

Fossil Club of Lee County

March, 2010

Message from the President



Spring Greetings to all and big welcome to our new members! We hope our new people will enjoy being part of a great club and think of it as "their club". We are glad you joined. This month we will hold our Annual Auction and we would like everyone to participate. The auction is our biggest fund raising event for the year and we use most of the proceeds for scholarship grants to universities for deserving students pursuing advanced degrees in paleontology. In addition to raising money, the auction gives our members an opportunity to acquire some great specimens for their personal collection at reasonable costs. The auction will be held at the Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall on Winkler Road in Fort Myers. Directions are provided in the "Auction" article in this newsletter. And, if all else fails, call me or one of the other officers for directions. Don't miss out on this event and thanks in advance for your support. Since we have several new members, we want to let you know that your club has a permanent fossil display at the Imaginarium and one at the Calusa Nature Center. The display specimens were donated by some of our long time members and we commend them for their generosity and community spirit. Visit these places when you get a chance. We must say a few words about last month's presentation given by Dr. Robin C. Brown. It was a great program and everyone was hanging on to his every word as he proceeded to tell us all about the mammoths of yore. Thanks for a great presentation! Don't forget to go on daylight saving this month---it will give us more time to hunt for fossils! I am looking forward to seeing everyone at 6 p.m. on March 18th. Bring your camera, your money, and a tote bag. Best regards, Bill

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on, March 18, at 6:00 p.m. at the Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, Ft. Myers.

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Committees

Speakers: Bill Shaver \$1.00 Raffle: Mike Siciliano Auction: Louis Stieffel Web Master: Curtis Klug Pit Trip Director: Gunther Lobish

In accordance with club by-laws, the election of Officers and Directors will be held in April. Those elected will take office on May 1st. As a result of resignations, the club seeks to fill the position of Vice President and two Directors. All members in good standing are eligible for election. Members with interest in serving in those positions are asked to confer with the Nominating Committee members at the March meeting. The President will announce the members of the Nominating Committee at the March Meeting.

The Club needs a replacement for our current newsletter publisher. Cheryl Mitchell, who has been taking care of this important club function, has other commitments. She will stay on long enough to train her replacement. Cheryl, better than anyone can show you what she does. Essentially, most all of the formal content is provided and Cheryl does the formatting, layout, publishing, and various researching. After edit and approval, she emails the finished newsletter to all members. The person we are seeking or team, need not be full time residents as all work is done over the internet. So this gives our snow-birds a chance to help out the club.

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*** Remember that any and all clubs depend upon their members to help carry the load. Please consider volunteering to give the job a try. Contact any of the officers or directors or contact Cheryl via email if you want to more information or want to sign-up.

Bill Shaver

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please pay at March Meeting

Just a reminder! Dues for 2010 are due January 1st. If you joined the club since October 2009, you will be credited for 2010. Family membership is \$20.00. Single membership is \$15.00, and Couple membership is \$17.00. Please send check to Ray Seguin, Treasurer, at 2124 Harvard Ave., Fort Myers, FL., 33907 or attend the monthly meeting and give it to him in person! Thank you for your participation. See the club website for additional information. <u>Www.fcolc.com</u>

Brian Tollison Carter Tollison Christopher Ludwig Larry Ludwig Chuck MacTavish Mike McDonald

Kate Decker







MINUTES OF MEETING THE FOSSIL CLUB OF LEE COUNTY, FEBRUARY, 2010

DATE: 02/18/20 TIME: 7PM PLACE: CALUSA NATURE CENTER PLANE-TARIUM ATTENDANCE: 89

Bill Shaver, President, called the meeting to order. He announced that the March meeting, which is the Annual Auction, will be held at the Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall located on Winkler Road. This location was chosen because it easily accommodates up to 100 people and has plenty of table space for the auction items.

Bill thanked Louis; Ray Seguin, our esteemed treasurer, Cheryl; and Sandy for their exceptional support of the Club. The featured speaker was Dr. Robin C. Brown who gave a great presentation on mammoths. After his presentation, he signed his book "Florida's Fossils" for several club members.

