

2017 Sea Shell Searchers Shell Show  
Saturday  
May 6 and 7, 2017  
Brazosport Museum of Natural Science  
Clute, Texas

Dear Sheller,

The Sea Shell Searchers announce our 2017 Shell Show. Our show this year will be held in the Museum, located at 400 College Blvd, Clute, Texas. There will be social events to renew acquaintances and make new shell friends. The Sea Shell Searchers Shell Show has proven to be a major event in shelling and we invite you to come and join us. This year the show is in a scaled-down format and will be included in the activities of Centerfest at the Center for the Arts and Sciences.

Our schedule for the show is:

1. Send entry forms to the Sea Shell Searchers, Brazosport Museum of Natural Science, 400 College Blvd. Clute, TX 77531, by April 15, 2017. Space is limited this year; late applications will be accepted only if space is available.
2. Set up exhibits at the Museum, Friday, May 5, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
3. Judging will begin after set up.
4. The Awards Dinner will be held Friday. The place and menu will be determined at a later date.
5. Show opens to the public Saturday, May 6, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 7 from 11 to 4:00. Exhibit removal will begin as soon as the show closes at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Rules:

1. The theme of the show is "Shelling by the Numbers." We will have 4 categories – 12" (1'), 24" (2'), 48" (4'), 72" (6'). Each category will have a scientific and artistic sub-category. These are the only categories. Categories are based on OUTER case dimensions only. There will be no other divisions within a sub-category.
2. All items in the exhibits must be the property of the exhibitor.
3. Exhibits with shells or other small items must be enclosed. It is recommended that all other exhibits be enclosed.
4. Backboards may not exceed 24" (2") in height.
5. Competition is open to anyone interested in exhibiting shells or self-made items related to shells.

Examples of scientific exhibits may include, but not limited to: single specimen, single specie, single genus, single family, world wide, regional, educational, specialized collections.

Examples of artistic exhibits may include, but not limited to: shell craft, needlework, photography, sculpture.

We look forward to your participation in the show. If you would like to support our show, please let us know. Patron donations \$25.00 and greater will be acknowledged at the Awards Banquet.

For more information, please contact Patty Humbird, email [phumbird@earthlink.net](mailto:phumbird@earthlink.net) or check the website [www.seashellsearchers.org](http://www.seashellsearchers.org)

Sincerely,  
Patty Humbird  
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