



FOSSIL CLUB OF LEE COUNTY

OCTOBER 2018

Letter from the President

THREE days without rain!! Maybe the rainy season is ending! I posted screen shots of the water levels inside this newsletter. So, check out the levels, you can see it's coming down!

However, it is still too high to river hunt. So, Jeanne Seehaver has agreed to organize a trip to the crystal mine at Ft Drum. There is a fee for this, to the mine owner, Eddie Rucks, but it's a nice ride into the country, and a chance to collect some interesting fossils. She hopes to have more information at the meeting for you.

Our speaker this month is Beth Cooper Meyer. She's been around rocks and fossils since a kid. She's also has a store in Ft Myers selling them. SO, Beth knows her stuff. And, as a part time stand-up comic, she just may have a rocky joke or two! Come and listen to the presentation!! Beth may bring a sample of her sale items to the meeting as well, for anyone wishing to add to their collection.

We are not a sales club. We discourage members from actively selling to other members. Not all members appreciate this selling. However, we have always given the opportunity to any of our speakers to also offer for sale to members any of what they deal in. As a speaker--if you write books, bring 'em! If you sell fossils, bring 'em. This helps us to acquire speakers easier since it helps compensate them for their time and effort. We DO pay our speakers, but every bit helps!

National Fossil Day was celebrated on September 29, at the FLMNH in Gainesville, Fl. After a spirited discussion at last month's meeting, it was decided to not participate this year. We did not have enough volunteers to go up there and take part in the activities. Next year, it may be closer to home and we will evaluate it again at that time.

I want to give a shout out to Maurice Guy for donating some very nice fossil shells and corals. We can use them on our raffle table and also as part of the annual fossil auction. Thank you, Maurice!

We are downsizing the club store, a small amount. It seems the riker cases are the most popular item. However these take up space. So we (Dave and Jeanne!) are thinning down the tee shirt inventory, and also the books. Last month saw a discount on any book purchases. Depending on quantity, a discount may be offered again this month. Dave and Jeanne do a terrific job with the club store!!! Thank you!!!

Also, thanks go out to Edgar and Linda for refreshments, Linda for librarian, Victoria (and Linda!) for the \$1 raffle, and Earl for getting there so early and always helping to set up. Thank you guys!

Upcoming fossil shows—be sure to try and attend. You will really enjoy them!!

Orlando Fossil Show—Oct 20-21

Southwest Florida Fossil Society show—November 10
Fossil club of Lee County Fossil Festival—February 23, 2019
Tamps Bay Fossil Fest---March 9-10, 2019
Venice Shark Tooth Festival—April 12-13-14, 2019

Happy Hunting!! Bring in your show and tell!

Louis Stieffel
President
Fossil Club of Lee County



FCOLC Meeting Minutes 9/20/2018

24 MEMBERS PRESENT

Louis Stieffel opened meeting.

Store was open with all books on sale with a 25% discount.

There will be a change in all officers in 2019. Louis Stieffel no longer wishes to be president. Al Govin no longer wishes to be treasurer. Jeanne Seehaver has offered to be treasurer. Leslie Stieffel no longer wishes to be vice-president. Louis Stieffel has offered to become vice president. Office that has yet to be filled by a volunteer is President. **We need a president, please volunteer.**

Jeanne Seehaver will plan a trip to Ruck's pit.

National Fossil day was discussed with a possible hunting trip. No interest was shown.

There was a discussion of the clubs identity with University of Florida.

Door prizes were awarded.

Louis gave a brief history of evenings speaker, Terry Sellari.

Terry Sellari gave his presentation.

Dollar raffle was held.

Minutes by Al Govin
Secretary/Treasurer

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Travis Willis , Club 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

October Speaker!!

This month's presenter is Beth Meyer. Her topic will be "Where the heck did all of these rocks come from?"

Beth has been collecting rocks since she was a child in Kansas; her first fossil find was a seashell discovered in the freshly plowed garden. During family trips her mom was the kind of gal who would yell STOP, and jump out of the station wagon to grab a road cut rock.

Beth is the owner of Elemental Art, a rock shop in Ft Myers that features a large selection of Florida fossils and minerals.

She has a background in media, including radio, TV and newspaper. She also has been in emergency management, owned a goat ranch, and operated a paranormal tourism business. Beth has written two books. A PBS tv show was produced based on the books.

