



1999 Fourth Annual International Sea-Bean Symposium

Cocoa Beach Public Library, 550 N. Brevard Ave., Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

Friday October 22: 10 am to 5 pm
Saturday October 23: 10 am to 9 pm
Sunday October 24: 10 am to 5 pm

FREE ADMISSION
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

For information call Sea-Bean Headquarters at 723-5888 or toll free at 1-877-OCEAN99

➔ BEACHCOMBING AND OCEAN EXPERTS ←
DISPLAYS AND ACTIVITIES THROUGH THE WEEKEND

World Travelers!

Beachwalkers, oceanographers, botanists, surfers, jewelry makers, nature writers, and many more will discuss and answer questions about ocean treasures that travel with the world's currents to our shore, including:

sea-beans
messages in bottles
rafts
swordfish tears
sea turtles
and the famous LEGO® toys
(from a ship spill off the coast of England)

Gifts from the sea ...

Have your beach treasures identified.

BE THE FIRST TO FIND A LEGO® TOY

WIN PRIZES at the BEAN-A-THON and the Sea-Bean JEWELRY-MAKING CONTEST

Schedule of Events

The 1999 Fourth Annual International Sea-Bean Symposium

at The Cocoa Beach Public Library, 550 N. Brevard Avenue, Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931

Everyone is invited to wander around the display tables — see the collections, photographs, art, ocean treasures — talk with some of the world's foremost sea-bean experts. Bring your beachcombing treasures for identification.

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☆☆☆ BEAN-O-MATIC ☆☆☆ WORLD'S BEST SEA-BEAN DISPLAYS ☆☆☆ OCEAN EXPERTS ☆☆☆

Friday October 22

10 am to 5 pm: displays, discussions, raffle tickets, books, T-shirts, exhibits

11 to 11:30 am: Beginners' Beachwalking (slide show) by Sebastian Inlet Park Ranger Ed Perry

3 pm to 4 pm: Sea-Bean Identification (slide show) by Sea-Bean Expert Pete Zies.

Saturday October 23

10 am to 9 pm: displays, discussions, raffle tickets, books, T-shirts, exhibits

8 am - 10 am: 1999 BEAN-A-THON: (See other side for Bean-a-Thon categories and rules)
You must have your beans/toys at the library by 10:30.

10:30 - noon: Experts will judge BEAN-A-THON entries at the library (awards given at 6:30 pm tonight)

☆ **KEYNOTE SPEAKER** ☆

3 to 4 pm: Oceanographer Dr. Curtis Ebbesmeyer from Seattle, Washington will present ...
"BEACHCOMBERS' ALERT" (Where are the beans? The LEGO® toys? What else is drifting with the currents?)

6:30 - 7:30 pm: BEAN-A-THON awards and certificates presented. Raffle winners chosen.

7:30 - 8:45 pm: Panel discussion with John Dennis, Curtis Ebbesmeyer, Cathie Katz (moderator), George Maul, Ed Perry, Cathy Yow, and Pete Zies. The panel will discuss the journey of a sea-bean and the quirky nature of the Gulf Stream and answer as many questions as time permits.

Sunday October 24

10 am to 5 pm: Displays, discussions, sea-bean experts

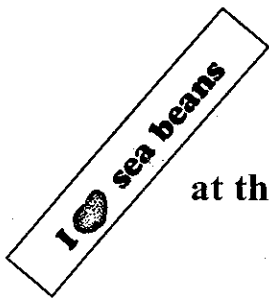
11 -12 am: Sea-Bean Jewelry Contest: Enter your best sea-bean jewelry pieces (up to three items per person; must be made by the entrant.) Judging by Cecelia Abbott and Cathy Yow.

2 - 4 pm: Ocean authors book signing

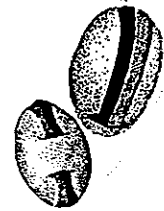
Cathie Katz, Jim Angy, Debra Frasier, John Dennis, Pat Ryan Frasier, Cathy Yow, and several other ocean authors will be available to answer questions and sign their books.

2 pm: "Ocean Life" 1/2-hour presentation by Debra Frasier, author of *Out of the Ocean*

3:30 pm: "Seeing Art in Nature" 1/2-hour presentation by Cathy Yow, author of *Jewelry From Nature*



Stuff to know for the 1999 BEAN-A-THON



at the Fourth Annual International Sea-Bean Symposium
Cocoa Beach Public Library

October 23, 1999, 8 am to 10 am

turn in your entries at 10:30 am at the library

Pick up at least one piece of trash while you're beachcombing at the Bean-A-Thon (plastic junk, balloons, bags, etc) to receive an ☆☆☆ Official 1999 Bean-A-Thon Certificate ☆☆☆!!!!

When is it? Start at 8 am Saturday, October 23, 1999. **Bring your beans to the library for judging by 10:30 am.** Submit your entry in a bag with your name attached.

What are the categories?

