



2019 Conchologists of America Convention Captiva Island, FL

June 17-18 Field Trips, June 19-23 Meeting
Convention Registration Form

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For official use only

Name _____ Spouse _____

Note: all family members attending are required to register.

Print Names for Name Tags _____

Mailing address: Street _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Email address _____ Phone _____

Home _____ First time attending COA? Yes

Bailey-Matthews Reception (no fee): I (we) will attend the National Shell Museum reception on Tuesday at 6:00 PM.

Registration Fees

No. Of Persons

- Full Registration - includes Banquet & Welcome Party _____ @ \$175 per person \$ _____
- Late Full Registration - (Postmarked after May 30) _____ @ \$195 per person \$ _____
- Child's Registration (age: 4-14) does not include Banq or Welc prty _____ @ \$40 per person \$ _____
- Daily registration for COA: Circle days: Wed. Thur. Fri. _____ @ \$40 per person per day \$ _____
- Guests (not fully registered) attending the Welcome Party _____ @ \$90 per person \$ _____
- Guests (not fully registered) attending the Banquet _____ @ \$100 per person \$ _____

Names of Guests attending Welcome Party or Banquet _____

Banquet choices - indicate the number of each meal you are purchasing:

A. Goat cheese crusted chicken breast _____ B. Caribbean Red Snapper _____ C. Vegetarian _____

Are you your club's representative to COA? Yes Will you attend the COA club rep breakfast on June 22? Yes
(one representative per club only)

Will you require a Club table? Yes

Field Trips and Tours Attach completed Field Trip and Tour form to Convention Registration form \$ _____
Enter total from Field Trip form

Dealer's Bourse Attach completed Bourse Agreement form to Convention Registration form \$ _____
Enter total from Bourse form

Bourse Asst. Names: _____
Charge waived for Bourse Assistants who are full registrants of the convention.

Convention Boosters (Donations received by May 15 will be listed in the Convention Program Guide)
Whelk \$10-\$249 _____ Lion's Paw \$250-\$499 _____ Junonia \$500+ _____

Total \$ _____

Payment - Checks on U.S. banks only, make payable to: "COA 2019".

MAIL FORMS & PAYMENT to: Ed Shuller, 2019 COA Convention Registrar, 409 S Carroll St., Apex, NC 27539.

PAYPAL: Payment for convention and bourse may be made via PayPal to billing@conchologistsofamerica.org. Be sure to enter your name and purpose of your payment in the message window. Forms must be mailed to Ed Shuller or scanned and sent to: eshuller@mindspring.com. Include a copy of your acknowledgment from PayPal that payment has been made.

Remember to sign your forms before scanning.

AUCTION DONATIONS to: Everett Long, 422 Shoreline Dr., Cedar Point, NC 28584

South Seas Island Resort

5400 Plantation Rd.
Captive Island, Florida, 33924



The 2019 COA Convention will take place at the South Seas Plantation Resort. All hotel units are condos, with full kitchens, living room with hide a beds, balconies, and included in the room price is the hotel Resort Fee.

1 bedroom 1 bath units \$179 plus tax These are located in the Tennis and Bayside Villa area, as well as a few directly on the beach.

2 bedroom 2 bath units \$259 plus tax are only in Tennis Villas.

Both are within walking distance to convention area, the beach ones are just a bit further away. The Tennis and Bayside are the closest to the meeting site.

Reservation must be made, using the Group Code, COA, before May 18, 2019 to ensure this rate. The rate is good for three days before and three days after.

Direct to the hotel , the number is 239-472-5111

Toll free(USA and Canada) 800-282-3492

Online at www.southseas.com

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2019 Conchologists of America Convention
Field Trips & Tours
Monday and Tuesday June 17 & 18, 2019

Shelling with Captain Brian Holaway Monday & Tuesday 8:00 – 12:00 \$100 Limited to 12 persons each day

Captain Brian Holaway is a Certified Florida Master Naturalist who has been guiding shelling and nature trips out of Captiva for 20 years. He spends an average of over 200 days a year on the water. This time of year you will probably see live shells, manatees and dolphins on the way to “out of the way beaches.” TripAdvisor awarded Brian a Certificate of Excellence again in 2018, and in September he was recognized by the Lee County Visitors’ Bureau and the American Hotel & Lodging Assn. as a Certified Guest Service Professional for his knowledge, experience and commitment to maintaining the highest standard of competence.

