

2021 Sea Shell Searchers Shell Show
Saturday and Sunday
October 16 & 17, 2021
Lake Jackson, Texas

Dear Sheller,

The Sea Shell Searchers announce our 2021 Shell Show. Our show this year will be held at the Lake Jackson Civic Center 333 Hwy 332 East, Lake Jackson, TX. There will be social events to renew acquaintances and make new shell friends. The Sea Shell Searchers Shell Show has proven to be a major event in shelling and we invite you to come and join us.

Please read the categories and rules that are included with this letter.

Our schedule for the show is:

1. Send entry forms to the Sea Shell Searchers, C/O Brazosport Museum of Natural Science, 400 College Blvd. Clute, TX 77531, by September 15, 2021. Space is limited this year; applications accepted on a first-come-first-serve basis.
2. We have a new seasonal category - SSS (Super Spooky Shell). This would be a fun and quick category for those who wanted to get started in exhibiting.
3. Set up exhibits at the Civic Center, Friday, October 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
4. Judging to begin at 1:00 p.m. Friday, October 15. All exhibitors must leave the shell show area during judging.
5. Awards will be given at the Jamboree Welcome Party on Friday evening at the Brazosport Museum of Natural Science. Hamburgers will be served hot off the grill with all the trimmings.
6. Show will open to the public Saturday, October 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 17 from 11:00 a.m. at 3:00 pm.
7. Exhibit removal will begin as soon as the show closes on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. No exhibit or part of exhibit may be removed prior to 3:00pm.
8. Some decisions such as menus and social events are still in planning.
9. The Texas Shellers Jamboree will be held at the same time and the two events are being combined this year. If you wish to participate in Jamboree, please contact Lucy Clampit at lclampit@comcast.net. If you choose not to participate in Jamboree but you want to attend the awards dinner/welcome party, you will need to pay \$20 to attend.

We look forward to your participation in the show. If you would like to support our show, please let us know. Patron donations \$25.00 and greater will be acknowledged at the Awards Banquet.

For more information, please contact Patty Humbird at 979-373-8602 or humbirdpatty@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

Wanda Coker and Patty Humbird

Co-chairpersons Sea Shell Searchers Shell Show

Sea Shell Searchers Shell Show 2021

Application for Entry

Name: (as you want it to appear on your exhibit(s)) _____

Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Home Shell Club: _____

Please fill in the following information to the best of your ability

	Category Number	Category Name	Total exhibit length, ft.	Exhibit Title
1				
2				
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4				
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6				

Scientific exhibitors only:

Are you eligible for the Conchologists of America Award? (Circle Exhibit Number(s) – 1 2 3 4 5 6)

Are you eligible for the Dupont Trophy? (Circle Exhibit Number(s) – 1 2 3 4 5 6)

Are you eligible for the Wayne Humbird Memorial Award? (Circle Exhibit Number(s) – 1 2 3 4 5 6)

I have read and understand the Shell Show Rules and agree to abide by them.

Signature of exhibitor _____ Date _____

Patron donation: \$ _____

All applications should be received by September 15, 2021

Mail Application(s) to:
 The Sea Shell Searchers Shell Show 2021
 C/O: Brazosport Museum of Natural Science
 400 College Blvd
 Clute, Texas 77531

E-mail to:
emptybobbin51@yahoo.com
 Wanda Coker: 979-236-5274
humbirdpatty@gmail.com
 Patty Humbird: 979-373-8602

Sea Shell Searchers Shell Show 2021

Application for Non-scientific Entry

Name: (as you want it to appear on your exhibit(s)) _____

Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Home Shell Club: _____

Please fill in the following information to the best of your ability

	Category Number	Category Name	Total exhibit length, ft.	Exhibit Title
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Non-Scientific exhibitors only:

I have read and understand the Shell Show Rules and agree to abide by them.