Bill announced that the Club would participate in the Burrowing Owl Festival if enough club members would volunteer to set up a table. Also, Cape Coral Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a "Fossil Show" in March and we will participate if we get enough club support. He also talked about club trips and said that in addition to trips to the pit conducted by Gunther, Mike Siciliano is setting up another club trip to Ruck's pit. Also, a club trip to the Peace River is tentatively slated for late March.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Submitted by Sharon Drake, Club Secretary

WEB SITES & LOCATIONS OF INTEREST

Fossil Club of Lee County: <u>http://</u><u>www.fcolc.com</u>

Museum of Natural History @ Gainesville:<u>http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/</u>

Florida Vertebrate Fossil Permit: <u>http://flmnh.ufl.edu/natsci/</u> <u>vertpaleo/vppermit.htm</u>

Southwest Florida Fossil Club: <u>http://</u> www.southwestfloridafossilclub.com

Orlando Fossil Club: <u>http://</u> www.floridafossilhunters.com

PEACE RIVER WATER LEVELS: http://www.canoeoutpost.com

Smithsonian Natural History Museum: <u>http://www.mnh.si.edu</u>

Florida Fossil Clubs: <u>http://</u> <u>www.fossil-treasures-of-florida.com</u>

PICKING UP ISOLATED NATIVE AMERICAN ARTIFACTS: <u>http://</u> <u>dhr.dos.state.fl.us/archaeology/</u> <u>underwater/finds</u>

Contact Cheryl at <u>kayak-</u> <u>peaceriver@yahoo.com</u> if you have any suggested additions to our web site in the interest column. Please <u>help</u> support the newsletter by submitting appropriate articles for publication. Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium 3450 Ortiz Av, Fort Myers Tel 239-275-3435 <u>www.calusanature.com</u>

Imaginarium 200 Cranford Av, Fort Myers www.cityftmyers.com/imaginarium

Southwest Florida Museum of History 2300 Peck St., Fort Myers www.swflmuseumofhistory.com

The Bailey-Matthews Shell Museum 3075 Sanibel-Captiva Rd, Sanibel, FL www.shellmuseum.org

Randell Research Center PO Box 608, Pineland, FL (on Pine Island) www.flmnh.ufl.edu/RRC/

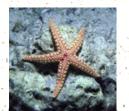
Six Mile Cypress Slough Preserve Six Mile Cypress Drive (Between Daniels and Colonial) <u>www.sloughpreserve.org</u>

Cracker Museum at Pioneer Park in Zolfo Springs, FL Tel 863.735.0119

Lost in Time, St. Pete Pier, St. Petersburg, FL Tel 727.823.7493

Peace River Wildlife Center 3400 West Marion Avenue (Ponce De Leon Park) Punta Gorda, Florida <u>Www.peaceriverwildlifecenter.com</u>

Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife Burrowing Owls <u>http://www.ccfriendsofwildlife.org</u>





NOTE: Volunteers that sign up to provide refreshments, which includes bringing in iced beverages, will need to take home the club coolers home with them. The club bought coolers for that purpose. This has not been a problem in the past, but there have been two recent incidents where the volunteer/s forgot to get the coolers. And for all of you that have taken your turn to bring in refreshments, the club really appreciates your support! If there is still confusion, please speak to Bill Shaver.

Thanks to Leslie and Louis Steiffel and Pat and Don Legree for providing refreshments for the February meeting. The March refreshments are being provided by a group of club members who go by the name of the Barefoot Beach Combers. Thanks to all of you in advance.

As we have stated many times in the past, we greatly appreciate our club members who take a turn at bringing in the refreshments. It would be wonderful if every member would sign up at least once to do this little job. Refreshments should be kept simple: perhaps chips, pretzels, and cookies along with a beverage.

