

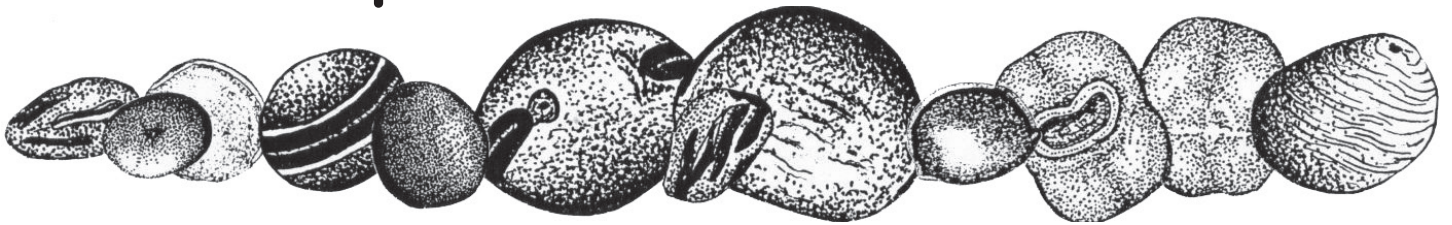
- Twentieth Annual International-

SEA-BEAN SYMPOSIUM & BEACHCOMBERS' FESTIVAL 2015

Cocoa Beach Public Library • 550 N Brevard Ave • Cocoa Beach 32931

Friday October 16th 10-6pm • Saturday October 17th 9-9pm

Open Free to the Public



Displays and activities through the weekend!

Beachcombers, oceanographers, scientists, botanists and nature writers discuss and answer your questions about ocean treasures, world currents, sea-beans, messages in bottles, spirula, glass fishing floats, rafts, sea turtles and the famous LEGO® toys from a ship spill in the Atlantic.



Bring your sea-beans and unidentified treasures to the experts



"BEACHY" BOOKS OF ALL KINDS WILL BE AVAILABLE

Sea-Beans from the Tropics: A Collector's Guide to Sea-Beans and Other Tropical Drift on Atlantic Shores, by Perry/Dennis (reprint edition 2010) will be on hand and Ed promises to be around, somewhere!

Blair and Dawn Witherington will be with us all weekend with **Florida's Living Beaches** and their most recent **Our Sea Turtles**.

This year we will again also make available for sale Cathie Katz' beautifully written and illustrated **The Nature of Florida's ...series**.

Terri Kirby Hathaway, co-author of **North Carolina's Amazing Coast** will be present all weekend to sign copies of her latest accomplishment!

Dr. Curtis Ebbesmeyer will have his **Flotsametrics and the Floating World** throughout the weekend, and the ever-popular **The Little Book of Sea-Beans** by Cathie Katz and Paul Mikkelsen will also be available.



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

FOR MORE INFORMATION: WWW.SEABEAN.COM

- Sea-Bean Symposium & Beachcombers' Festival 2015 -

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, October 17th (10am to 6pm)

10:30 to 11:30 am: Basic Beachcombing and Sea-Beans (slide show) - **Margie Mitchell**

12:30 to 1 pm: **An Interview with Cathie Katz** (audio presentation) - **Paul Mikkelsen**

2 to 2:45 pm: **LEGO® & Malaysian Airliner Debris in Florida?** - **Atlantic Flotsam Update** (slide show) - **Dr. Curtis Ebbesmeyer**

4 to 4:45 pm: **All Washed Up: A Close Look at What's Drifting to the South Florida Coastline** (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 2015:** 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/sea-glass 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.**

10:00 to 11:00: Judges will tally Bean-A-Thon entries outside in front of the library (awards at 7pm that night).

11:00 to Noon: **Mindful Beachcombing - Becoming Part of the Solution to Marine Plastic Pollution** (slide show) - **Linda Emerson**

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

2:15 to 3:00 pm: **The Hole Story** (slide show) - **Terri Kirby Hathaway**

3:00 to 4:00 pm: Time to visit tables (tables taken down at 5pm!), enter the Odd-Bean Contest, and prepare for the group photo.

4 to 4:30: **GROUP PICTURE OUTSIDE THE LIBRARY!** Be in it! Bring your camera! -photos taken by Jim Angy

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 **largest**



Dr. Blair Witherington
2015
Keynote Speaker

We are pleased to announce that our very own **Blair Witherington** will be our featured Keynote Speaker for this year's event. Blair is a Research Scientist,

photographer, author, and avid

beachcomber. He will present to us **Zen and the Art of Drifting!** Blair and Dawn Witherington are professional naturalists. Blair has his bachelor's and master's degrees in biology from the University of Central Florida and a doctorate in zoology from the University of Florida. He has contributed numerous scientific articles, chapters, and books on sea turtle biology. Dawn is a graphic design artist and scientific illustrator trained at the Art Institutes of Colorado and Fort Lauderdale. Her art and design are prominent in natural history books, posters, and museum exhibits. Blair and Dawn have merged their art, writing, photography, and design in a number of projects, including **Florida's Living Beaches: A Beachcomber's Guide**, **Florida's Seashells, Living Beaches of Georgia and the Carolinas: A Beachcomber's Guide**, **Seashells of Georgia and the Carolinas: A Beachcomber's Guide**, and **Our Sea Turtles: A Practical Guide for the Atlantic and Gulf, from Canada to Mexico.**

hamburger bean, largest seaheart, largest sea purse, and prettiest "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. Please enter!!!!

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

7:00 pm: Prompt! **Bean-A-Thon and ODD-BEAN contest awards and certificates presented. Raffle winners chosen.** Door to the event room will open back up at 6:30 pm for those arriving back early from dinner.

7:45 to 8:45 pm: **Keynote Speaker Zen and the Art of Drifting** (slide show) - **Dr. Blair Witherington**

9 pm: **Library closes** for 2015 Symposium.