Signature of exhibitor _____ Date _____

Patron donation: \$ _____

All applications should be received by September 15, 2021

Mail Application(s) to: The Sea Shell Searchers Shell Show 2021 C/O: Brazosport Museum of Natural Science 400 College Blvd Clute, Texas 77531	E-mail to: emptybobbin51@yahoo.com Wanda Coker: 979-236-5274 humbirdpatty@gmail.com Patty Humbird: 979-373-8602
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2021 Sea Shell Searcher Shell Show Rules

1. Exhibitors may enter no more than 6 scientific exhibits (categories 1 - 12).
2. Exhibitors may enter more than one category, but only one entry per category or subcategory, unless otherwise stated,
3. Any exhibit that won a blue ribbon in the 2019 Sea Shell Searchers Shell Show is ineligible for competition unless a 50% visible change is made in the exhibit.
4. In order for a self-collected shell to be considered for Shell of the Show self-collected, a small star should be placed or printed on the label of self-collected shells. If the entire exhibit is self-collected a statement to that effect will take the place of individual labels.
5. Contents of exhibits must belong to the exhibitor.
6. Exhibitors must pre-register before September 15 to reserve a place. Late entries will be accepted if space allows. Tables as well as space will be very limited this year, so please register early.
7. Exhibitors must check in and set up exhibit between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Friday, October 15. All exhibitors must leave the shell show area at 1:00 p.m.
8. Exhibits must remain for the duration of the show. No part of any exhibit may be removed for any reason.
9. Exhibits must be removed between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. Sunday, October 17. Show committee will remove any exhibits not removed by 5:00 p.m. and exhibitor is responsible for retrieving his/her exhibit from the committee.
10. As judging is to be done anonymously, no name or identifying information is to be put with the exhibit. After judging, cards will be placed with exhibits identifying exhibitor.
11. Judging will be based on attractiveness of arrangement, quality and choice of shells, accuracy of labeling, apparent amount of work on the exhibit and educational value. Decisions of the judges are final. Awards will be given only if judges determine exhibits are of sufficient merit.
12. The committee may add or subdivide categories if deemed necessary.
13. No live exhibits.
14. Tables are 30" deep x 6' long. Long exhibits may be exhibited in 2 parts depending on available running length.
15. The height of an exhibit (including backboard) may not exceed 36" from tabletop and the backside of any exhibit must be plain and finished so as not to detract from exhibit.
16. If your exhibit is more than 30" deep including backboard and braces, please indicate on your application.
17. No electricity is available for exhibits.
18. Beachcomber collections must be exhibited in natural state, as found on beach.
19. All exhibits except for Categories 13, 14 and 16 must be enclosed in cases, which should be secured during the show. Exhibitors must provide their own cases. It is recommended that exhibits in categories 13 and 14 be enclosed if possible.
20. In artistic exhibits, categories 13, 14, and 16 entries must be the work of the exhibitor.
21. Exhibitors in categories 13, 14, and 16 must provide any needed easel, stand, etc. for display.
22. The Shell Show committee, the Sea Shell Searchers and the Lake Jackson Civic Center will not be responsible for exhibits; however, security will be provided.

2021 SSSSS Exhibit Categories

1. One Family
 - A. One major family (Muricidae, Cypraeidae, Conidae, Volutidae, Pectinidae)
 - B. One minor family (any family not listed as a major family)
2. One genus (if the family consists of only one genus, it must be entered as a family)
3. One species (growth series, color or other variations)
4. Single Specimen (a single shell)
5. Texas (up to 500 yards offshore)
6. Gulf of Mexico
7. Regional
8. Educational
9. Fossils (shells and/ or marine life)
10. Land and/or Fresh Water mollusks
11. Marine Life
12. Beachcomber
13. Shell art (anything with shell motif, must be work of the exhibitor)
 - a. Photography
 - b. Needlework
 - c. Painting
 - d. Drawings or sketches
 - e. Stained glass
 - f. Other
14. Shell craft (craft items made with shells, must be the work of the exhibitor)
 - a. Pictures
 - b. Floral arrangements
 - c. Sailor's Valentines
 - d. Personal accessories
 - e. Mirrors/frames
 - f. Other
15. Junior (12th grade or younger)
16. SSS (Super Spooky Shell): Anything "scary AND shell-y" - real shell or fake, photo, painting, sculpture, and so on, but must be a single item

