



2023 Conchologists of America Convention
Wilmington, NC
May 29 - June 4, 2023
Convention Registration Form

Reg.#

Name _____ Spouse _____

Print Names for Name Tags _____

Mailing address: Street _____ City _____
 State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Email address _____ Phone _____

Home Club _____ First time attending COA? Yes

Registration Fees

No. Of Persons

- Registration - includes Banquet & Welcome Party _____ @ \$180 per person \$ _____
- Late Registration - (Postmarked after April 15) _____ @ \$200 per person \$ _____
- Guests (not registered) attending the Welcome Party _____ @ \$65 per person \$ _____
- Guests (not registered) attending the Banquet _____ @ \$75 per person \$ _____

Names of Guests _____

Banquet choices - indicate how many of each meal:

A. Grouper _____ B. Chicken _____ C. Chef's Choice Vegetarian _____

Are you your club's representative to COA? (One person per Club) Yes

• Will you require a Club table? Yes

Will you attend the COA club rep breakfast on June 3? Yes

Club tables are allowed Wed, Thurs and Fri but may not be manned during scheduled meetings.

Shirts Short sleeve T: size _____ Lt Blue _____ Sand _____ Ash Gray _____ @ \$15 ea \$ _____
 Long sleeve T: size _____ Mint Green _____ Lt Blue _____ Ash Gray _____ @ \$20 ea \$ _____

Field Trips and Tours

- Gardens Tour Monday May 29 _____ @ \$60 per person \$ _____
- Lake Waccamaw Fossil Trip Monday May 29 _____ @ \$65 per person \$ _____
- Ft. Fisher / Aquarium Tuesday May 30 _____ @ \$50 per person \$ _____
- Masonboro Island Shelling Tuesday May 30 _____ @ \$75 per person \$ _____
- Evening Cruise w/dinner Tuesday May 30 _____ @ \$80 per person \$ _____

Sub-Total \$ _____

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

Convention Boosters (Donations received by April 15 will be listed in the Convention Program Guide)
 Moon Snail \$10-\$99 Keiner's Whelk \$100-\$249 Scotch Bonnet \$250+ \$ _____

Payment - Checks on U.S. banks only, make payable to: "COA 2023". **Total** \$ _____

MAIL FORMS & PAYMENT to: Jan Reaves, 2023 COA Convention Registrar, PO Box 146, McCormick, SC 29835.

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 Jan Reaves or scanned and sent to: **jjreaves2251@gmail.com**. Include a copy of your acknowledgment from PayPal that payment has been made.

Remember to sign your forms before scanning.

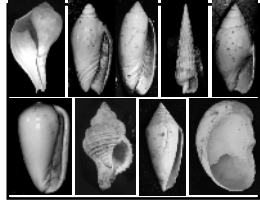
AUCTION DONATIONS to: Mark Johnson 2815 Shandy Avenue Wilmington, NC 28409 keyrat@earthlink.net

Field Trips & Tours - Monday & Tuesday

Monday
9:30 am - 3:00

Gardens Tour \$60
box lunch included
(maximum 15)

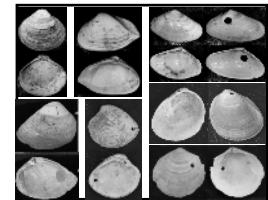
Airlie Gardens
New Hanover County Arboretum
Stanley Rehder Carnivorous Plant Garden



Monday
9:00 am - 3:00

Lake Waccamaw Fossil Trip \$65
box lunch included

Led by Dr. David Campbell. Shallow open pit mines. The Lower Waccamaw Formation contains a rich earliest-Pleistocene fauna with an extreme abundance and diversity of mollusks.



Tuesday
9:00 am - 3:00

Masonboro Island Shelling \$75
box lunch included
(maximum 18)

Masonboro is an uninhabited island accessible only by boat. Very popular with local folks.