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.

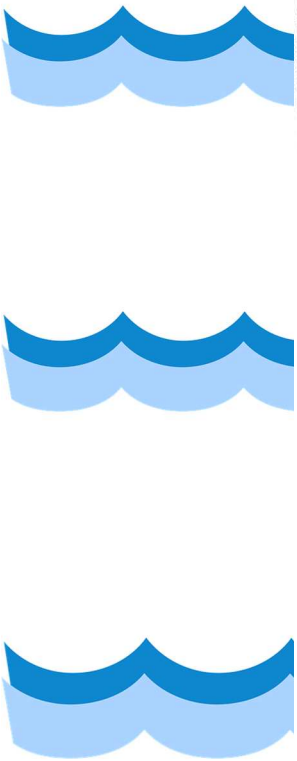
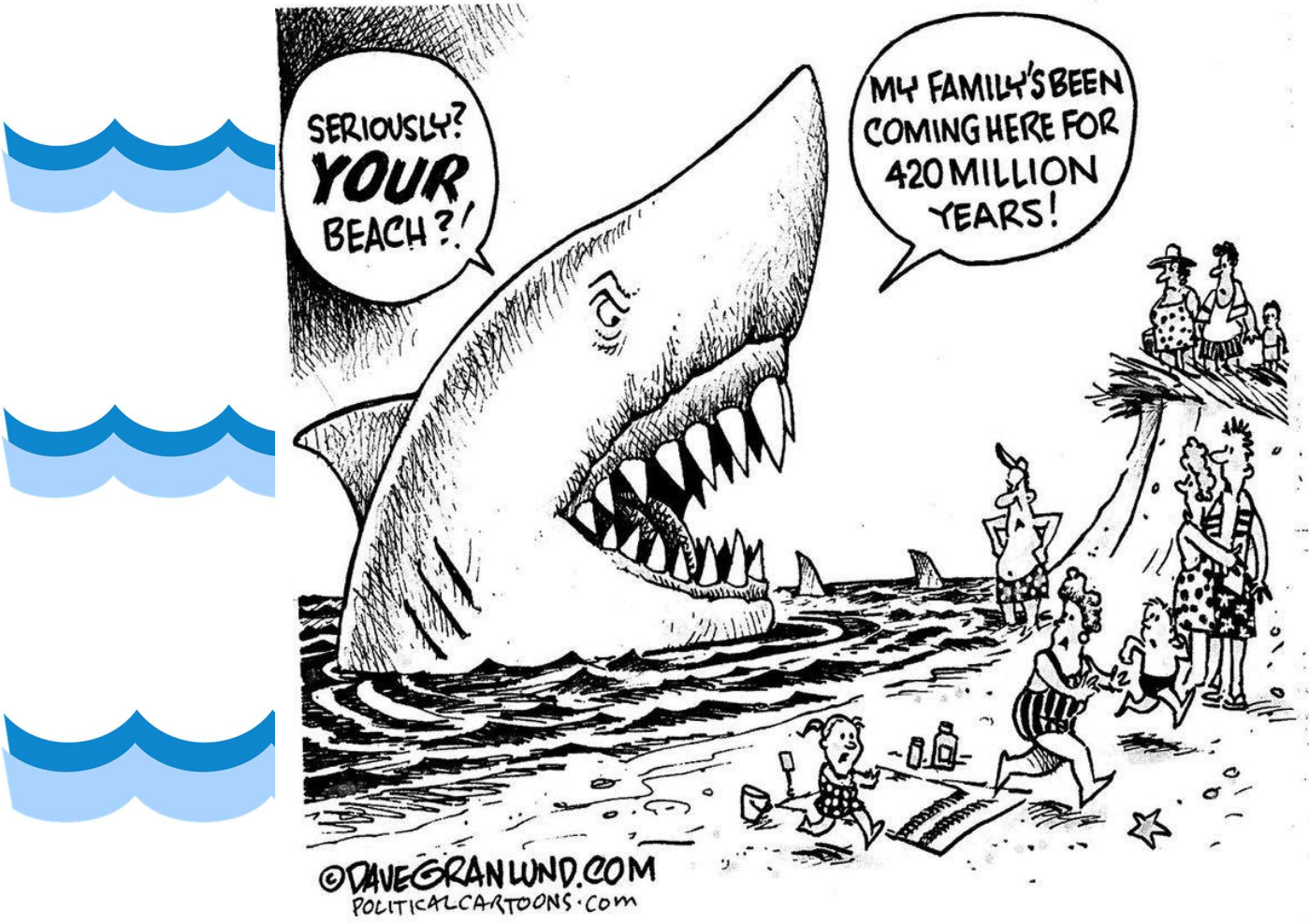
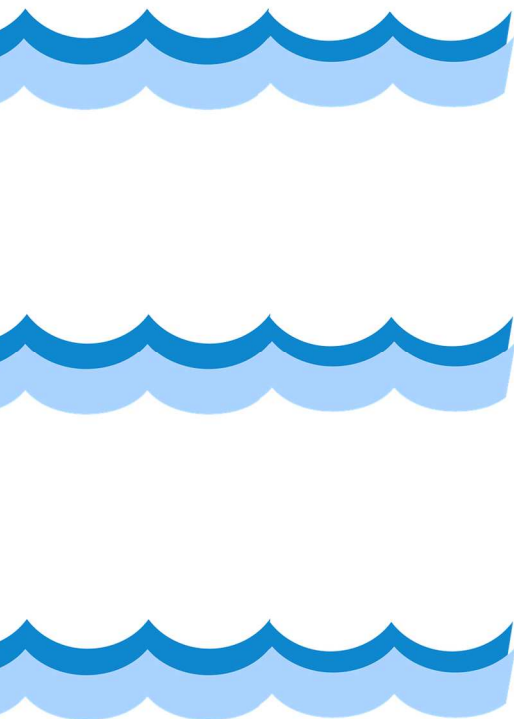
