

# The Gulf Coast Shell Club, Inc.

## Proudly Presents the 14<sup>th</sup> Panama City Beach Shell Show

The Gulf Coast Shell Club invites you to join us for our Shell Show Celebration.

Dates: June 25 - 26, 2011

Location: Panama City Beach Senior Center, 423 Lyndell Lane, Panama City Beach, FL 32407

The show will be open to the public:

Saturday, June 25, 2011 from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM CDT

Sunday, June 26, 2011 from 12:00 noon until 5:00 PM CDT

Exhibits will be received on Friday, June 24, 2011, from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Judging will begin at 10:00 AM on Saturday. Club members will be on hand to assist exhibitors during set-up hours.

Major awards will be presented during a Dutch Treat gathering on Saturday evening at a local restaurant. Judges, exhibitors, club members, dealers, families and guests are invited to attend.

We have dodged storms and lost venues in the past. This is a new venue and we hope, a return to an annual show.

We look forward to having you join us!

*Members of the Gulf Coast Shell Club.*

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# SCIENTIFIC CATEGORIES

- A. **NOVICE:** Any source. Open to exhibitors who have never exhibited in an open show.
- B. **NORTHWEST FLORIDA:** Any source. Northwest Florida is defined as that area west of a line that extends due south of the Apalachicola River mouth to a line extending due south of the western Florida state line.
- C. **NORTHWEST FLORIDA:** Self-collected. The same geographic location as the category above applies. All exhibited specimens must be collected by the exhibitor(s).
- D. **ONE LARGE FAMILY:** Any source. An exhibit should consist of specimens from one of the following families: Conidae, Muricidae, Volutidae, Cypraeidae, Tellinidae, Pectinidae, Cardiidae, or Veneriidae.
- E. **ONE SMALL FAMILY:** Any source. An exhibit consisting of specimens found in any single family not listed in Category D.
- F. **FLORIDA-CARIBBEAN:** Any source.
- G. **WORLDWIDE MULTI-FAMILY:** Any source. Exhibit of worldwide specimens from several families.
- H. **ONE GENUS:** Any source. An exhibit which includes shells from only one genus and may include its subgenera.
- I. **SELF-COLLECTED:** An exhibit of self-collected marine mollusks.
- J. **SPECIALIZED:** Any source. Exhibit may contain unusual specimens, freaks, albinos, or giants of particular species.
- K. **SINGLE SPECIMEN:** Any source
- L. **EDUCATIONAL:** Any source. The prime objective of this exhibit must be to teach about shells or shell collecting.
- M. **MINIATURE:** Any source. Limited to shells measuring one inch or less when **adult**.
- N. **STUDENT:** Any source. Open to collectors under eighteen years of age.
- O. **NON-MARINE MOLLUSKS:** Any source. May be freshwater, land, or tree specimens. See

**Rules for Exhibitors** for self-collected provisions.

- P. SEA LIFE:** Marine plants and/or animals. (Examples: corals, echinoderms, etc.)
- Q. FOSSIL:** Any source. An exhibit of fossil marine mollusks. See **Rules for Exhibitors** for self-collected provisions
- R. MAGNIFICENT SEVEN:** Specimens may be obtained by any means and the display may have any theme but cannot exceed seven and one-half feet (7 1/2') in length.

# ARTISTIC CATEGORIES

All entries must be the work of the exhibitor. Art and craft items may have materials used in construction that are shells, shell particles, and/or other seashore materials such as sea urchins, sea beans, starfish, etc. The theme of each entry must be shells. An exhibitor is limited to 3 entries per category. Entries will be judged on artistic design and quality of work.

- AA. SHELLCRAFT:** Novelties such as animals, people etc. that are made from shells.
- BB. SHELL NEEDLEWORK:** Original design or kits. This may be cross-stitch, appliqué, or quilts, etc. Designate whether exhibit is original work or from a kit.
- CC. SHELL PHOTOGRAPHY - NATURE:** Any that pertains to shells and/or sea life. Photo must be matted and may be framed.
- DD. WREATHS and WALL HANGINGS: ( not Christmas )**
- EE. SHELL MIRRORS:** All sizes.
- FF. SHELL DECORATED OBJECTS:** May be decorated boxes, baskets, etc.
- GG. CHRISTMAS RELATED ITEMS:** Wreaths, centerpieces, ornaments, etc. whose primary structure is shells.
- HH. FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS:** Arrangements made primarily of shells.
- II. JEWELRY AND PERSONAL ACCESSORIES:** Earrings, bracelets, necklaces, belts, etc. For security these items must be in a covered case. See rules for case requirements.

