- Sea-Bean Symposium & Beachcombers' Festival 2014 -

Schedule of Events

Friday, October 17th (9am to 6pm)

10 to 11 am: Basic Beachcombing and Sea-Beans (slide show) - Margie Mitchell

11:30 to Noon: What to do if you Encounter Stranded Marine Life (slide show) - Kimberly Mohlenhoff

2 to 2:45 pm: How to Read a Beach: An Ambler's Guide to the Beach Beneath the Beans (slide show) -Dr. Tonya Clayton

4 to 4:45 pm: From Sea-Beans to Sea Turtles (slide show) - George and Suzy Pappas

6 pm: The library closes.



Enter your treasures for the "Odd-Bean" Contest before 4:30pm Saturday

Saturday, October 18th (8am to 6pm)

8:00 to 10:00 am: **Bean-A-Thon 2014:** You are on your own; don't come to the library first if you participate. Collect sea-beans and or toys/trash/sea-glass on any beach between Canaveral National Seashore and Sebastian Inlet. You MUST have your beans/toys/seaglass at the library by 10:30am. Contest is judged/tallied per individual effort in the 2hr. time frame, please. No doubling-up.

9:00 am: Library opens.

10:30 to 11:15: Judges will tally Bean-A-Thon entries outside in front of the library (awards at 7pm that night).

11:00 to Noon: Movie: **The Wrecking Season**, by **Nick** and **Jane Darke**, Cornwall ("wrecking" is beachcombing in England).

1:00 to 1:45 pm: **Texas Beachcombing Panel Discussion**; question & answer session with our Texas beachcombers!

2:15 to 3:00 pm: **A Sea-bean's Journey** (slide show) from where, with who do they travel? - **Dr. Blair Witherington**

3:30 to 4:00: **Sex in the Sea: Who's Your Daddy?** (slide show) - by **Terri Kirby Hathaway** (not to worry, this is a family-friendly program!)

4 to 4:30: Group Picture outside the library! Be in it! Bring your camera! - photos taken by Jim Angy



2014 Keynote Speaker Dr. Curt Ebbesmeyer

> We are pleased to announce that our very own **Dr. Curt Ebbesmeyer** will be our featured Keynote Speaker for this year's event. Curt is a great-humored scientist and expert of all things that float on ocean currents: glass

fishing floats, tsunami debris,

weather sondes, sneakers, and of course, those nowfamous plastic duckies. His book, Flotsametrics and the Floating World, is part lesson and part memoir of his life and career as a pioneering oceanographer studying bodies of water as well as beachcombed items. Today, Curt says the human propensity for creating garbage has made flotsam an environmental concern, with too many studies "neatly filed away and forgotten."

4:30 pm: ODD-BEAN contest judging (for entries submitted all through the weekend). In a baggie with your name, address/phone number, place your palest hamburger bean, flattest seaheart, orangest sea purse, and largest "sea-pig" from an existing sea-bean collection. "Oddness" will be determined by the judges. These entries DO NOT have to be found in the Saturday morning Bean-A-Thon.

5:00 pm to 7 pm: **Dinner Break:** Tables and displays taken down in main room in preparation for the keynote speaker.

7:00 pm: Bean-A-Thon and contest awards and certificates presented. Raffle winners chosen.

7:45 to 8:45 pm: Keynote Speaker: Flotsam in Florida: Arrivals from around the Atlantic (slide show) -Dr. Curtis Ebbesmeyer

9 pm: Library closes for Symposium.