

## A Correction to the 25 March 2023 Auction

On February 15, Clair Beckman emailed Karlynn Morgan questioning the identification we placed on auction Lot 66, *Conus spurius aureofasciatus* H.A. Rehder & R.T. Abbott 1951.

Earlier, Mark Johnson expressed doubt per accuracy of the data tag that came with the shell. The data tag showed that it had been collected off Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico which is contrary to *Conus spurius aureofasciatus* which is a Gulf of Mexico species. He proposed that the data was correct but in reality *Conus regularis* Sowerby I & II, 1833. For the catalog we (subsequently shown to be incorrect) adhered to the information shown on the data tag.

Karlynn offered that Bill Fenson, a recognized *Conus* expert, would be happy to exam the cone. With images of the cone along with photograph of the data slip in hand, Bill quickly confirmed that it is *Conus regularis*, the species Mark proposed, and an exceptionally fine example at that.

I had set the opening bid at \$50 which would be a bargain if it were indeed *Conus spurius aureofasciatus* due to its rarity, but doubts tempered that value. *Conus regularis* at a \$50 opening bid is a bit high so we reset it at \$25.

Despite it not being a Holy Grail of a shell, it is a truly gorgeous specimen of *Conus regularis* worthy of serious consideration and remains as Dan Minor puts it, “Incredible” to be said with a French accent!

John Timmerman, Auction Chair  
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