

2009 Sea Shell Searcher Shell Show Rules

1. Exhibitors may enter no more than 6 scientific exhibits (categories 1 - 14).
2. Exhibitors may enter more than one category, but only one entry per category, except for categories 1, 2, 15, 16 and 17 in which 1 exhibit may be entered in each sub-category.
3. Any exhibit that won a blue ribbon in the 2006 Sea Shell Searchers Shell Show is ineligible for competition unless a 50% visible change is made in the exhibit.
4. In order for a self-collected shell to be considered for Shell of the Show self-collected, a small red 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 individual labels.
5. Contents of exhibits must belong to the exhibitor.
6. Exhibitors must pre-register before October 1 to reserve a place. Late entries will be accepted if space allows.
7. Exhibitors must check in and set up exhibit between 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. Thursday, October 29 and 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. Friday, October 30. All exhibitors must leave the exhibit room at 10:00 a.m.
8. Exhibits must remain for the duration of the show. No part of any exhibit may be removed for any reason.
9. Exhibits must be removed between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Saturday, October 31. Show committee will remove any exhibits not removed by 7:00 p.m. and exhibitor is responsible for retrieving his/her exhibit from the committee.
10. 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.
11. 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 if judges determine exhibits are of sufficient merit.
12. The committee may add or subdivide categories if deemed necessary.
13. No live exhibits.
14. Tables are 30" wide x 6' long. Long exhibits may be exhibited in 2 parts depending on available running length.
15. The height of an exhibit (including backboard) may not exceed 24" from tabletop and the backside of any exhibit must be plain and finished so as not to detract from exhibit on other side of back-to-back tables.
16. Beachcomber collections must be exhibited in natural state, as found on beach.
17. All exhibits except for Categories 15 and 16 must be enclosed in cases, which should be secured during the show. Exhibitors must provide their own cases. It is recommended that exhibits in categories 15 and 16 be enclosed if possible.
18. In artistic exhibits, categories 15 and 16, entries must be the work of the exhibitor.
19. Exhibitors in categories 15 and 16 must provide any needed easel, stand, etc. for display.
20. The Shell Show committee, Sea Shell Searchers and the Lake Jackson Civic Center will not be responsible for exhibits; however, security will be provided.