

2024 Sea Shell Searcher Shell Show Rules

1. Exhibitors may enter no more than 6 scientific exhibits (categories 1 - 12).
2. Exhibitors may enter more than one category, but only one entry per category or subcategory, unless otherwise stated.
3. In order for a self-collected shell to be considered for Shell of the Show self-collected, a small star should be placed or printed on the label of self-collected shells. If the entire exhibit is self-collected a statement to that effect will take the place of the red star on individual labels.
4. Contents of exhibits must belong to the exhibitor.
5. Exhibitors must pre-register before September 15 to reserve a place. Late entries will be accepted if space allows. Tables as well as space will be limited this year, so please register early.
6. Exhibitors must check in and set up exhibit between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Thursday, October 17. All exhibitors must leave the shell show area at 1:00 p.m.
7. Exhibits must remain for the duration of the show. No part of any exhibit may be removed early for any reason.
8. Exhibits must be removed between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. Saturday, October 19. Show committee will remove any exhibits not removed by 5:00 p.m. and exhibitor is responsible for retrieving his/her exhibit from the committee.
9. As judging is to be done anonymously, no name or identifying information is to be put with the exhibit. After judging, cards will be placed with exhibits identifying exhibitor.
10. Judging will be based on attractiveness of arrangement, quality and choice of shells, accuracy of labeling, apparent amount of work on the exhibit and educational value. Decisions of the judges are final. Awards will be given only if judges determine exhibits are of sufficient merit.
11. The committee may add or subdivide categories if deemed necessary.
12. No live exhibits.
13. Tables are 30" deep x 6' long. Long exhibits may be exhibited in 2 parts depending on available running length.
14. The height of an exhibit (including backboard) may not exceed 36" from tabletop and the backside of any exhibit must be plain and finished so as not to detract from exhibit.
15. If your exhibit is more than 30" deep including backboard and braces, please indicate on your application.
16. No electricity is available for exhibits.
17. Beachcomber collections must be exhibited in natural state, as found on beach.
18. It is recommended that all scientific exhibits (categories 1-12) be in cases. Exhibitors must provide their own cases. Exhibits in category 13-18 should be enclosed if possible.
19. In artistic exhibits, categories 14 and 15, entries must be the work of the exhibitor.
20. Exhibitors in categories 14-18, exhibitor must provide any needed easel, stand, etc. for display.
21. The Shell Show committee, the Sea Shell Searchers and the Doris Williams Civic Center will not be responsible for exhibits; however, security will be provided.