

**Tom Rice Awarded 2014 *Neptunea* Award by COA**  
by George Holm

Our club founder, Tom Rice, has been presented the 2014 *Neptunea* Award by the Conchologists of America, COA. I know I speak for everyone in our club when I congratulate Tom for receiving this prestigious award. Two awards were presented and the other recipient is Colin Redfern. The following is from *American Conchologist* Vol. 42, No. 3, 2014, p. 24. and is printed here with permission.



“Both these individuals are well known to members of COA and over the years have contributed greatly to the advancement of our organization as well as the knowledge of conchology and malachology. Both gentlemen are well-deserving of this recognition. Tom’s award is shown as an example of the *Neptunea*.

“Tom Rice lives in Rawaii Beach, near Phuket, Thailand, and is perhaps best known for publication of the shell magazine, *Of Sea And Shore*, (108 issues, 1970-2007). During this period, *Of Sea And Shore* was THE shell magazine and has now been digitized on disc. He also published: *The Catalog of Dealers Prices for shells: Marine, Freshwater and Land* (23 editions, 1965-2007), *A Sheller’s Directory of Clubs, Books, Periodicals and Dealers 1965-2007* (27 editions), *Directory of Conchologists/Malachologists* (6 editions): *Additions and Corrections to A. Myra Keen: Seashells of Tropical West America* (1968), *Checklist of the Marine Gastropods from Puget Sound Region* (1968), *A*

*Checklist of Mollusks on Postage Stamps* (6 editions), *A Checklist of the Shelled Marine Molluscs of the Oregonian Faunal Province* (2000), *Marine Shells of the Pacific Northwest* (1972), and *Beach Banquet* (1993). Tom is a founding member of COA, hosted two COA conventions, and served as President in 1974. Tom moved to Thailand after retirement. Before that he lived in Port Gamble, Washington, where he was a drawbridge tender and proprietor of the “Of Sea and Shore Shell Museum” in Port Gamble.”



Tom Rice when he attended the 2012 annual club auction.

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