



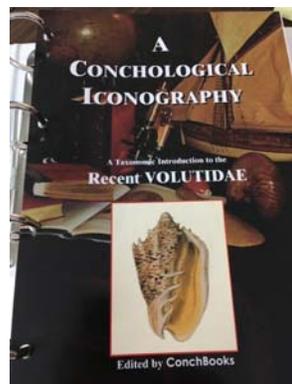
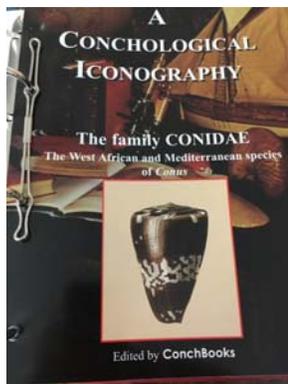
The Epitonium

February Program

Sandy Clark will be presenting the program at the HCS meeting on **February 20**. This is what she says about her program: "My daughter Kathleen and I took an Ecotour to the Baja Sur to watch and pet Gray Whales. We stayed in cabins on San Ignacio bay - not a trip for the faint-hearted - but we did get to see the whales up close - and actually pet them and take lots of pictures and videos."

HCS Auction

The auction committee hopes that you have been saving your money for the **March 3** event. Items for sale include some of Patty Humbird's beautiful needlework and several identification books in the Iconography series of notebooks from Guido Poppe and ConchBooks. Here are a few pictures in this article.



Once again it will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church in the Heights. A map, directions and an oral auction list will be in the March newsletter.

President's Message

By Angela Doucette

To all the sweeties: Happy Valentine's Day Y'all.

All shellers enjoying Mardi Gras Festivities – Laissez les bons temps rouler!!!!

Last month, we had a delightful visit with John and Angie Haneiko at their home and enjoyed looking at their enormous shell collection from around the world. I'm pretty certain all who were there will agree that their display was awesome.

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 20, 2018** at the Houston Museum of Natural Science at 7:00 p.m. Please plan to attend the meeting featuring Sandy Clark with slides of her trip to Baja Sur. We are also excited to have Darwin Alder present "The More You Know" moment at the meeting.

If you are interested in being the club's Field-trip Chairperson, please let me know.

We want to remember the following Texas shellers who recently passed away and keep their families in our prayers: George Wolf, Felix Cormier, Jean Dickman, and Wayne Humbird.



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There was no meeting in January because of weather. No minutes.

In Memoriam

HCS members were deeply saddened to hear about the recent deaths of Jean Dickman from the San Antonio Shell Club and Wayne Humbird from the Sea Shell Searchers and HCS. Patty and her family, along with Jean's family remain in our thoughts and prayers.

Visit HCS online at
www.houstonshellclub.com

CALENDAR

2/19	HCS Meeting
3/3	HCS Auction
4/17	HCS Meeting
5/4-6	Texas Jamboree
5/TBA	HCS Banquet
8/29	Begin COA



MARCH BIRTHDAYS	
Virginia Joiner	3/1
Elizabeth Gillespie	3/3
Sandra Inchaustegui	3/6
Cheryl Hood	3/8

Texas Sheller's Jamboree

If you haven't already made plans to attend the event on **May 4-6** in Corpus Christi, please do so. It is a great way to meet other Texas shellers and share your love of all things shells. There will be shells and shell related items for sale, and programs to help us learn more about our hobby. It is always a fun event!

The Coastal Bend club is still accepting donations, so please bring them to the February meeting or contact Lucy Clampit. Someone will be taking donations to CC in March.

If you receive a paper copy of the newsletter, you will find a registration form enclosed. If you read it on the club website, you will find a form attached to the email that is sent out when it has been posted.

Beach Trip

By Darwin Alder

On Tuesday, January 19, 2018, I decided to go to the beach. I started at East Beach in Galveston and found some olives and *polinices*. There were a few clusters of barnacles as well. I moved down the coast to Galveston Island State Park where I found nothing, then went on to San Luis Pass.

I parked at a public parking area and crossed the dunes on the boardwalk. There was a sign to beware of rattlesnakes. I ended up at the beach and walked to the pass. The drift line had the worm tubes that often indicate *epitoniums*. In the course of the walk I found olives, baby ears, moon snails, barnacles, and *dosinias*. In the distance, at the water's edge, I saw an object of interest. To my great surprise and happiness it was a 3 inch *Tonna galea* in very nice condition with a little

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Beach Trip from page 2 periostracum still intact! I had heard that they were found there and was overjoyed to find one. To my great joy I also found one *angulatum*. I was doubly fortunate!

I finished my sojourn with a big zero at Quintana and headed home.

(Editor's note: Darwin reported that the tide was very low on the first trip. He returned to East Beach on February 6 and found the items in the plastic container.)



Seashell Open House

The HCS thanks John and Angie Haneiko for their hospitality. About 20 members enjoyed viewing the beautiful shell collection, listening to John's explanations, and snacking on yummy munchies. The collection is unbelievably well organized and documented compared to most of our collections. Pictures by Rusti Stover.



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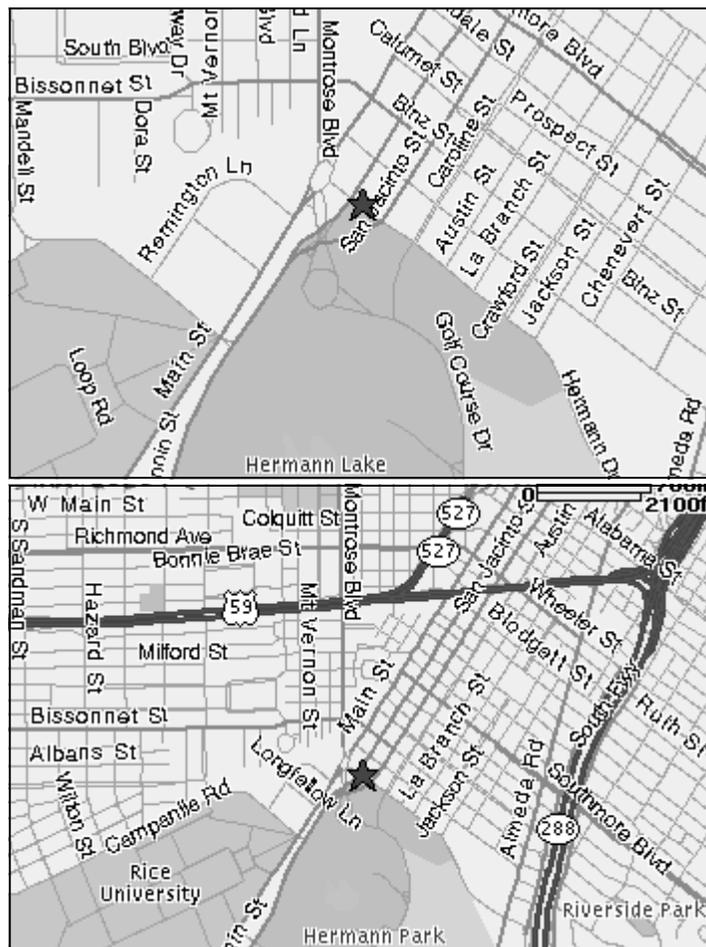
The Society holds regular meetings on the third Tuesday of September, October, November, January, February and April. There are seasonal events and a yearly shell auction scheduled in the other months. Meetings start at 7:30 PM at the Museum of Natural Science, 5555 Hermann Park Drive.

VISITORS WELCOME!!!

Membership year extends from June 1 through May 31.
Annual membership dues: Family \$12; Single \$10; Junior (under 18) \$6.

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