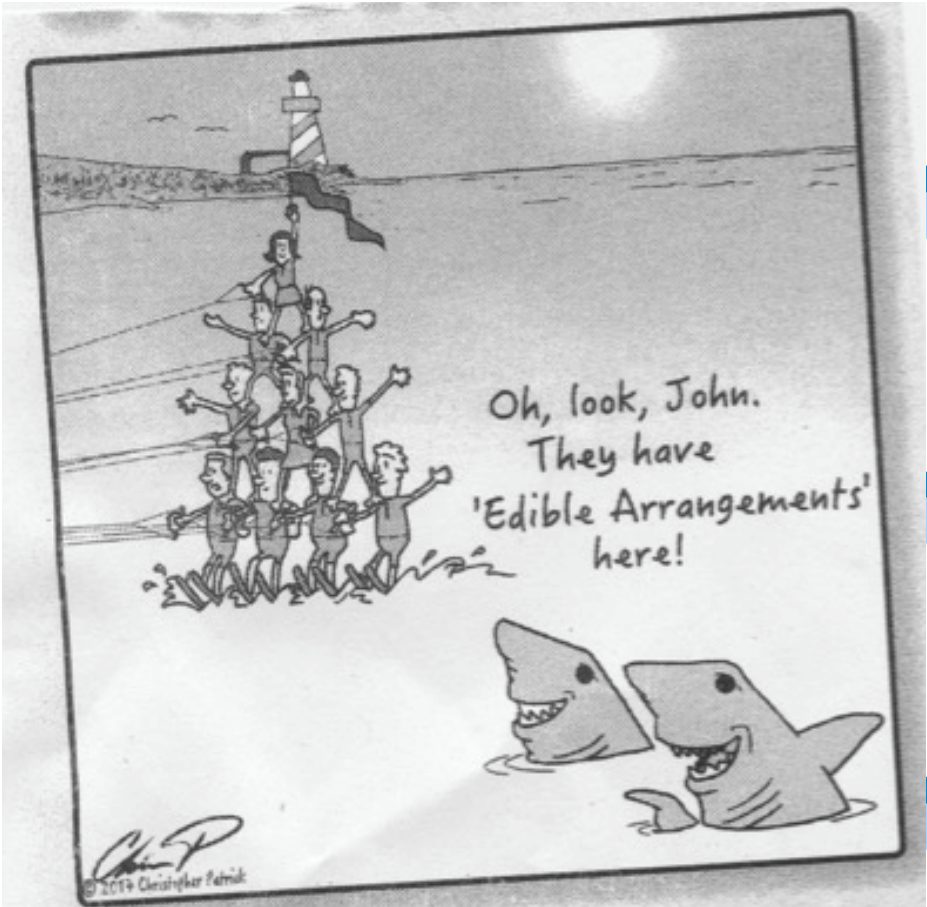
Florida Vertebrate **Fossil Permit** <http://flmnh.ufl.edu/natsci/vertpaleo/vppermit.htm>

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.



