



FOSSIL CLUB OF LEE COUNTY

March 2019

Letter from the President

The 2019 Fossil Festival is in the books!! It was a terrific success. Dawn and Pam did a terrific job organizing the festival and it showed!! The weather was terrific, and the crowds large, the vendors happy and the participating club members had fun! Lots of pictures are on the club FaceBook site!!

We follow that right up this month with our annual Fossil Auction!! I work on this throughout the year, always on the lookout for great items to include. I think that this year most folks will be happy to have the opportunity to bid and win something nice and special for their own! Please plan to attend and have a great time! More info and times are inside. We start this meeting a bit earlier to be able to get it all in!!

But, for the reading challenged part of the membership (You know who you are!)...I will put this in here:

The viewing starts at 5:30. Sign up and get a bidder number. Silent auction is available to bid on at 5:30 until break time.

The meeting starts-promptly at 6:15. At that time, we hold elections. Then—AUCTION TIME, BABY!!

Our annual elections will be held this month. For the first time in several years we will have a new slate of officers running. Please show your support and come to the meeting and vote!

As of this time, the candidates running for office will be:

President – *Beth Meyer*

Vice President—*Linda Simmons*

Treasurer—*Jeanne Seehaver*

Secretary—*Joel Noah*

I will turn over the presidential duties to the new president and the officers will take over at the April Meeting. Again, please make plans to attend that important meeting. Some changes will be in the works.

This year is the only year of the last 27 years that I remember the water level being so high in the rivers and creeks!! Fossil hunting has been challenging to say the least. We will surely get some hunting in sooner or later, but as of right now it's still gonna be a couple of feet of water over your heads! Hard to sort through your diggings when you're actually under the water! Hang in there guys, it WILL get better! In the meantime, get your fossil fix on at the fossil auction!! And the Tampa show!

The Tampa Fossils Fest is March 9 and 10. A flyer with all the info is in the back of this newsletter. This is a great fossil show, guys and well worth the ride to the Tampa Fairgrounds!

The Venice Shark Tooth Festival is coming up on April 12, 13 and 14th!! It's a huge event and one not to be missed!! LOTS of fossils, as well as a large amount of craft vendors and food and music and kids stuff and sand and, and, and... Ya gotta go!

The annual 82nd Annual Sanibel Shell Festival will be March 7, 8 and 9th.

See you at the March meeting/ auction!!!

Louis Stieffel
President (For now!)
Fossil Club of Lee County



FCOLC MEETING 2/22/2019

59 members present

Louis Stieffel called the meeting to order.

No dues are presently being taken until after elections.

No one presently running for offices of President, vice president, secretary and treasurer. If offices are not filled club will be forced to close and disband.

Dawn Markowski discussed volunteers for upcoming Fossil Fest. Instruction sheets were handed out for volunteers.

Ken Follmann discussed the fact he is doing organized fossil trips to Joshua Creek and is in need of volunteers. He presently has a March 15th trip planned.

Door prizes were awarded.

Walter Stein was evenings speaker and spoke about dinosaurs and fossils.

Minutes by Al Govin

Sec/Treasurer

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Cherie Jacobs, Newsletter Developer
Al Govin, Badges, Membership, Trips
Linda Simmons, Librarian
Dave and Jeanne Seehaver, Merchandise
Edgar Jestes, Refreshments
Victoria O'Toole, Linda Simmons, \$1 Raffle
Dawn Linda Borys Markoski, Festival Organizers
Louis Stieffel, Auctioneer, FOSSIL project representative, Newsletter editor, Speakers, Vertebrate Education



Here is a site that has every river and creek mapped **for the whole state**, separated by county. Click on the zoomify tab below each map to zoom in. Enjoy !

Save to your desktop so you can find and use it often!

<http://fcit.usf.edu/florida/maps/galleries/hydrography/index.php>

Here's a link to the Aurora Fossil Museum (North Carolina) and a chance to sign up for a free digital newsletter from them.

<http://aurorafossilmuseum.org/post/36/newsletter.html>



**Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month, 7:00 pm,
in the Fellowship Hall at
Zion Lutheran Church , 7401 Winker Road, Fort Myers, FL 33919**

Websites & Locations of Interest

Fossil Club of Lee County: www.fcolc.com

FCOLC Fossil Club of Lee County, Inc. c/o AL GOVIN
TREASURER
3584 MIDDLETOWN ST. PORT CHARLOTTE, FLORIDA 33952

The [FCOLC website](#) is a source for links to Fossil websites of interest, archived monthly club newsletters, details on club meetings and officers.