Tuesday
8:45 am - 3:00

Ft. Fisher & Aquarium \$50
(maximum 15)

Fort Fisher presentation by Park Ranger
Aquarium viewing in public spaces & behind the scenes tour. **Closed toed shoes required.**
(lunch on your own at the Shark Bites Snack Bar)



Tuesday evening
6:00 pm - 8:00

Dinner Cruise \$80
(maximum 49)

An evening cruising lazily up the river with COA friends.
Hot buffet dinner served on board. Cash bar.
Capt. Doug lightly narrates the history, wildlife and environment of the Cape Fear area.



Interested in wreck diving off the Carolina coast?

Contact Mark Johnson
843-324-5212 keyrat@earthlink.net

Wednesday Night Welcome Party

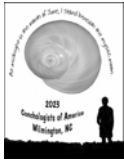
The bar will open at 5:30 pm; dinner at 6:30 on the Riverview Terrace between the Hotel and the Cape Fear River (weather permitting).

Special Silent Auction sponsored by Amy Dick

A Special Gift for everyone created by NC Shell Club Junior member Elodie Minior. Theme for the evening will be Carolina beach music. Wear your best beach attire. Prizes will be awarded. Learn to do the Shag.



Buffet includes pork, chicken and vegetarian entrees with all the trimmings.



**2023 COA Convention
Bourse Agreement Form
Bourse dates, June 3-4, 2023**

I, _____ have read and understand all the COA Bourse Rules and Guidelines as written on the reverse side of this sheet and hereby agree to abide by them. Appropriate names and figures supplied on this form and proper payment is included with my COA Convention Registration Form and this Bourse Agreement. If paid by Pay Pal full payment or receipt indicating this payment was made through the COA PayPal account (billing@conchologistsofamerica.org) must be attached.

Note: COA membership for the year 2022 must be received no later than December 31, 2022 in order to be a member in good standing for the year 2023 before applying for Bourse space. You must register and pay for the full convention.

Business Name _____

Owner's Name _____

Mailing Address (include City, State, Zip) _____

Address (continued) _____ E-Mail _____

Number of tables requested (includes covers and skirted) @ \$75.00 each # _____ x \$75 = _____
(Maximum of 5 (five))

Electricity to booth for 2 days \$70.00 = _____
Dealers are individually responsible for providing extension cords, power strips, lighting, etc
All electrical devices subject to inspection and approval by the Fire Marshall.

*If extra tables are available are you interested in additional tables? Y _____ N _____ How many? _____ = _____
Do not fill in cost of additional tables unless notified you will receive extra tables.)*

Do you plan to share a table with another dealer? Y _____ N _____

If yes, the dealers name is _____

Dealers may have only **two (2)** registered assistants for this convention.

If the assistant is registered for the Convention there is no charge. Registration #

1st Assistant name for Badge (Print legibly please) _____ = _____

2nd Assistant name for Badge (Print legibly please) _____ = _____

If the assistant is not registered for the Convention the assistant fee is \$40 per day.

1st Assistant name for Badge (Print legibly please) _____ = _____

2nd Assistant name for Badge (Print legibly please) _____ = _____

Total Payment: Carry this Bourse Total to the Dealers Bourse section on your Registration form.

Bourse Total = _____
Carry to Convention Reg. form

Send completed forms and payment to the Convention Registrar

Jan Reaves
PO Box 146
McCormick, SC 29835
jjreaves2251@gmail.com

For additional information contact Bourse Chair:

Mark Johnson
2815 Shandy Avenue
Wilmington, NC 28409
843-324-5212
keyrat@earthlink.net