RIVER WATER LEVELS

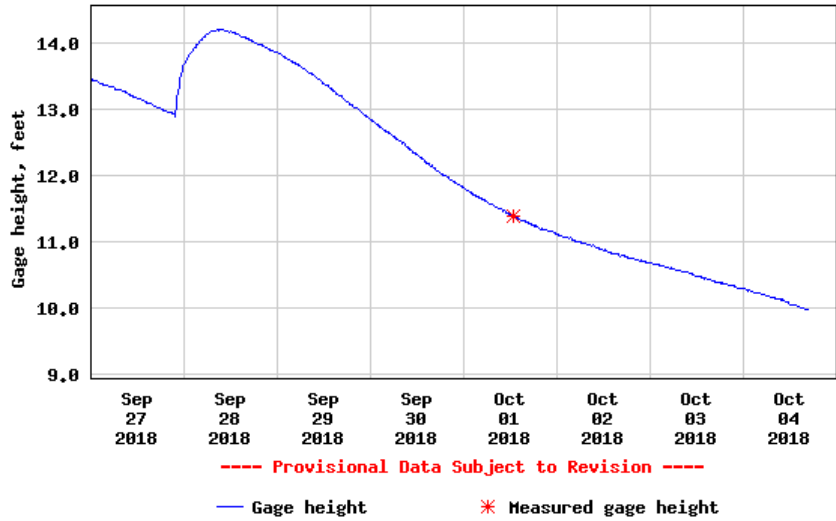
River water level as of 10-4-2018.

It's still too high, but it's coming down!!

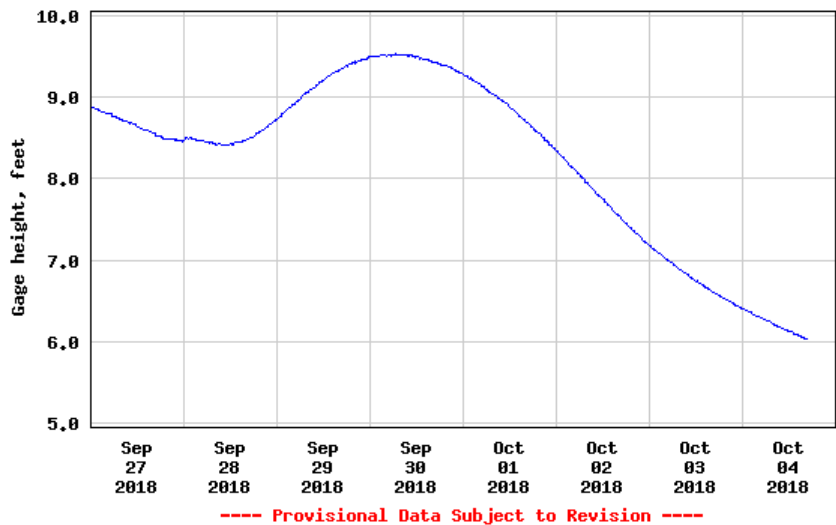
No rain at my house for three days now!!!