1. **Grand Slam Award:** Find 1 sea heart, 1 hamburger bean, 1 sea purse, 1 nickernut and 1 starnut palm
2. **Largest Variety of Beans Award.** Find the most *different kinds of beans*. **PLEASE NOTE** that ONE golfball bean is worth the same as 100, so don't bring more than **one each** of any type of bean..
3. **Cool Bean Award** (most unusual bean: to be determined by the judges)
4. **Non-Bean Award** (best beach treasure, such as a mermaid's purse, shell, urchin, toy, etc)
5. **Youth Award** (best bean or non-bean found by someone 12 years old or younger)



- ☆ **NEW!** 6. **Biggest Hamburger Bean Award** (for the LARGEST hamburger bean **from any collection**)
- ☆ **NEW!** 7. **Smallest Sea-Heart Award** (for the SMALLEST sea-heart **from any collection**)
- ☆ **NEW!** 8. **LEGO® Toy Award** for the first person to find a LEGO® toy from the 1997 ship spill.

Where is it? You can search for beans anywhere between Cape Canaveral and Sebastian Inlet. For those of you familiar with central Florida beaches, please consider our visitors from other states and countries: they will probably beachcomb around Cocoa Beach — if you can drive to other beaches, this will help spread our range and give each participant a better chance at collecting beans. One of our goals is to record bean activity on the same day over a wide area -- like the Christmas Bird Count.

Who are the judges? Sea-Bean Experts John V. Dennis, Curt Ebbesmeyer, and Cathie Katz.

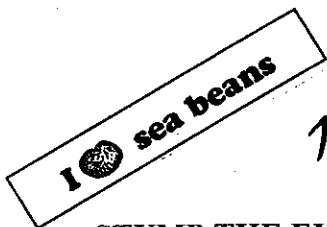
When and where are the awards? Saturday night at 6:30 at the Cocoa Beach Public Library. **Each winner will receive a 1999 Symposium T-Shirt and an Official 1999 Bean-A-Thon Award for their category.**

Other stuff to know:

☞ If you find a live creature (live shell, barnacle, sea urchin, sea star, etc) **DON'T** pick it up. Make a note of it for your records, but leave it (and its future stink) behind to provide food for our shore animals. Also, we are at the end of sea turtle season: **IT IS ILLEGAL** to touch, take, or otherwise hinder any sea turtles or their eggs. **This federal law is strictly enforced on our beaches.**

☞ Be very cautious if you see jellyfish. Stings from Portuguese-men-o-war can cause welts and fever. Even the tentacles of dead jellyfish can cause severe pain. If you step on a tentacle, wash your skin immediately with ocean water (NOT fresh water). If you have severe pain, ask one of us to take you to the hospital or call 911.

Wear old shoes — be prepared to get tar on your feet. Mineral spirits or floor wax will remove the tar.



1999 International Sea-Bean Symposium



STUMP THE EXPERTS! The world's foremost oceanographers and beachwalkers will be available to help identify your beach treasures. Displays, activities, and presentations will be held throughout the weekend including a sea-bean contest and a jewelry-making contest. Find out more by calling **Sea-Bean Headquarters at 723-5888 or toll free at-877-OCEAN99**

Enter the **Fourth Annual Bean-a-Thon** on Saturday 8 am to 10 am: hunt on any beach between Sebastian Inlet and Canaveral National Seashore. Prizes and awards on Saturday night for finding the best overall beach treasure and/or the most sea-beans in several categories. Pick up rules at the library.

Sea-bean jewelry-making contest judged by jewelry-maker Cathy Yow from Galveston, Texas and Cecelia Abbott, editor and publisher of hundreds of international shell books by Dr. Tucker Abbott.

Sea-bean jewelry and ocean art on display throughout the weekend.

The famous *Bean-o-Matic* on view to help identify your sea-beans.

Saturday from 3 to 4, **keynote speaker Dr. Curt Ebbesmeyer**, oceanographer from Seattle, Washington will talk about beach treasures that drift with the world's currents and find their way to our beaches. Curt Ebbesmeyer, publisher of *BEACHCOMBERS' ALERT! Newsletter*, is famous for tracking the plastic yellow duckies, Nike® sneakers, and recently the LEGO® toys, all from ship spills in the 1990s. The LEGO® pieces are expected to arrive on Brevard's beaches this year. Anyone finding a LEGO® toy (from the 1997 spill) at the Bean-a-Thon will receive a big prize.

World experts will be available through the weekend to answer all your beach questions.

Saturday night **panel discussion** will be at 7:30 with **Gulf Stream expert Professor George Maul** from Florida Tech, **Curt Ebbesmeyer from Seattle**, **John Dennis from Princess Anne, Maryland**, **Park Ranger Ed Perry from Sebastian Inlet State Park**, **Pete Zies, curator of the world's most complete sea-bean collection**, **Cathy Yow from Galveston, Texas**, and **Richard-the-Sea-Hearted Buckman from Quebec, Canada**. Symposium director and panel moderator **Cathie Katz** will open with a question about the quirky nature of the Gulf Stream and its role in bringing sea-beans to the beach.

MEET THE AUTHORS

Author **John V. Dennis from Maryland** will be available through the weekend to sign the newly released reprint of *World Guide to Tropical Drift Seeds and Fruits*.

Authors' book signing and presentations on Sunday, October 24 will open at 2 pm with **Debra Frasier of Minnesota**, author of *Out of the Ocean* (soon to be a television series). Also presenting will be **Cathy Yow of Texas**, author of *Jewelry from Nature*. **Cathie Katz**, author of *Nature a Day at a Time* will be available through the weekend to answer ocean questions and sign her Florida book series.

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