The club would appreciate volunteers for APRIL and MAY refreshments. A sign-up sheet will be available at the March (Auction) meeting for you to sign up. Bill

REFRESHMENT ASSIGNMENTS

MARCH: The Barefoot Beach Combers APRIL: Need volunteers

MAY: Need volunteers



ABCDerian.

These are poems in which each word starts with a letter of the alphabet in normal order.

Sophistication

Always be calm, Debonair. Eat flavorful, genuinely healthy ingredients. Joke. Kiss lovely Mademoiselles. Negotiate one pricey quality restaurant; Sit, tasting unusual vintage wine: X-tremely yummy zinfandel.

Cheers, Maurice Guy

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★ Field Trips - MUST SIGN UP

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See Gunther - Pit trips

See Mike Siciliano - Ruck's Pit

Peace River - tentatively late March

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The annual auction will be held at the March Meeting at the Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall at 7401 Winkler Road in Fort Myers. The Hall is located on the east side of Winkler Road between Cypress Lake Drive and Gladiolus, just about 800 feet north of Gladiolus. Look for the church tower---it is well lit and quite visible.

From Cape Coral; take the bridge to College, turn right (south) on to Winkler Road, cross Cypress Drive, continue going south; the church will be on your left. From Naples and other points south, take route 41 or I-75 north.

From route 41: when you get to the intersection of Six Mile Cypress (Perkins Restaurant on your right) and Gladiolus (Lowes on your left), turn left onto Gladiolus, go under the overpass, turn right at the next traffic light (Winkler Rd); the church will be on your right.

From I-75 south bound or north bound, get off at Daniels Parkway, after you cross Rt. 41, Daniels becomes Cypress Lake Drive, continue on Cypress until you get to Winkler, Turn left onto Winkler, go several blocks, the church will be on your left.

The auction will begin at 6:30pm. Viewing of auction items will begin at 6pm. Registration will be from 6pm - 6:30pm. You must get a bidder number in order to bid. Our esteemed auctioneer, Louis Stieffel, will explain the details on bidding and will have about 100 items for you to bid on.

As most of you know, the auction is our biggest fund raiser and our objective is to continue to provide scholarship grants to foster further education in the field of paleontology. Louis says to come early, stay late, and bring lots of money. It's for a wonderful cause and it gives all of our members an opportunity to acquire fossils and other nice items at a reasonable cost. Louis puts in a lot of time to prepare the items for the auction and along with others donates specimens from his personal collection. We thank him for all his efforts and his support of the club. If you need help with directions, feel free to call me (239).834.0694

Bill Shaver

Editor's Note: Use an internet travel finder for directions (i.e. <u>Mapquest</u>.com, <u>GoogleEarth</u>.com, or <u>MapBlast</u>.com)

The Tampa Bay Fossil Club Fossil Fest is March 20 & 21 at the Florida State Fairgrounds, 9 - 6 Saturday, and 10 - 4 Sunday.

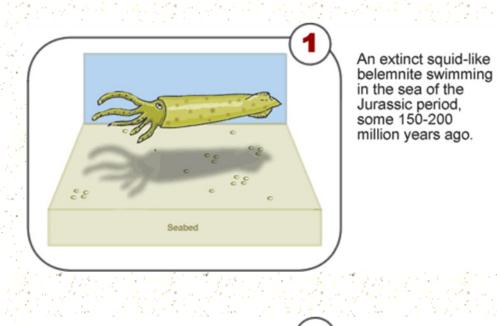
Cape Coral Fossil Show Saturday, March 27, 2010 11 am—4 pm. Admission \$5.00 (children under 12 free). Sponsored by Cape Coral Parks and Recreation. Tel: 239.549.4606 or http://. www.capecoral.net (This is a safe link)

Venice Shark Tooth Festival

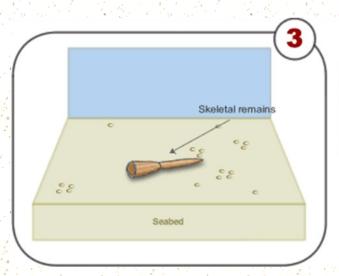
Friday, April 9, 2010 - 4 pm - 9 pm Saturday, April 10, 2010 - 10 am - 9 am Sunday, April 11, 2010 - 10 am - 5 pm <u>http://www.sharkstoothfest.com</u>

HOW ARE FOSSILS FORMED?