Sea Shell Searchers Shell Show 2021 Trophy and Award List

Special Sea Shell Searchers Shell Show Trophy

Wayne Humbird Memorial Award for the Best of the Best: Presented by the Sea Shell Searchers of Brazoria County and sponsored by Linda and Dave Green. To be awarded to a **scientific exhibit** of mollusks that demonstrate excellence in malacology and conchology and has previously won a major award at any shell show. Major awards for this consideration are DuPont, Conchologists of America, American Museum of Natural History, and Smithsonian.

National Scientific Trophies:

COA: Presented by the Conchologists of America. The COA Award is given to a single **scientific exhibit** which best advances the interest in shells and shell collecting. It may only be given to a first prize winner. It cannot be given to an exhibit which has previously won a COA Award, at any show, unless fifty percent or more of the contents and format has been changed or added. (For more criteria, see the Guidelines for the COA Award)

Dupont: Presented by the Delaware Museum of Natural History. The purpose of this award is to advance the cause of amateur malacology by encouraging the entry of exhibits which will stimulate public interest in, and appreciation of, the hobby and the scientific study of mollusks. It is given for the **outstanding exhibit** of the Sea Shell Searchers Shell Show.

Scientific Trophies:

Mildred Tate Gulf of Mexico: Presented by the Brazosport Museum of Natural Science. To be awarded to the outstanding **shell or exhibit** of shells collected from the Gulf of Mexico or along the shores of the Gulf States or Mexico.

Thomas Pulley Texas In Memory of (to be decided): Presented by the Houston Conchology Society. To be presented to a shell show exhibitor for an outstanding **Texas marine shell**.

Clara Lucille Green Memorial Award for One Minor Family: Presented by Linda and Dave Green. To be awarded to the Best Scientific single-family exhibit, in the opinion of the judges, to the entry which best represents the mollusks of **one minor family**. This excludes Cypraea, Cones, Murex, Volutes and Pectens. All other families will be eligible for this award.

Scientific Exhibit under 10 feet: running length of exhibit cannot exceed 10.”

Shell of the Show – self-collected: must be labeled as self-collected to be considered.

Shell of the Show – any source

Additional Trophies:

Dean Harris Beachcomber: Presented by the Sea Shell Searchers of Brazoria County to the **best beachcomber** item in any category.

Junior: the exhibit must be done by an exhibitor in the 12th grade or under

Jo Tirrell Memorial Trophy: Presented by the Coastal Bend Shell Club for the best **shell art or shell craft** exhibit in categories 13 & 14.

People’s Choice: Chosen by popular vote given on Saturday and Sunday.

HOTEL information

As a courtesy, I have secured two different hotels with great rates for your consideration. Both Hotels are approximately 1 1/2 miles from the Civic Center. We have many hotels in the area so if you are looking for a specific one, you will probably find it. Beach house rentals are also available, even though you won't have much time to spend there, and are approximately 15 minutes away.

General link for area hotels

<https://www.visitbrazosport.com/stay/>

Best Western Plus

702 Highway 332 East

Lake Jackson, TX 77566

979-529-2020

Offers: one King, non smoking or 2 Queens, non smoking

\$84.00/night plus taxes

This offer includes continental breakfast

WoodSprings Suites

618 East Highway 332

Lake Jackson, TX 77566

979-353-4499 call for reservations or email

mheidingsfelder@gulfcoasthm.com

Offers: one King \$79/night, one Queen \$59/night; two Queens \$69/night plus taxes

No continental breakfast. Kitchenettes are included in the room but you must bring all your own cookware and dishes or purchase from the hotel.

For both hotels you must mention the Sea Shell Searchers Shell Show to get the discounted rate.

The Texas Shellers Jamboree nor the Sea Shell Searchers Shell Show is responsible for Hotel reservations. Individuals must make their own reservations and are responsible for their own cancellations.