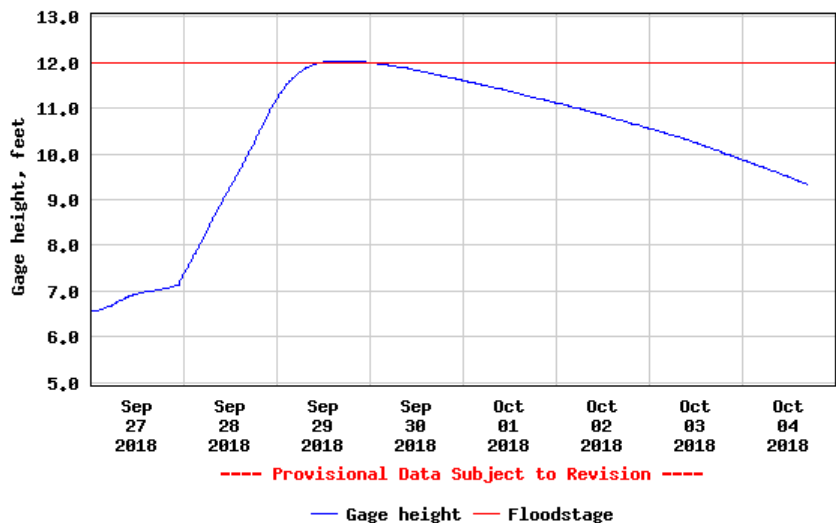
USGS 02295637 PEACE RIVER AT ZOLFO SPRINGS FL

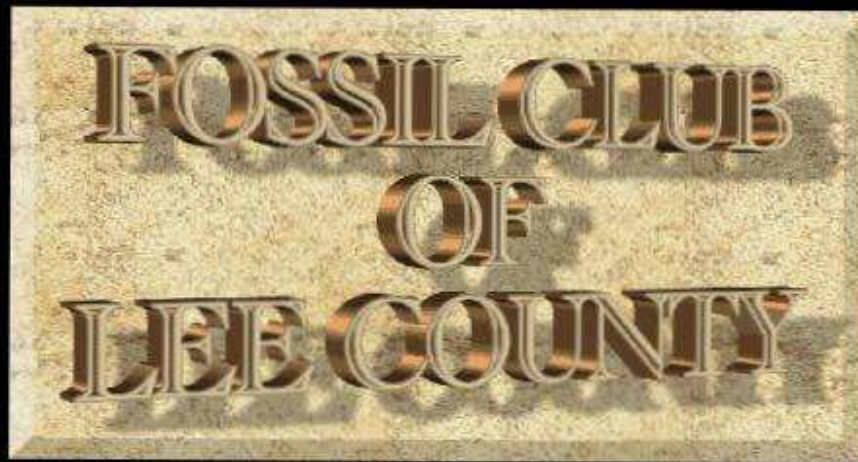


USGS 02296750 PEACE RIVER AT ARCADIA FL



USGS 02297310 HORSE CREEK NEAR ARCADIA FL





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.





**SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
FOSSIL SOCIETY**

PRESERVING THE PAST FOR THE FUTURE

5th Annual Fossil EXPO

**Saturday, November 10, 2018
10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

**Punta Gorda Women's Club and Historical Society Building
118 Sullivan Street, Punta Gorda, FL 33950**



This exciting event will have vendors from all over Florida selling magnificent Dinosaur fossils, minerals, Shark Teeth Books and Beautiful Custom made Fossil Jewelry
A portion of proceeds from the EXPO will be used to fund student scholarships & research grants
Many other activities including;

- ▶ **Free Children's area to dig for fossils**
- ▶ **Refreshments and more!**
- ▶ **Silent auctions for great items will go on all day**

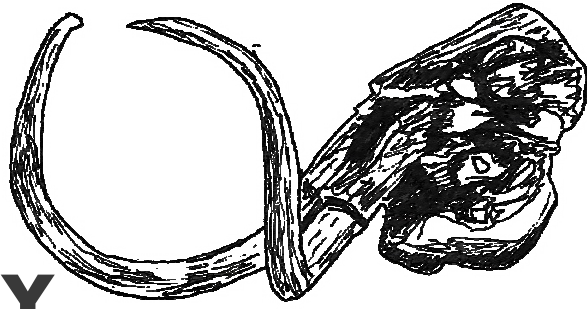
**VENDORS and COLLECTORS INTERESTED IN TABLES
SPACE SHOULD CONTACT: JAY LEV at 941-575-9981**



Admission for Adults \$3.00 Children under 12 years are Free!