The Sanibel Thriller Monday 10:30 – Noon \$65

The Sanibel Thriller is a 55’ super-catamaran with twin 440 hp Yanmar engines that will take you for an exciting ride that circumnavigates the islands of Sanibel & Captiva. While you cruise the waters of the Gulf of Mexico and Pine Island Sound, a naturalist will provide interesting facts about the islands and their wildlife. You are guaranteed to get “up close and personal” with dolphins. If you want to get great dolphin photos, sit in the back couple rows of seats, but “spoiler alert,” you probably will get wet. In fact, plan to bring a beach towel with you anyway because if it is breezy, you could get damp no matter where you sit.

Visit the Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife & the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation Marine Laboratory
Monday 1:30 – 4:30 \$40 Limited to 10 persons

Established in 1968, CROW is one of the nation's leading wildlife rehabilitation centers. CROW provides medical care for more than 200 species and about 3,500 wildlife patients every year with the goal of returning them to their natural habitat. Our special “Wildlife Walk” Guided Hospital Tour will give you a chance to go “behind-the-scenes” and see the veterinarians in action.

The SCCF Marine Laboratory has been tracking water quality changes from Lake Okeechobee to the Gulf of Mexico since 2007. You will learn about their red tide studies, the toxic sea grass beds created by the red tide, and their oyster and sea grass restoration projects.

Shelling Trip to Cayo Costa Tuesday 10:00 – 4:00 \$65

Travel on a power catamaran for an hour to Cayo Costa State Park. Watch for dolphins along the way. Chances are you will see them. They like to play in the boat’s wake. Cayo Costa has 9 miles of unspoiled beaches and is perfect for beach combing and shell collecting. The boat pulls into the State Park Dock on the bayside of the island where the ranger station is located. You can rent a bike and kayak at this location if you like, but most of us are more interested in the beach and shelling. Six miles of nature trails cross-cross the island. You can walk to the beach from the dock (about 1 mile across to the Gulf side) or climb aboard the free tram service to ride to the beach. Lunch is included.

Cruise to Useppa Island Tuesday 10:00 – 3:00 \$60

You will travel aboard *The Lady Chadwick* to Useppa Island, an exclusive private island club with picturesque white cottages, pink pathways and lush tropical vegetation. Only members of the Island Club, guests of a members and people arriving with Captiva Cruises are allowed on the island. You will have lunch “on your own” in what once was the home of publishing magnate Barron Collier. Collier entertained his friends, the Rockefellers, the DuPonts, Thomas Edison and Henry Ford at this beautiful home. Visit the superb Barbara Sumwalt History Museum while you are there. It takes you back in history to the time of the Calusa Indians and up to the present day. Learn how the island was used to train troops for the 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion. There is a \$5 charge to visit the museum, but it is thoroughly worth it. Dolphins love to play in the boat’s wake and you certain to see them during your trip. For great dolphin photos, go to the boat’s lower level back deck.

Inside Thomas Edison’s Laboratory Tuesday 10:30 – 3:00 \$55 Limited to 15 Persons

This tour includes a 2-hour in depth behind the scenes program inside Edison's Botanical Research Laboratory, a National Historic Chemical Landmark. Learn about the operation of this historic laboratory first-hand from Edison/Ford curators. You will be given the extraordinary opportunity to have an up-close look at the machines and equipment used by Edison during in his research. Have lunch on your own at nearby Pincher’s and then continue touring the Edison-Ford estates.

Trips you might like to take on your own. (Do not send payment for these tours.)

Buck Key Mangrove Tours

Kayak Tour 9:00 am, 11:30 am, 2:00 pm
Paddle Boarding Tour (S.U.P.) 9:00 am, 11:30 am, 2:00 pm

These 2-hour guided tours by Adventure Sea Kayak & S.U.P. take you from the ‘Tween Waters Resort on Captiva through the Roosevelt Channel to the island of Buck Key (less than ½ mile away). When you reach Buck Key you will follow a mangrove water trail through the heart of the island. Be on the lookout for manatees, dolphins, herons, egrets, anhingas, cormorants, ospreys, otters and live shells. The tours begin daily at 9:00 AM, 11:30 AM and 2:00 PM. The sea kayak tours are \$42.40 per person and the S.U.P. tours are \$53.00 per person. For more information call (239) 822-3337.



