

# SYMPOSIUM Oct. 14-15 SCHEDULE



## Friday, October 14

**9 AM TO 5 PM Exhibits open**

### **GUEST SPEAKERS:**

10AM to 10:30 AM: Joanie Steinhaus will discuss Sea Turtles and the dangers of plastics in the Gulf.  
11:30AM to 12:00PM - Dolphin Stranding Network- Learn what to do if you find a stranded dolphin.  
12:00PM to 1:00PM Lunch break  
1:30PM to 2PM: Edward Perry IV- Sea Bean basics and identification.  
2:30PM to 3:00PM -Cathy Yow- Plastic, creative ideas to recycle plastic  
3:45PM to 4:30PM - Rusti Stover- Shorebird identification.  
5PM facility closes.



## Saturday October 15

10:00AM- to 10:30AM SEAS ( Sargassum Early Alert System) Texas A & M will have a discussion about sargassum  
11:30AM to 12PM Terri Kirby Hathaway- "A Hole story"  
12PM to 1PM Lunch break  
1:30PM to 2:00PM Margaret Budro Linlow- Bolivar beachcombing  
2:30PM to 3:30PM -Keynote Speaker- Curtis Ebbesmeyer- Marine debris  
4:00PM to 4:30PM- BEACH-A-THON judging and awards, Raffle drawings.

5PM End of the Symposium- Group photo by the banner

### **What are sea-beans anyway?**

Sea-beans are seeds from tropical rain forests and islands. They can drift with ocean currents for years before washing up on land.

### **Believe in the magic!**

Legends say that sea-beans are magical. Beachcombers often wonder why they are drawn to these mysterious messengers from faraway places. Sea-beans travel the ocean currents along with other drifters -- sea turtles, seaweed, message in bottles rafts, corks, sea glass, toys from ship spills, and Unidentified Floating Objects. Bring your beach treasures to the symposium for identification help.



### **Who are the Drifters?**

The Drifters are beachcombers, surfers, park rangers, naturalists, teachers, oceanographers, artists, scientists, authors, and anyone interested in beach and ocean life. Each year, we gather to exchange information at this symposium, and three times per year publish *The Drifting Seed* newsletter. Join us! Donations are welcome to help keep the Drifters afloat.



### **Questions?**

Visit [www.seabean.com](http://www.seabean.com)

# 21st Annual Sea-Bean Symposium & Beachcombers' Festival 2016

Beachcombing displays,  
speakers, beach experts,  
nature authors and  
photographers, rain forest  
plants, contests and  
prizes -- including the  
Beach-a-thon!

**Friday October 14<sup>th</sup> (9am to  
5pm)**

**Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> (9am to  
3pm)**

**NOAA Building 216 4700 Ave U.  
Galveston, Texas**

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PUBLIC**



# BEACH-A-THON 2016

**When?** October 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Entries must be submitted (in a plastic bag with your name and phone number)

**Where?** Collect from Any beach around Galveston Island!! Bolivar, Surfside, Galveston.....

**Who?** Anyone can participate. No registration required. Individual entries only.

**Why?** To increase our knowledge of beach finds. What are we finding? Why do we find them? Where does it come from?

## CATEGORIES

**BEST SHARD** - Sea Glass- rated on color, identifiable markings, shape and general "coolness"!!!

**BEST BEANER**- This award goes to whomever can find the most sea beans on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>. Judging will be at the end of the day on the 15<sup>th</sup>. There isn't a lot out there right now so get all you can!!

**BEST BEAN**- Goes to the coolest sea bean found during the Symposium. Can be any species, it just has to be cool!!!

**TURTLE SAVIOR AWARD**- Goes to whomever collects the most Plastic off of the beaches starting on OCTOBER 14 and goes until OCTOBER 15. Bring it to the Symposium for judging the amount. Get a team together.

**BEST BEACH COLLECTION**- Goes to the favorite odd beach collection. See Odd Collection Contest.

## ODD COLLECTION CONTEST

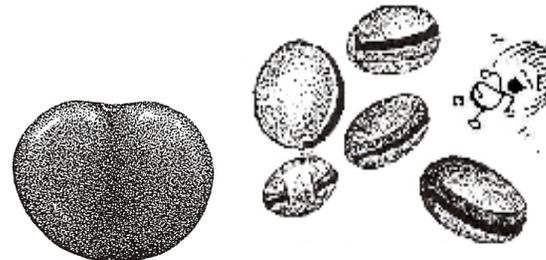
**What?** *This can be anything you collect on the beach. Barrettes? Tackle? Lighters? Sea Heros? Anything goes!!! We want to see what you collect!!!!*

**When?** Submit your entries anytime during the weekend before the judging on Saturday PM.

**Where?** Submit entries at the "Contests" table.

Put them in a plastic bag with your name and phone number. Participants are responsible for picking their entry up on Saturday at the end of the day. If it is valuable keep it with you!!

**Who?** Anyone can enter. No registration required.



## DISPLAYS, EXHIBITS AND OTHER FUN STUFF

Throughout the weekend, see sea-bean collections and beachcombing displays.

Talk to the experts about beachcombing, sea-bean identification, sea-bean polishing, sea-bean growing, oceanography, marine life, and making jewelry from sea-beans and other things from the natural world.

Bring your beach treasures to share with other beachcombers.

Win a fabulous prize of your choice in The Drifters' Pick-a-Prize Raffle.

