality and others referenced people. So, basically shells are named to tell us important data about the shell, often this involves people, places or things. Sometimes the Latin translates to the specific. In other cases it does not. For example *Cymatium tigrinum* (Broderip, 1833) = Tiger Cymatium. Note the tiger-like stripes.



Or *Septa rebeculum* (Linnaeus, 1758) = Robin Redbreast Triton where the color says it all.



So, for the purpose of this article I thought it might be fun to explore shell names that represent animals in some way. Join me in my jungle.

One of the first I thought of are two zebras, the Zebra Periwinkle (*Littorina zebra* Donovan, 1835) and Turkey Wing (*Arca zebra* (Swainson, 1833)). The latter is from our local waters. And while we are on equines, there is the Horse Conch, *Trifolofusus giganteus* (Kiener, 1840).



Zebra Periwinkle



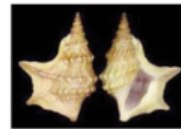
Turkey Wing



Chicken Venus



Rooster-tail Conch



Pelican's Foot



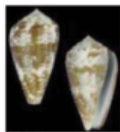
Partridge Tun

Continuing with fowl we also have Chicken Venus (*Chamelea gallina* (Linnaeus, 1758)) the Rooster-tail Conch (*Aliger gal-lus*, Linnaeus, 1758), the Common Pelican's Foot (*Aporrhais pespelecani* (Linnaeus, 1758) and the Pacific Partridge Tun (*Tonna perdix* (Linnaeus, 1758)).

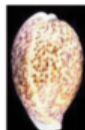
Let's take a look at felines, the cat world. We have the Leopard Cone (*Conus leopardus* (Röding, 1798)), Cat Cone (*Conus catus* Hwass in Bruguière, 1792), Panther Cowrie (*Cypraea pantherina* [Lightfoot], 1786), Tiger Cowrie (*Cypraea tigris* Linnaeus, 1758), our own Lions's Paw (*Nodipecten fragosus* (Conrad, 1849)) and Kitten's Paw (*Plicatula gibbosa* Lamarck, 1801), Tiger Scallop (*Semipallium tigris* (Lamarck, 1819)), and Cat's Paw Scallop (*Manupecten pesfilis* (Linnaeus, 1758) to name a few.



Leopard Cone



Cat Cone



Panther Cowrie



Tiger Cowrie



Lion's Paw Scallop



Kitten's Paw



Tiger Scallop



Cat's Paw Scallop



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Next we have a few insects. There is the Fly-speck Cone (*Conus stercismuscarum* Linnaeus, 1758) the Flea-bite Cone (*Conus pulicarius* Hwass, 1792), Common Spider Conch (*Lamb's lambis* (Linnaeus, 1758)), Butterfly Cone (*Conus pulcher* Lightfoot, 1786), and the Fly Marginella (*Austroginella muscaria* Lamarck, 1822).



Fly-speck Cone



Flea-bite Cone



Common Spider Conch



Butterfly Cone



Fly Marginella

And, the list goes on. There is a Serpent's-head Cowrie (*Cypraea caputserpentis* Linnaeus, 1758), a Turtle Cowrie (*Cypraea testudinaria* Linnaeus, 1758), for rodents the Mole Cowry (*Cypraea talpa* Linnaeus, 1758) Mouse Cowry (*Cypraea mus* Linnaeus, 1758), Rat Cowrie (*Cypraea stercoraria* Linnaeus, 1758), more four legged animals as the Atlantic Deer Cowrie (*Macrocypraea cervus* (Linnaeus, 1771)), the Bull Conch (*Sinustrombus taurus* (Reeve, 1857)), and the Elephant Tusk (*Dentalium elephantinum* (Linnaeus, 1758)), as well as the entire frog family, Bursidae.



Serpent's-head Cowrie



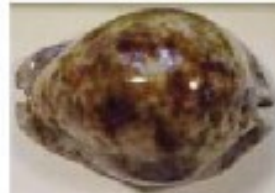
Turtle Cowrie



Mole Cowrie



Mouse Cowrie



Rat Cowrie



Deer Cowrie



Bull Strombus



Elephant Tusk

I realize that this is just the tip of the iceberg with shells named for animals. There are many, many more. You may find as you peruse shell names that there is an entire group of cones named for military ranks, from soldiers to generals and even admirals. I challenge you to go on a treasure hunt for shells named in honor of animals! Remember that the name may reflect a physical characteristic as in stripes or sometimes the reflection is in shape as in the tusk shells. See what you can find. Our club library is full of books.

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The Society holds regular meetings on the third Sunday 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.

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