# RULES FOR EXHIBITORS

Entries are open to interested persons except current professional dealers of specimen shells. Please fill out the appropriate application and return it to the appropriate chairman no later than June 11, 2011. Entries received after this date will be accepted on a space available basis only. All entries must comply with the **Rules for Exhibitors**, no exceptions.

1. No exhibits will be accepted during the show. Exhibits will be accepted on Friday, June 24, 2011 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM and must remain in place until the close of the show on Sunday, June 26, 2011 at 5:00 PM. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor(s) or his/her proxy to set up and disassemble each exhibit. Layout information will be available at the entrance during set up times.
2. Contents of the exhibits must be the sole property of the exhibitor(s).
3. SELF-COLLECTED: If an entry is not in a self-collected category and the exhibitor(s) wants self-collected credit, he/she must incorporate "self-collected" in the title of the exhibit. If the exhibitor(s) wishes a single specimen or specimens that are part of a larger display to have a self-collected designation, he/she must denote the specimen as such by the placement of a colored dot or star on the label.
4. The name of the exhibitor(s) may not be shown on any entry until judging of the show is complete. At that time the show clerks will place the exhibitors' names on their displays. If artistic entries are signed or initialed, please cover the name or initials with tape or other suitable materials.
5. Exhibitors may enter as many categories as they desire or are eligible to enter. No single entry may be entered in more than one category.
6. Entries must be placed in some sort of sturdy container, cabinet, or drawer and covered by either glass or clear plexiglass. Artistic exhibits are excluded from this rule except for Category II.
7. If vertical backboards are used in an exhibit they shall not exceed 36" in height from the top of the supporting table and the reverse side shall be painted or covered in such a way that it does not detract from the display on the other side of the table.
8. There is no maximum length of exhibits however, because of the configuration at the site, exhibits may turn a corner. It is advisable that exhibits be constructed so that they may be set up for viewing from either direction.
9. Each specimen exhibited in a scientific category must be clearly and neatly labeled with the proper scientific name (genus and species), author, date and location in so far as possible. Common names are encouraged.
10. Exhibitors may not be present during judging. Assigned clerks will accompany judges. All judges'

decisions will be final.

11. If a display has been awarded the duPont, Conchologist of America Award, or Helen Norton Award this must be noted on the entry form.
12. All packing materials must be removed from the show site during public viewing hours. No storage of materials under the display tables will be allowed.
13. A definition or description of a “region” must be defined and incorporated somewhere in the display if credit for such a display is desired. Categories B and C are excluded.
14. Pegboard space will be provided for Artistic Categories upon request by the exhibitor on his/her entry form. Easels and electrical outlets will not be provided.
15. All possible precautions will be taken to safeguard exhibits. However, neither the Gulf Coast Shell Club, Inc. nor the Panama City Beach Senior Center will be responsible for any loss or damage.
16. If you feel that any rule needs be exempted because of special circumstances involving the character of your exhibit, please consult the show chairman when entering. All possible efforts will be made to accommodate your exhibit. We will work with you, should the need arise. We want your exhibit and our show to be a success! Thank you for being a part of the Gulf Coast Shell Show.

# AWARDS

The purpose of awards is to stimulate the entry of exhibits, to interest the public in our hobby, to stimulate a desire to learn about mollusks, and to reward the exhibitors for their work. The exhibits should not only inform but also interest observers in the appreciation and/pr study of mollusks and in the creation of crafts and the artistic handling of shells,

The judges consider neatness, attractiveness and originality of the exhibit, choice and quality of specimens and materials, accuracy of data and the apparent amount of effort put into an exhibit as well as its educational and scientific value. It is not mandatory that all awards be given.

## SCIENTIFIC DIVISION\*

**The duPont Trophy:** This trophy is presented by the Delaware Museum of Natural History to the most outstanding exhibit of mollusks which, in the opinion of the judges, is the most inspiring and instructive for its educational value, scientific accuracy and attractiveness and which contributes most to the success of the show. This trophy may not be awarded to any exhibit which has won it previously.

**The Conchologists of America Trophy:** This trophy will be presented to the exhibit of mollusks which the judges feel shows overall excellence and best furthers interest in conchology. It is awarded by the Conchologists of America. This trophy will not be awarded to an exhibit which has won this award previously.