Museum of Natural History @ Gainesville www.flmnh.ufl.edu/

The Fossil Project www.myFOSSIL.org

Randell Research Center PO Box 608, Pineland, FL www.flmnh.ufl.edu/RRC/

Smithsonian Natural History Museum www.mnh.si.edu

Southwest Florida Museum of History 2031 Jackson St., Fort Myers www.MUSEUMofHISTORY.org

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

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

www.hardeecounty.net/crackertrailmuseum/about.html

Cape Coral Friends of Wildlife Burrowing Owls

www.ccfriendsofwildlife.org

Calusa Nature Center and Planetarium 3450 Ortiz Av, Fort Myers Tel 239-275-3435

www.calusanature.org

Imaginarium 2000 Cranford Ave, Fort Myers

www.i-sci.org

Florida Fossil Clubs

Southwest Florida Fossil Club www.southwestfloridafossilclub.com

Manasota Fossil Club www.manasotafossil.com

Tampa Bay Fossil Club www.tampabayfossilclub.com

Orlando Fossil Club www.floridafossilhunters.com

The Fossil Forum www.thefossilforum.com/index.php

Fossil Treasures of Florida www.fossil-treasures-of-florida.com

Florida Paleontological Society <http://floridapaleosociety.com/>

Collecting Vertebrate Fossils on Florida state lands **requires** a permit. A fossil hunting permit is also part of being an ethical Florida fossil hunter.

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

Peace River Water Levels

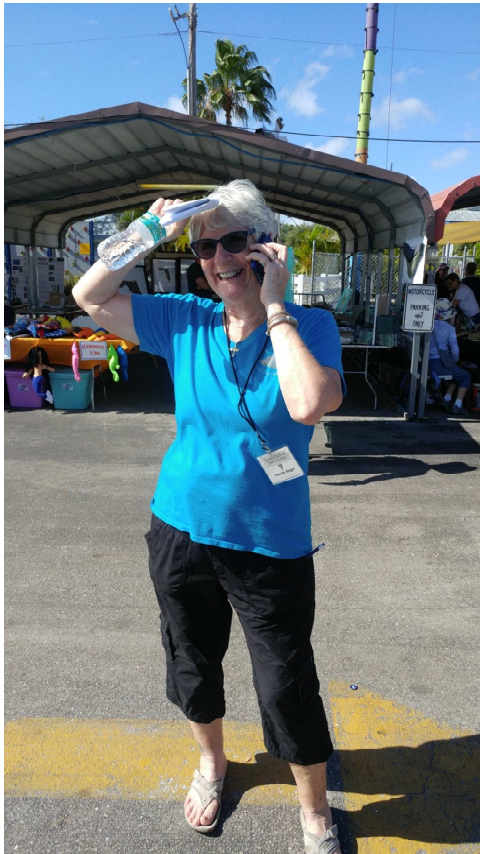
<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/fl/nwis/rt>

Picking Up Isolated Native American Artifacts www.flheritage.com/news/faq.cfm

If you find an Indian artifact, such as an arrowhead, on Florida state lands or river bottom, be aware that possession of an Indian artifact found on state lands after 2004 is a Class 3 Felony.

FCOLC Fossil Festival!!

Well, the 2019 Fossil Festival is in the books! Dawn and Pam put on a great show, and lots of club members came and helped make it a success!! Thanks to everyone! Great weather, large crowds, pleased dealers, and happy attendees!



ANNUAL FOSSIL AUCTION!!

This March meeting will be the annual fossil auction!! As usual, I will have LOTS of great fossils and interesting items, that were donated and/or acquired throughout the year just for this event!

Over 100 live auction lots and lots of silent auction items as well.

Please come, and make sure you get a bidder number!

Viewing starts at 5:30, and auction/meeting starts at 6:15—sharp!

The first order of business will be the elections, then right on into the auction!

Refreshments will be provided by the Bonita Beach Gang again! Thanks!!

We take cash and checks. NO credit cards. Sorry!

Silent auction will end during the break. All SA winners will be called out at that time.

As always, when the hammer says closed, bidding is done, so don't be shy or you can miss out!

See all of you guys there!

Louis



President, auctioneer, lots of other things...

Annual FCOLC elections!!

Our annual elections will be held before the start of the annual Fossil Auction at the March 21st meeting.

Positions to be filled are all of the executive positions; President, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. Time is getting shorter, so please consider this seriously. Any questions as to job responsibilities of each office, please do not hesitate to ask.

Thank you for your consideration,
Louis

Central Florida Mineral & Gem Society Inc., a non-profit 501(C)3 educational organization, is hosting a Rock, Mineral, Gem, Jewelry & Fossil Show on April 12th, 13th & 14th, 2019 at the Florida National Guard Armory, 2809 S. Fern Creek Ave., Orlando, FL 32806. Show time: Fri. 1pm to 6pm, Sat. 10am to 6pm and Sun. 10am to 5pm. Vendors offering beads, minerals, gemstones, hand crafted cabochons and jewelry, fossils, artifacts, rocks, etc. Silent Auction, Door Prizes, Demonstrations, Family Activities, Scavenger Hunt. Admission: Adults \$5, Kids \$2, Scouts in uniforms free. Website: www.cfmgs.org. Contact: President Salvatore Sansone 321-278-9294 or ssfossilhunter@aol.com.

