



# Sea Shell Searchers Newsletter

## August 2007

### President's Message

Now that the recent storm "Dean" has passed us by and we begin to look forward to cooler weather in the coming weeks, we also look forward to seeing friends and fellow Club members again as we begin a new year. This summer has been both busy and rainy. If you have been to any of our area beaches, you witnessed the massive amounts of Sargassum sea weed which have literally choked the beaches along the Texas coast. Yet we keep going back, even though the highly odorous heaps of sea weed have little to offer us as shell enthusiasts. Because our love of the oceans and the treasures they hold keeps calling us back, we keep searching for that something special that makes us smile and whisper "Thank You".

Our upcoming meeting on September 4 will be a really great beginning for our new year. Not only will we have our usual spread of edible delights, but we will also have an exciting program being given by Jeff Webber. Jeff is a Marine Biology student at Texas A & M - Galveston and has been involved with tracking and studying the sea turtle populations along our Texas coast this Summer. We are really excited to have Jeff come tell us about these much loved creatures which are becoming more plentiful in our area and what we can do to help these endangered animals. Incidentally, Jeff is also the Grandson of members Dean and Cliff Harris.

So please come and bring a friend to share this evening of fun and information. I am looking forward to being a part of this new year with all of you and finding ways to improve the world we live in and the oceans we love.

Tina Petway

Wanda Coker needs COA T-shirt donations this month. She will make a quilt to be donated to the COA auction. If you have a shirt to donate, please bring it to the September meeting.

Editor's note: I am not including tide charts. For current charts see:

[www.saltwatertides.com](http://www.saltwatertides.com)

Next meeting:

Sept. 4, 2007, 7:00 pm

**Program:** Jeff Webber, a marine biology student at A&M will present the program on Texas Gulf Turtles and diving in Mexico

**Food provided by:** everyone. Please bring a dish to share.

From Leslie Crnkovic:

Houston Gem, Jewelry, Mineral, & Fossil Show

[www.hgms.org/show.html](http://www.hgms.org/show.html) September 21-23, Friday 9-6,  
Saturday 9-6, Sunday 10-5

Location: Humble Civic Center, on Will Clayton Pkwy, 1 mi East  
of US59 North.

Tickets for the show are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students with  
an ID, and \$3 for seniors 55 and older. One ticket is good for  
all three days of the show.

Children 11 and under (accompanied by an adult) are FREE!

Sponsored by the: Houston Gem & Mineral Society

[www.hgms.org](http://www.hgms.org)

September 22-23

Houston Hot Sauce Festival!!! [www.houstonhotsauce.com](http://www.houstonhotsauce.com)

Saturday 9/22 11 am - 6 pm / Sunday 9/23 Noon - 5 pm Some  
Like It Hot!!! Try literally hundreds of different Salsas and  
buy some to take home if you like too!

Admission is only \$5 for all the Chips & Salsa you can eat...  
drinks sold separately.

Event Location: Farm & Ranch Club @ Bear Creek Park on  
Hwy 6, 1.5 mi north of I 10.

Dave Green, auction chair  
for COA 2008, is asking  
for auction donations.

Please send them to him  
at

3522 Bassett Ct.

Missouri City, TX. 77459

The Brazoria County Fair  
check in for exhibits is  
Saturday October 6. If  
you are a member of a  
Brazoria County shell club  
and interested in  
exhibiting talk to Wayne  
Humbird. A few cases are  
still available.

## Sheller Quiz

What shell could you

1. eat at Thanksgiving
2. spin
3. drink coffee from
4. put on your foot
5. shave with
6. put in a martini
7. find on the U.S. flag
8. spin thread on
9. eat soup with
10. put ice cream in?

The picnic at San Luis Park was lots of fun. We  
had beautiful weather and lots of air  
conditioning. The food was as good as the  
pucker and since we brought our own no one  
had to plan, cook or clean up.

A few shells were found. George Wolf  
collected shark's teeth and Irene Norris took  
home a sailfish.

Thanks to Dean Harris for organizing the  
picnic.

No minutes are available at this time.

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