**Helen Norton Award:** Presented to the best display, in the opinion of the judges, of self-collected marine (including fossils) mollusks. This award may not be presented to exhibitors who have won it previously.

**Most Educational:** Awarded to the best educational exhibit in the show. An exhibit does not have to be entered in the Educational Category to be eligible but the prime objective must be to teach.

**Exhibitors' Award:** Presented to the most outstanding exhibit in the show in the opinion of the exhibitors.

**Frozen Dip-Net Award:** Presented to the best exhibit of Northwest Florida Shells.

**Shell of the Show:** Awarded to the single most outstanding specimen in the show in categories A through U.

**Self-Collected Shell of the Show:** Awarded to the most outstanding self-collected shell categories A through U.

**Student Award:** Awarded by the Shell Dealers of America to the most outstanding exhibit by an exhibitor under eighteen. (Trophy)

**Founder's Award:** A special rosette presented to the most beautiful exhibit of mollusks.

## ARTISTIC DIVISION\*

Artistic Plaque: Presented to the best overall entry, in the opinion of the judges, in this division.

Originality Award: Presented to the most original exhibit. Originality will be judged on subject, materials, and composition.

\*All listed awards are plaques unless otherwise stated.

## Rosettes

Judges' Special Awards: These rosettes will be awarded to the judges' choice of exhibits deserving special recognition beyond place ribbons. Two will be available per division.

Place: First, second and third place ribbons in each category will be available for the judges' use.

## MOTEL INFORMATION:

Motels on Panama City Beach can be a bit pricey during the summer. Therefore we recommend looking for accommodations in Panama City along US Hwy 98 in the three mile stretch just east of the Hathaway Bridge. There are numerous new motels in this area with quite reasonable rates. These locations are about eight to ten minutes from the show venue. It is recommended that you make reservations as soon as possible.

A limited number of member homes will also be available.

Contact Jim or Linda Brunner at [jili@knology.net](mailto:jili@knology.net) or phone 850 - 215-2086 for more information.

# GULF COAST SHELL SHOW

## Scientific Entry Form

NAME(as it will appear after judging): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

AGE (if student) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Category No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibit Title \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Cases \_\_\_\_\_ Cases: depth \_\_\_\_\_ width \_\_\_\_\_  
(front to back) ( left to right )

Total aisle frontage: feet \_\_\_\_\_ inches \_\_\_\_\_ backboard height \_\_\_\_\_

Previous duPont winner: yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_; Previous COA winner: yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

Have you ever won the Helen Norton Award? yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

2. Category No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibit Title \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Cases \_\_\_\_\_ Cases: depth \_\_\_\_\_ width \_\_\_\_\_  
(front to back) ( left to right )

Total aisle frontage: feet \_\_\_\_\_ inches \_\_\_\_\_ backboard height \_\_\_\_\_

Previous duPont winner: yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_; Previous COA winner: yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

Have you ever won the Helen Norton Award? yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

### GULF COAST SHELL CLUB, INC., EXHIBITOR'S WAIVER

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter known as the "Exhibitor", in consideration of being permitted to take part in this exhibition beginning Friday, June 24, 2011, and continuing through Sunday, June 26, 2011, at the Panama City Beach Senior Center, Florida, do hereby agree to indemnify the Gulf Coast Shell Club, Inc., Panama City Beach Senior Center, and further hold them harmless from and against claims, actions, damages and liability in connection with loss of life, personal injury and or damage or loss of property arising out of the use of such premises or any part thereof by the Exhibitor, whether caused by negligence or otherwise of the Gulf Coast Shell Club, Inc., the Panama City Beach Senior Center, its agents, contractors or employees, or by the employees, agents or contractors of the Panama City Beach Senior Center.

I have read the Gulf Coast Shell Club, Inc. Exhibitor's waiver and also the Shell Show Rules and agree to abide by both of them.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature (by parent if Exhibitor is a student)

### ENTRY DEADLINE - June 11, 2011

Mail or email to: Gulf Coast Shell Club  
2511 Parkwood Drive  
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## Artistic Entry Form

NAME (As it will appear after judging): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

AGE (if student) \_\_\_\_\_

1. Category No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibit Title \_\_\_\_\_

Dimensions: Height \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ Depth (front to back) \_\_\_\_\_

Pegboard: yes          no                  ; Table: yes          no                  .

2. Category No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exhibit Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Dimensions: Height \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_ Depth (front to back) \_\_\_\_\_

Pegboard: yes          no                  ; Table: yes          no                  .

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