Seventh Annual International Sea Bean Symposium

Cocoa Beach Public Library
550 North Brevard Avenue, Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931
Open Free To The Public October 18th & 19th, 2002

Schedule of Events*

Through the weekend: Sea-bean collections and displays, experts, sea-bean polishing, the famous Bean-O-Matic, jewelry, T-shirts, slide shows, speakers, books, authors, and contests (including the ever-popular "ODD-BEAN" contest, and the Saturday morning "BEAN-A-THON" beachcombing bonanza!)

We are pleased to announce Dr. Curtis Ebbesmeyer from Seattle, Washington will be our keynote speaker Saturday evening. Curt is an oceanographer extraordinaire and king of all things that float our oceans; be it man-made or natural. He is author of *Beachcombers' Alert* newsletter, and many articles in oceanographic publications. He is also working on a book of his own on all things that float.

Other natural history writers and books will be available through the weekend. Sue Bradley of Atlantic Press will have copies of Cathie Katz' books available as well as copies of the Gunn and Dennis *World Guide to Tropical Drift Seeds and Fruits*. Due to its popularity, a reprint of the Katz and Mikkelsen *The Little Book of Sea Beans* has been made (the first 1000 copies sold out!). Also on hand will be some of Jack Rudloe's works (out of print). He was last year's keynote speaker. Cathy Yow from Jamaica Beach, Texas, and author of *Jewelry from Nature* will present a lecture and provide weekend-long inspiration for the creative-side in us all. Ed Perry, co-author of the soon to be released *Sea-Beans from the Tropics*, will be ever-present to answer questions, snap photos, and identify beach treasures brought in by the public.

Thursday, October 17th (3-5pm)

Everyone is invited to the main conference room at the Cocoa Beach Public Library for an informal get-together and introduction, discussion of symposium plans, and to set up displays for the weekend. We need lots of help setting up table, chairs, and displays, so please feel free to donate time and suggestions. At 6pm those who are interested can meet at Roberto's Little Havana Restaurant (½ mile south of the library at 26 N. Orlando Ave.).

Friday, October 18th (9-5pm)

Displays and collections open to the public all day, free, from 9am to 5pm. Enter your seeds for the ODD-BEAN CONTEST.
11 to 11:45am: Beginners' Beachwalking (slide show) by Sebastian Inlet State Park Ranger Ed Perry.
3 to 3:45pm: Making Jewelry from Nature (slide show) by author Cathy Yow.
5pm: Library closes; meet for dinner at Roberto's Little Havana Restaurant (½ mile south of the library at 26 N. Orlando Ave.).

Saturday, October 19th (8am-9pm)

Displays and collections open to the public all day, free, from 9am to 9pm. Enter your seeds for the ODD-BEAN CONTEST.
8 to 10am: 2002 Bean-A-Thon: On your own–don't come to the library first if you participate. Collect seabeans and or toys/trash on any beach between Canaveral National Seashore and Sebastian Inlet. You must have your beans/toys at the library by 10:30am.
9am: Library opens
10:30 to noon: Judges will tally Bean-A-Thon entries at the library (awards at 7pm that night).
5:30pm: ODD-BEAN CONTEST judging (for entries submitted all through the weekend). Put in a bag with your name, address, and phone number.
Dinner Break
7pm: Bean-A-Thon and contest awards and certificates presented. Raffle winners chosen.
7:45 to 8:45 pm: Keynote speaker Curtis Ebbesmeyer will present "What's Floating Our Oceans Now?"

Sunday, October 20th (9-11am)

Take down displays; small business meeting to discuss and schedule dates for next year's symposium.

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*October is still HURRICANE SEASON in Florida, so our schedule is at the mercy of the powers beyond our control. Hurricanes are wonderful for beaning, but can be dangerous for beachwalkers. Our beachcombing activities may be cancelled because of severe weather, in which case we'll follow evacuation procedures to the mainland. Hurricane information will be available at your hotel and at the library.