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Shelling adventure. Wading and beach walking.

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| Shelling with Captain Brian | | |
| Mon June 17 8:00 am - Noon | | |
| _____ | # persons @ \$100 per person | \$ _____ |
| Tue June 17 8:00 am - Noon | | |
| _____ | # persons @ \$100 per person | \$ _____ |



Experience the thrill of a high speed trip around Sanibel & Captiva on a 55' catamaran.

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| Sanibel Thriller | | |
| Mon June 17 10:30 am - Noon | | |
| _____ | # persons @ \$65 per person | \$ _____ |



Behind the scenes tours of the CROW wildlife rehab facility and the SCCF research lab.



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| Clinic for the Rehabilitation of Wildlife & SCCF Marine Laboratory | | |
| Mon June 17 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm | | |
| _____ | # persons @ \$40 per person | \$ _____ |



This island State Park is accessible only by boat. Tram service from boat dock to beach. Shelling.

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| Cayo Costa Shelling Trip | | |
| Tue June 18 10:00 am - 4:00 pm | | |
| _____ | # persons @ \$65 per person | \$ _____ |



See dolphins as you cruise to SW Florida's most exclusive private island. Lunch is "on your own" in the beautiful home where Barron Collier entertained the Rockefellers, Duponts, Edisons and Fords.

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| Cruise to Useppa Island | | |
| Tue June 18 10:00 am - 3:00 pm | | |
| _____ | # persons @ \$60 per person | \$ _____ |



Behind the scenes tour of Edison's Botanical Research Lab led by Edison curators. Includes admission to the Edison Museum, the Edison and Ford Winter Estates and the gardens.

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| Inside Thomas Edison's Lab & Ford & Edison Estates | | |
| Tue June 18 10:30 am - 3:00 pm | | |
| _____ | # persons @ \$55 per person | \$ _____ |

Total \$ _____

Carry to Field Trips & Tours section on your Registration Form



PARADE OF SNAILS

Let's celebrate Tucker by showing off your snail figurines in this fun COA Convention event. To enter fill out the application, mail it to the address below, then bring your snails to Captiva! Applications must be received no later than June 4th. Entries will not be accepted after this deadline. The Snail Parade will be held Thursday, June 20th. Location, set-up and breakdown times will be in your convention program.

Categories:

1. T—**TWO'S COMPANY**: A snail with its friend on the same figurine
2. U—**USEFUL**: These snails lead a "double life"—they have a useful purpose
3. C—**CELEBRATE TUCKER'S CENTENNIAL**: Snails ready for his birthday party!
4. K—**KID-SIZE**: Little snails no larger than 3 inches.
5. E—**EXQUISITE**: Elegant beauties
6. R—**REAL**: No not alive—these snails' shells must be an actual shell.

Open to anyone registered for the convention. Glass domes may be used but are not necessary. Please - no display cases or shelves. Snails entered must be the property of the exhibitor. No paintings, stitchery, pictures, photographs, or live snails in this event - **only snail figurines** - not just a shell. Enter as many categories as you wish. Each participant **may enter no more than 5 snails per category**. Place a peel and stick name label on the bottom of each snail for ID purposes. (Last name OK for small snails.) No names will show on snails exhibited.

Awards: Everyone registered for the convention may vote for his or her favorite snail in each category. First and Second place trophies will be awarded in each category as well as for the overall favorite, "Snail of the Show." No exhibitor may receive 2 awards in the same category.

Be sure to make a copy of your application. Applications must be received no later than June 4th.

| Category | Number of Snails | Total Table Space Needed |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. T—Two's Company | _____ | _____ feet _____ inches |
| 2. U—Useful | _____ | _____ feet _____ inches |
| 3. C—Celebrate | _____ | _____ feet _____ inches |
| 4. K—Kid-Size | _____ | _____ feet _____ inches |
| 5. E—Exquisite | _____ | _____ feet _____ inches |
| 6. R—Real | _____ | _____ feet _____ inches |

Name _____ Club _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____ Phone _____

Return your application to Carolyn Petrikin, 2550 Sweetgum Way West, Clearwater FL 33761-3922.
 Questions? E-mail ceshell@aol.com or (727) 796-4117.