

Eloise's Acteon, 32.3 mm

***Punctacteon eloiseae*, (Abbott, 1973)**

In the spring of 2017 Donald Dan visited me with a collection of shells recently donated to Conchologists of America by the family of Frederic Weiss (1929-2015). I photographed the collection for an auction to be held at that year's annual convention in Key West, Florida.

Among the world class shells were three stellar *Punctacteon eloiseae*. The specimens were the best I had ever handled. The size, perfection and the presence of operculum was remarkable.

At the much anticipated auction Everett won what had become Lot 6 for the very desirable set of shells. His bid of \$450 added the shells to his cabinet. Everett called me immediately after he won the shells. His excitement was very evident.

When Dora sent me the proof of her catalog, this shell stood out to me immediately as an exceptional example of a scarce species. It recently occurred to me it might be one of the original Weiss shells. Referencing the 2017 COA auction catalog and the March 2025 catalogs confirmed there is no doubt about it, it's one of the shells.

Prior to 2017, when Mr. Weiss acquired the shells the Bosch family was the only source of this iconic Oman shell.

I do not have a record of the dealer Mr. Weiss purchased the shells from.

History of our shell's travels:

Collected by the Bosch Family ~ Masira Island, Oman (likely 1990's?)

Shell dealer?

Frederic Weiss Collection 1990's (?) – 2016

Conchologists of America 2016 – 2017

Everett Long Collection 2017 – 2022

North Carolina Shell Club 2022 – 2025

Winner of 2025 March Auction 2025 -

LOT 52

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Punctacteon eloiseae, (Abbott, 1973),
taken by diver at Masirah Island,
Muscat, Oman
Bosch family collectors
Large size and chunky
WITH OPERCULUM !!

John Timmerman, February 2025

Auction
August 16, 2017
Welcome to
The Conch Republic
Conchologists of America Convention
Key West Florida
Doubletree
by Hilton
Grand Key Resort
Preview 6 - 7 PM Auction Starts 7 PM
Auctioneers: Paul Callomon & Hank Chaney

A trip around the world with the
E. Long legacy collection of shells
-Courtesy of the North Carolina Shell Club-
Oral Auction March 21-22, 2025
Ocracoke, NC Community Center

NOTE:
photos are not to scale

Lot 6
Punctateon eloiseae (Abbott, 1973)
32.3 / 30.1 / 28.3mm

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LOT 51
Pacific Giant Conch, 181 mm
Titanostrombus galeatus, (Swainson, 1823)
Live-taken off of Baja, Mexico
March 1965
Catalog number on dorsum
written by previous owner.

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LOT 53
Swainson's Volute, 117.5 mm
Alcihoe arabica (Gmelin, 1791)
Live-taken on beach after storm
Auckland, New Zealand

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