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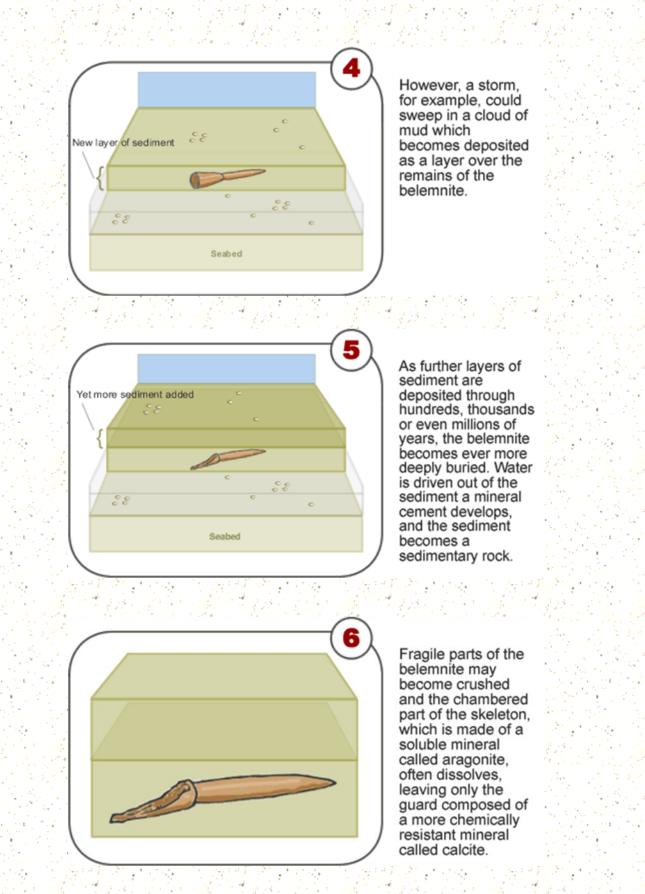


Following death of the animal, its carcass sinks to the sea floor, there to be fed upon by scavenging animals and decomposed by bacteria.



Seabed

Eventually only the hard internal skeleton made of calcium carbonate is left, and this too may disintegrate given sufficient time.



Source: Natural History Museum. http://www.nhm.ac.uk/nature-online/earth/fossils/fossil-folklore/how_are_fossils.htm

Florida Fossil Permit Application

This application is for a permit that will entitle the person named on the permit to collect, for the period of one (1) year, vertebrate fossils on land owned or leased by the State of Florida. The permittee must abide by all the provisions contained in Florida Statutes § <u>1004.575-576</u> and the University of Florida Regulation implementing this law. Persons who already have a permit and wish to renew it for an additional year should not use this form. They should follow <u>these instructions instead</u>.

Print out and mail completed application to: Program of Vertebrate Paleontology, Florida Museum of Natural History, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611-7800, USA

The following must be enclosed with the filled-out application:

1. Photocopy of applicant's identification document (i.e., driver's license, birth certificate, or passport).

2. Check or money order for \$5.00 in U.S. currency payable to the Program of Vertebrate Paleontology. If you are sending two or more applications, just send one check for the total amount, not multiple checks of \$5. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH.**

Applicant's Full Name (must match that on identification document):

Complete Mailing Address (include zip code):

Telephone (include area code):

E-mail address (optional):

I, the undersigned, affirm that I will abide by Florida Statutes § 1004.575-576 and the Regulations of the Program of Vertebrate Paleontology, University of Florida Rule 6C1-7.541 F.A.C. **Signature:**

Date:

FLORIDA VERTEBRATE FOSSIL PERMIT: http://flmnh.ufl.edu/natsci/vertpaleo/vppermit.htm