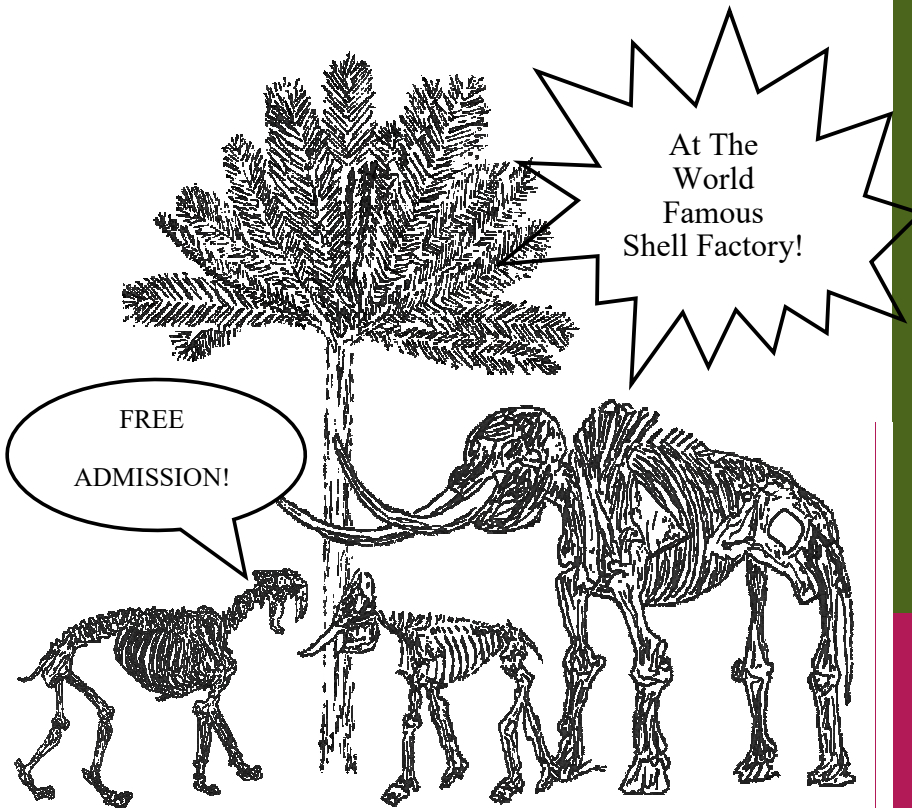
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THE FOSSIL CLUB OF LEE COUNTY PRESENTS THE 15TH ANNUAL FOSSIL FESTIVAL



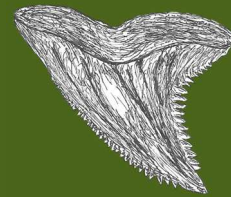
Saturday, February 23rd 2019 at the Shell Factory

Come to the Shell Factory to learn about Florida's pre-historic past, learn how to collect and identify your local fossils and maybe even get to take home a piece of the past! Talk with the local experienced fossil hunters, shop, explore all that Florida's past has to offer! There is something for everyone! Kids fossil dig, vendors with magnificent fossils of all shapes and sizes, minerals, literature for the novice all the way up to the experienced hunter!



Feb. 23, 2019
9AM to 5PM
At the Shell Factory
& Nature Park

Silent Auction
Grand Prize Raffle
Vendors & Fossil
Dealers
KIDS DIG!!
Games & Prizes
Free Fossil Museum
& Exhibits



There's something
for everyone at the
Fossil Festival!

Join us!

www.FCOLC.com

The Shell Factory

2747 N Tamiami Trail

Fort Myers, FL 33903

232-995-2141

www.theshellfactory.com

Feb. 23rd, 2019

9AM until 5PM

2018 FOSSIL FAIR

Florida Fossil Hunters

Twenty-sixth Annual
**Fossils, Rocks,
Gems & Minerals**

Saturday, October 20, 2018
9:00am - 5:00pm
Sunday, October 21, 2018
10:00am - 4:00pm



Central Florida Fairgrounds

4603 West Colonial Drive, Orlando, Florida 32808

\$4.00 Adults | \$1.00 Children

**Learn to dig in Florida and
see what can be discovered!**

Directions:
I-4 to Orlando, Exit 84,
West Hwy 50/Colonial Drive
exit Westbound.

The fairgrounds will be
on the right side, just past
Mercy Drive.



For more information on the 2018 Fossil Fair contact us by email at info@floridafossilhunters.com, call 407-699-9274, or check the website at

www.floridafossilhunters.com

Raffles

Vendors

**Silent
Auctions**

**Kids \$1
Dig Pit**

**Educational
Displays**

**Airconditioned
INDOORS!**