Make checks payable to COA 2023

2023 COA Convention Bourse dates, June 3-4, 2023

Bourse Rules

1. Participating dealers must be a member in good standing of Conchologists of America for the year 2022 and 2023. Membership for 2023 must be paid before registering for the 2023 Bourse. Dealers must register and pay for the convention at the same time they apply for tables, etc.
2. Dealers agree to abide by applicable federal, state, local laws, rules and regulations. They must also agree to fill out and submit all sales tax paperwork. All sales at the convention are subject to a 7.0% North Carolina Sales Tax. Dealers already registered and having a State of North Carolina certificate must report their sales along with their regularly filed sales tax reports. Dealers not yet registered in North Carolina should do so on-line at <https://www.ncdor.gov/taxes-forms/sales-and-use-tax/how-file-sales-and-use-tax-resources>.
3. Dealers who do not have a State of North Carolina Sales Tax Certificate are required to individually submit sales tax collected at the end of the Convention. Tax can be paid on-line to the State of North Carolina in U.S. dollars, a U.S. check or money order.
4. Space will be assigned at the discretion of the Bourse Chair on a first come, first served basis upon receipt of a.) the Convention Registration Form fully completed, b.) completed Bourse Agreement, c.) payment in full, d.) Confirmation by the COA Membership Chairperson that 2022 and 2023 COA dues have been paid. COA discourages selling outside the Bourse, in hotel rooms, and in the lobbies.
5. Applications should be received no later than April 14, 2023. Each dealer is allowed to reserve a maximum of five(5) tables, each table is 6 feet x 36 inches wide. Requests for additional tables will be considered on space availability after May 15th. Additional requests are considered dependent on how many tables are available. Upon approval of additional tables, immediate payment must be sent to the COA Convention Registrar, Jan Reaves. Notification of extra tables will be via e-mail.
6. Booth tables are \$75 each. (Tables will be covered and skirted.) Electricity for the run of the Bourse will be provided at a charge of \$70 per booth. Within booths power strips, extension cords, lighting, etc. are the responsibility of the vendor but are subject to inspection and approval by the Fire Marshall. Extension cords must be 14 gauge or heavier.
7. If tables are shared, dealers at those shared tables must be registered and each of the dealers sign a Bourse Agreement Form. Bourse Agreements are not transferable. If you must cancel your Bourse Agreement, it must be returned to the Convention Registrar by May 15, 2023 to qualify for a refund. No refunds will be issued after May 15, 2023.
8. Bourse dealers and assistants will receive a special name badge in their dealer packet at the time they pick up their Convention information. No one will be permitted on the floor of the Bourse during set up or take down unless wearing this special name badge. This badge must be worn during the hours of the Bourse also.
9. Each dealer may add up to 2 assistants who must be named on the Bourse Agreement form. If these assistants are already registered for the Convention there is no additional charge. For non-registered assistants, there is a registration fee of \$40 per day per assistant on Saturday and Sunday.
10. Bourse set up will be Saturday, June 3 from 7:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. There is direct access to the Bourse rooms from the loading dock. The Bourse will be secured Saturday night and no one will be allowed to enter without the express permission of the Bourse Chair. All dealers must remain on the floor for both days.
11. All sales items must be removed by 7:00 P.M. Sunday, June 4, 2023.
13. COA does not guarantee sales at the Bourse but will do its best to promote this event and provide a forum for each dealer to sell their inventory. The Bourse is scheduled for Saturday, June 3, 2023 from 1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. and Sunday, June 4, 2023 from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.
14. Due to fire safety regulations and the Americans with Disability Act accessibility, tables may not be moved or rearranged without permission of the Bourse Chair. All merchandise must be sold from tables. Dealers are allowed to bring in one small table for packing purchases.
15. The COA committee recommends specimen shells each have a data slip including the Latin name of the specimen, location and date collected and price of specimen. Dealers are encouraged to be vigilant and protect expensive items on their tables.
16. A water station will be available during both days of the Bourse.
17. Lunches will be available for purchase both days of the Bourse. Details will be available closer to the Convention.
18. The Bourse floor will be secured after the Bourse closes Saturday night until it opens Sunday morning. Please cover your merchandise Saturday night and remove any expensive shells you have to prevent theft.
19. COA requires all dealers to fully comply with any and all government rules regarding protected biota.