

**Fossil Club
Of Lee County
Newsletter
December 2005**

Message from the President

Our third annual Fossil Festival will be held this Saturday at the Calusa Nature Center from 9am to 5pm. Our club would appreciate participation from all of the members who can possibly attend and help out. Anyone that can help out please show up anytime after 8 am that morning. If you want to come a little later, that's ok, as other volunteers could be relieved. This is not hard work. You can work at our club table, or help with the kid's activities, or direct people that need help, etc. After the show is over, we could use a few folks to help stack tables, for the rental company to pick up on Monday, and to make sure we don't leave trash and such.

The Iona House will have fossil dealers, and the overflow, as well as other vendors and non-profit organizations and our club table will be under the Nature Center Building. Members will have free admission. All others will be charged \$2 per adult and \$1 for each child. Volunteer club members will also get a free T-Shirt from the Festival. Food will be available for purchase and coffee will be available.

We have two great guest speakers at the Festival that you will want to listen to.

Dr. Gordon Hubble is the world's leading expert on fossil sharks. He will be speaking at 11:00 a.m.

Dr. Charles O'Connor is speaking at 3:00 p.m. on "Finding and Recognizing Fossils."

Bring yourself, your friends, relatives, kids, and everybody else, along with enough \$ to help support the dealers, the club raffle, silent auction, and plan on spending a nice day.

Thanks,

Louis



December Meeting Annual Dinner Meeting

Our December Meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the Calusa Nature Center located at Ortiz and Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers, Fl. This will be a fun meeting, with just a little business discussed. There will be no speaker, but you are welcome to bring any and all of your show and tell fossils. Sandy will be baking a turkey and Chuck will be smoking a pork loin. Both of these fossil hunting cooks are good at preparing these dishes, but **we need a few side dishes, like veggies, salad, bread,** etc. To make sure we don't end up with 20 string bean casseroles, please consult the signup sheet we will have at the club table and select something to bring and an appetite. The club will provide all the drinks, plates, utensils, and napkins.

We also will be continuing the tradition of the **gift exchange. Bring a gift and get a gift.** Label it fossil or non fossil so the person choosing will have some idea. (No names on the gift.)

We may have new members at this meeting, who joined at our Fossil Festival on the 10th, so keep in mind that they may show up unprepared, but we will still feed them. (then we take their cars!!)

See ALL of you at the fossil festival next Saturday, and then at the December meeting the following week. It's SOON!!!!

Louis

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FOSSIL CLUB OF LEE COUNTY

A meeting of the membership of the Lee County Paleontological Society was held at the time, date, and place set forth below.

DATE OF MEETING: November 17, 2005

MEETING TIME: 7:00 P.M.

MEETING PLACE: Caloosa Nature Center

Number in attendance: 36.
Louis Stieffel presiding.
Club is selling Butvar.
Thanks go to Dr. Richard Hulbert, Jr. for his excellent talk on “Fossil Bears and Bear-like Carnivores from Florida.”
Thanks go to Mark Cantos for refreshments
Next Month’s membership meeting is the annual Christmas party.
Give us your e-mail address if you want a newsletter.
Trying to get a club fossil trip going.
There will be the annual club fossil auction in March, so bring in donations.
Leslie Stieffel volunteered to do refreshments for January; Mary volunteered for February.
Can be reimbursed up to \$25 for refreshments by Club.
Fossil Festival is December 10, 2005. Try to get a gift certificate for the fossil festival raffle of \$25 or more. Members admitted to fossil festival for free. Volunteers get a free t-shirt.

Secretary

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Auction: Louis Stieffel
Publicity: Carl Fricke

Books for your library

The club has purchased 5 interesting and informative books to make available to our members at below retail cost. These books will help you to identify your finds and give information on locating sites to hunt.

Vertebrate Fossils: A Neophyte’s Guide by Frank A. Kocsis Jr.	\$15.00
Fossilized Shark’s Teeth and Fossils by Bron Fink	\$ 4.75
Fossil Shark Teeth of the World by Joe Cocke	\$15.50

Fossil Diving in Florida Waters or any other waters containing Prehistoric Treasures by Dr. Robert	\$12.00
The fossil Vertebrates of Florida Edited by Richard C. Hulbert Jr. (no disc.)	\$39.95



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Reminder: We are now taking dues for the coming year which are due on January 1st. Please be sure that we have your correct address, phone number and e-mail address at this time.

The more newsletters we can e-mail, the less it costs the club and they don't get lost in the mail.