[Victor Perez](#) shared a [link](#).

[January 28 at 12:24 PM](#)

In case you haven't seen it, University of Florida has produced a free new mobile app for paleontology enthusiasts to share their finds with the world!

myfossil.org

[Mobile App | myFOSSIL](#)

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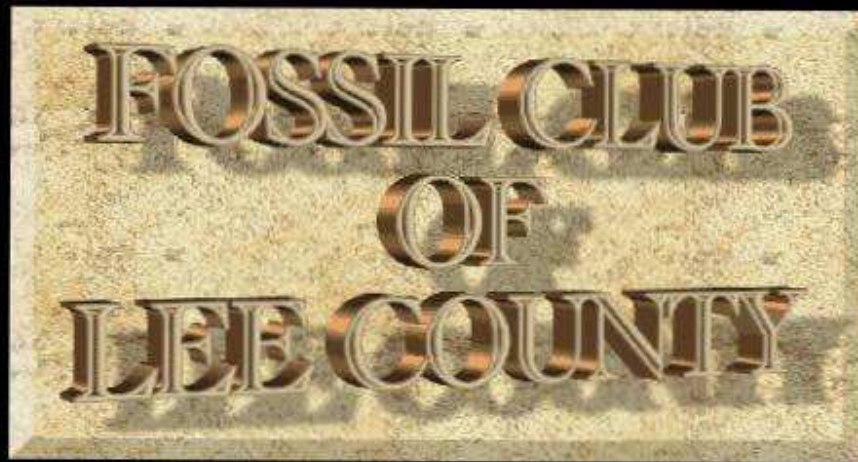
Fossil Recovery Explorations

Ken Follmann owner operator of fossil hunting tour guide service in Arcadia on Joshua creek will be holding an event on March 16th from 10 am to 4 pm called "Children Introduction to Florida Fossils & Dig" Assisting on the event is Debra Powell southwest Florida famous Fossil Babe. Children and there Parents will be educated on a variety of fossils then taken on a 1 hour fossil dig. Debra will have automated Dinosaurs that children will be able kids to ride along with many my fun activities along with fossil sales.

I feel this is a good opportunity for Fossil Club of Lee County to represent themselves at this event. We are looking for volunteers to help during the kids dig to identify fossils. Anyone who volunteers will be put on a list for one free fossil hunting trip in April on Joshua Creek .

Parking address is Truck stop GPS address 4109 Southwest highway 17 Arcade Florida
<https://www.facebook.com/events/603621983430338/?ti=cl>





The Fossil Club of Lee County, Inc. is an organization of people interested in the fossils of southern Florida and all points beyond. Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall. The Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall is located at: 7401 Winkler Road, Ft Myers, FL 33919.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/378838762286864/>

For those of you who ask what books to get-- here's a great group!

We offer most, if not all, in the club store at the meetings.





FLORIDA'S LARGEST PREHISTORIC SHOW!

FOSSILS & ARTIFACTS

GEMS - MINERALS - SHELLS

FOSSIL EXHIBITS - WORKSHOPS

KIDS GAMES * FOSSIL MINE * RAFFLES

DOOR PRIZES * SILENT AUCTIONS

PALEO WORKSHOPS

Learn about Florida's prehistoric past in a FossilFest workshop! Experienced collectors will teach you how to find, identify, and preserve fossil treasures of your very own! All workshops are free to FossilFest attendees!

Saturday & Sunday

Discovering Florida's Fossil Treasures with TBFC's own Dr. Bob Sinibaldi PhD. Learn where and how to find fossils of your own right here in Florida!

Florida's Fossil Vertebrates & the Fossil Hunting Permit with Dr. Richard Hulbert PhD of the Florida Museum of Natural History. It's cheap and easy! Learn how to get your fossil permit and participate in the science of paleontology.

The Perfect Plaster Jacket & Other Preservation Techniques with Bill Faucher. Learn how to successfully get fossils from the field to your lab. Jacketing, glues, and preservation techniques are discussed for the beginner.

Be a part of the adventure!

JOIN TBFC TODAY!

tampabayfossilclub.com



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March 9th & 10th, 2019

Sat: 9AM-5PM, Sun: 10AM-4PM

Adults \$8 - Kids 12 and under FREE!

Florida State Fairgrounds

Intersection of I-4 & Hwy 301, just east of Tampa.



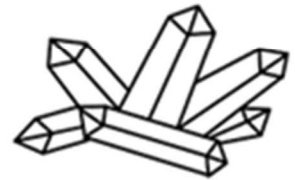
Fossil Show



At Rotary Park



Saturday, March 30, 2019
10:00am-4:00pm



This show has something for everyone including fossils, gems, history, shopping & fun!
There will also be a fossil dig for children.

Vendors with related items are welcome.
To be a vendor, email rotaryparkinfo@capecoral.net

Admission: \$3 (children under 10 are FREE)

For more information contact
Rotary Park
(239) 549-4606
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