

## News and Notes

We have heard from **Tom and Kathy Godbold** from Santa Rosa Beach, Florida. Tom has been giving sea-bean programs to the local garden clubs and schools and was in need of information and photos, especially on growing sea-beans. Tom is a member of the South Walton Turtle Watch and works in Topsail State Preserve in Walton County.

The **3rd International Canopy Conference** will be held June 23-28th in Cairns, Australia. This conference is jointly sponsored by the Queensland Government and the Smithsonian Institution. Registration forms and full details are available at: [www.premiers.qld.gov.au/about/science/canopyconference](http://www.premiers.qld.gov.au/about/science/canopyconference)

The **Astronaut Trail Shell Club** presented a scholarship to **Lisa Walls**, University of Central Florida, in honor of **Cathie Katz** at their awards banquet on January 18th. Ms. Walls' masters degree thesis research is entitled "Recruitment of the oyster *Crassostrea virginica* on intertidal reefs in areas with intense boating activity in the Indian River Lagoon."

We would like to thank **Professor Dr. P. Goetghebeur** (University of Gent, Belgium) for sending a comprehensive student paper (Sofie and Hannah) on "**Drift Seeds in Papua New Guinea.**"

After nearly 11months at sea, a message bottle from the **Canary Islands** arrived on Florida's east coast Nov. 21st, 2001 and was recovered by park ranger **Lori Veber** of **Sebastian Inlet State Park** (Melbourne Beach, Florida). The bottle carried 7 messages from La Palma residents which were sent on New Year's Day, 2001. The messages were written in Spanish, but after translation, the purpose behind the bottle was to wish the World a happy and peaceful year. Lori has written back, sending maps of Florida and the Atlantic currents, Sebastian Inlet brochures, some sea-beans, and a letter full of questions. Now *they'll* need to translate!

In the September issue of **The Drifting Seed** we will include more information about the upcoming Beachcomber's Festival and Sea-bean Symposium to be held once again at the Cocoa Beach Public Library, October 18th-19th, 2002. This year's **T-shirt design** will also be displayed, and advance orders will be appreciated, especially for those that wish for small, and extra-large sizes. The design will continue to be a celebration of Cathie's artwork! Please contact Sue Bradley in advance for any large or special orders. Thank You!



Several of you made comment at the last symposium that you would like to have a special bean named in honor of Cathie Katz; one that didn't already have a name. My choice after reviewing several seeds was *Canavalia nitida* (page 130 of the *World Guide*). The reason of choice was that, as far as I know, this seed doesn't yet have a common name. In my opinion, the two pictured at the left are the most beautiful driftseeds in my entire collection. They have always reminded me of Cathie, anyway, as they are rare and beautiful, and red! I nominate this seed to be called **Cathie's Bean** henceforth. Please let me know what you think.