

Shell Photo Competition

February 2022

Dear Members,

I trust you are doing well, one month into 2022. Our first Committee Meeting of the year is done and dusted, and as part of proceedings we have decided to launch a new competition. We have been marred by Covid and related regulations precluding us from showcasing all-encompassing Shell Displays at recent events, so we have decided to host a Shell Photo Competition instead. This will at least provide the opportunity to be creative, without having to create a physical item.

We have kept the rules simple: the photo must contain at least one shell – that's it. It can be composed in any way, be it on land, under water, on a beach, in an artistic setting, in a natural setting, with other objects or shell-alone, living or dead specimens – whatever your imagination can conjure up will be suitable, as long as the photo presents a shell (or multiple shells) in some way.

We have furthermore decided to allow non-Members to also participate, in an attempt to create awareness for Conchology and the Society. We will therefore be distributing the invite to participate to e.g. Dive Clubs and other nature-centric organisations, too.

Images taken can be emailed to the following addresses:

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We will give time until 31 May 2022 for submissions, where after the winner will be selected by the Committee. The winner will receive a R200 cash prize, and if a non-Member wins the cash prize will be complimented with a free copy of the latest Strandloper magazine.

Please remember, you do not need to be a professional photographer to participate, or own a fancy, expensive camera, either. Just be creative and original, and have fun while doing so. We will be publishing the top ten photos, as selected by the Committee, in the ensuing edition of Strandloper as well, so even if you do not win the top position, your photo could still end up in lights. We will also publish a bunch of them on the SCSA Website.

Until next time, happy shelling - and get snapping!

President, SCSA 21 February 2022