



FOSSIL CLUB OF LEE COUNTY

April 2019

Letter from the President

This will be the last time I write this Letter from the President!! I have decided to not run again and elections have happened and a new officer group has been elected. Beth Meyer will take over as your new club president at the April meeting.

I feel honored to have been elected president of this great organization for so many years. I've always tried to do what is best for the club and keep it on sound footing and financially and operatively positive. This was my third time as president and will be my last. I have no plans to run again. I want to thank all the officers and directors who have helped run this club. They are too numerous to name. The last two and a half decades has seen a lot of great people step up and help out! But I do want to point out Al Govin, an original member, a lifetime member, who has been so many positions with the club over the years, and has been our club treasurer as well as secretary. He never hesitated to take on tasks such as Trips or refreshments or nametags. Al spent a lot of time for the FCOLC. Mike Siciliano was the past Vice president and held that office for TEN years! As well as took on other tasks such as running the \$1 raffle for a long time. He currently hold the record for the most money ever generated at one meeting for the \$1 raffle!! My wife Leslie Stieffel has been by my side, helping under the radar, on SO many things! Leslie is so unassuming that most people have no idea of how much work and effort she has done for this club. Leslie has never hesitated to take on whatever tasks were needed! Recently she was the club vice-president! Leslie is also surprisingly knowledgeable about fossil identification! Hanging around with me all these years has caused some of it to rub off on her! I tend to have lots of fossils around, and she gets to see them and learn a bit!

Over the years I have had the great pleasure of meeting so many of you terrific fellow fossil collectors! A few have passed away. Thankfully most are still around! But, we are getting an older membership. Perhaps Beth and her new officer/director gang will find some answers to having the club get more younger members. It's a big task to fill, though. I wish them the best.

I will fill an automatic director position, as the past president, for a year. I have been in this club for 26 years, held several offices and have learned quite a bit about the fossil world. I offer this knowledge and experience freely if wanted. I only have the best wishes for success for the Fossil Club of Lee County. Let's all show up for the meetings and help out with OUR club as much as we can!

Beth will no doubt have new ideas and some things may change. Everything is on the table! However, I will encourage her to continue the scholarship donations that we do annually. So far under my presidency we have donated over \$33,000 in academic scholarships. This has helped countless students in some ways towards their education. Being a 501c3 incorporated organization allows us to do even more.

I know, from asking members, that most of you will not read past the first page! What this says can be interpreted in several ways, but the facts are what they are so I will end this since it won't be seen anyway!

Again, thank you to EVERYBODY who has been a member of the Fossil Club of Lee County and especially to all the officers, directors, committee chairpersons and volunteers and helpers and to all my fossil friends. Goodbye!

Louis Stieffel

President(Past!), FCOLC



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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

FCOLC MEETING

3/21/2019

Louis Stieffel called the meeting to order.

Louis announced this would be a brief meeting due to the auction.

Named officers running for office: President: Beth Meyers, Vice President: Linda Simmons, Secretary: Joel Noah, Treasurer: Jeanne Seehaver.

Louis asked all present to vote. Aye if in favor, nay if not in favor. All members present voted aye making it unanimous.

Directors are to be named by new officers.

Louis discussed the rules of the auction being held following this meeting.

Meeting was closed.

Break provided snacks by Florida Beach Combers.

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.

ELECTIONS!!

New officers will be taking over at the
April 2019 meeting!

Congratulations to:

President---Beth Meyer

Vice-president – Linda Simmons

Treasurer—Jeanne Seehaver

Secretary—Joel Noah.

Beth will announce her appointed directors at the meeting.

Louis Stieffel, past president, is an automatic director for one year.

FCOLC annual fossil auction!

Our annual fossil auction was held at the March meeting. Auctioneer Louis Stieffel auctioned off over 100 lots of fossils and fossil related items. Also there were about 15 silent auction items as well. The crowd was spirited and some items saw a lot of action!

We want to thank our loyal members who call themselves the Bonita Beach Gang, for supplying the refreshments again this year! They have quite a tradition! Thank you so much!

I also want to thank our helpers who without their attentive accounting and keeping us straight, we would have mass confusion! However the team of Al Govin, Leslie Stieffel, Edgar Jestes, and Shirley Ness. And, Joel Noah. All of these folks did a great job!!

Dean Hart not only helped lug in the merchandise and set it up but also displayed each and every item as it came up for auction. Linda Simmons helped set up along with Edgar.

We had a few early arrivals who also pitched in, and I want to thank EVERYONE for all the help in making this year's fossil auction a success!

Louis

EASTER EGGCASE HUNT

SKATES & RAYS



UNDULATE RAY
Raja undulata



THORNBACK RAY
Raja clavata



SMALL-EYED RAY
Raja microocellata



SPOTTED RAY
Raja montagui



CUCKOO RAY
Leucoraja naevus



STARRY SKATE
Amblyraja radiata



BLONDE RAY
Raja brachyura



BLUE SKATE
Dipturus batis



FLAPPER SKATE
Dipturus intermedius



WHITE SKATE
Rostroraja alba

SHARKS

BLACKMOUTH
CATSHARK
Galeus melostomus

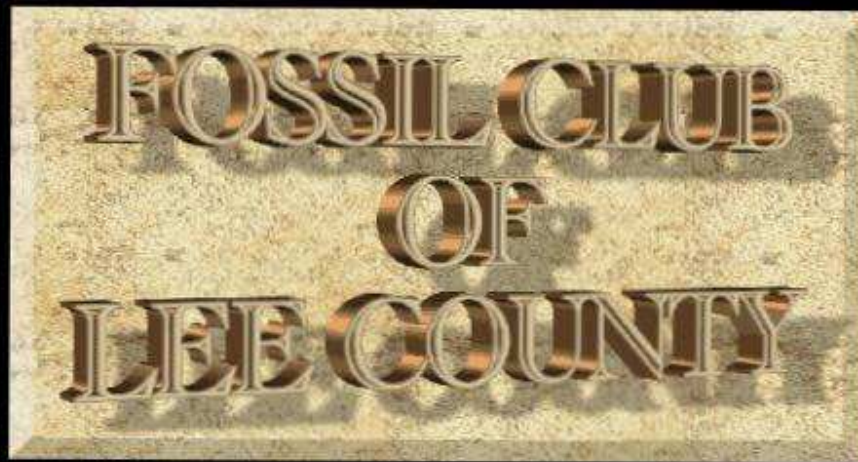


SMALLSPOTTED
CATSHARK
Scyliorhinus canicula



NURSEHOUND
Scyliorhinus stelfoxi





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.

