

**Twenty-Ninth Annual International Sea-Bean Symposium and  
Beachcombers' Festival**

***Open Free to The Public October 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024***

**Ashton Villa- 2328 Broadway Avenue, (rear entrance) - Galveston, Texas 77550  
Open for visitors at 9am!!**

**Speakers Featured: Friday, 18<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00am\* Paige Breon & Theresa Morris\* Gulf Center for Sea Turtle  
Research Presenting- Sea Turtles**

**11:45am\* Jace Tunnell \*- Director of community engagement at the Harte  
Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University Corpus  
Christi. Presenting -- Beachcombing the Beaches of the Gulf of Mexico**

**2:30 pm\* Charlie Sprecklesen – Fossil collector  
Presenting on Beach Fossils of Texas Coast**

**Speakers Featured: Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup>**

**10am- Kat Pollock- Local Galveston Beachcomber, TX Master Naturalist.  
Presentation- Let's Go Beachcombing! Galveston, Bolivar, Follet's Island**

**11:45am Julie Albert- Presentation on Right Whales**

**2:00pm SOBA (Saving Our Beaches Association) Presentation on Surfside  
Beaches.**

**Displays Tables by local beachcombers!!**

**\* Symposium T-Shirts, Beach Bags, Books \* Raffle Items (including a Jim  
Phillips tabletop sculpture, Sea Bean Polishing Tumbler, Books, & much  
more!) \***

**\* Sharing Table (bring treasures to swap!) \* Sea-beans \* beachcombed  
treasures \* driftwood \* \* sea-bean tumbling \* fossils \* floats \* messages in  
bottles \* coral \* hag-stones \***

**Odd Beach Find Contest**

**Bring your odd find (or a photo) of your oddest beach find (something  
found this year) and enter to win the Mike Burnett Odd Beach Find Award!!**