

July 2023

Meetings are held at Smoke'n Pit Bar-B-Que, 1641 North Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers, located on Rte 41 (Bus) between Pine Island Rd (SR78) & the Edison Bridge. First Tuesday of every month, at 4:30 PM



Ft Myers Knife Club - Last Meeting Update

The June meeting of the Ft. Myers Knife Club had an attendance of 13 members & guests. This month's door prizes considered of a Carl Spitzer Damascus Knife and Smith & Wesson Western H. R. T. Gary Wrona won the Carl Spitzer knife and the Smith & Wesson went to Mike Mikutis. The monthly 50/50 drawing of \$20 was won by James Patton. The **BEST SPECIAL** featured knife for the month was won by Russ Smegal for his Steve Powers Stag Bowie.

Next meeting Date: 4th of July 2023 – Free Door Prizes Drawing.

Bring your favorite knives for Show & Tell and/or Sell

July's Best Knife: Pearl Folder (any maker)

Bring your best to win a Prize

Monthly Knife Show Schedule

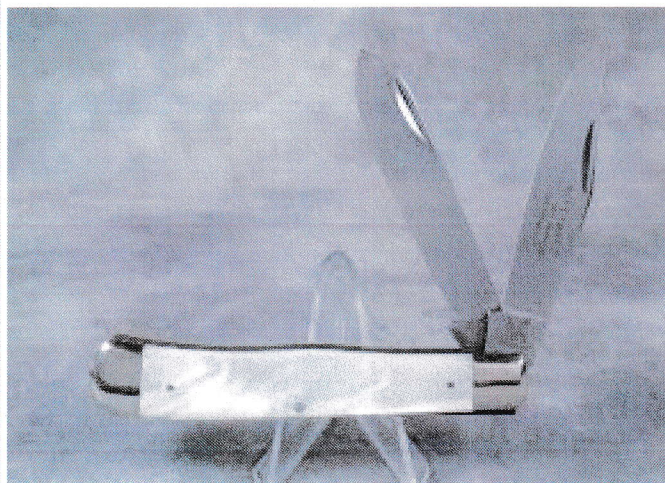
SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL GUN & KNIFE SHOWS - GO THIS WEEKEND !!!

July 8-9	Orlando - Florida Gun Shows - Central Florida Fairgrounds
July 8-9	West Palm Beach - Sports Show Specialists - South Florida Fairgrounds
July 22-23	Palmetto - Florida Gun Shows - Bradenton Convention Center
Aug 5-6	Ft Myers - Florida Gun Shows - Lee Civic Center

For Additional Florida Shows see Web site: gunshowtrader.com/gunshows/florida-gun-shows/



PEARL FOLDERS



FMKC WEB SITE

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FMKC NEWSLETTER



MOTHER OF PEARL

Mother of Pearl is an organic substance, which forms the inner layer of some shells. It is a unique material with an iridescent sheen that has been used for centuries in a variety of applications. The term "mother of pearl" was coined because it resembles [pearls](#) and can be polished to a beautiful luster.

Real pearls are made from layers of nacre – the same material found in mother of pearl – but cultured pearls are grown using another type of shell instead. It has long been used to make buttons, jewelry, decorative items, furniture pieces, and musical instruments such as flutes and guitars.

Nacre, also known as mother of pearl, is a material that has been around since the [Ming Dynasties](#). It consists of nacre-coated inner-shell and nacre-lined shells that are made up of aragonite platelets arranged in hexagonal patterns. Nacre tesserae have been used to create beautiful mosaics for centuries and false nacre materials are often used today to mimic this effect without the use of real shells.

The unique characteristics of the nacre have made it popular throughout history among many cultures, who have created artworks and artifacts using its iridescent luster and ability to reflect light. Its strength gives it potential uses beyond just ornamental pieces such as being incorporated into jewelry or high-end fashion accessories like buttons or buckles.

The definition of nacre, or mother of pearl, refers to an organic-inorganic composite material composed of microscopic platelets or layers made out of calcium carbonate and conchiolin proteins secreted by mollusks such as oysters and mussels. These substances bond together to form columns or sheets within each piece making up the overall structure of the material.

Nacre~



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