

2024 Conchologists of America Convention

Melbourne, Florida

Office Use Only:

June 11 Field Trips, June 12-14 Programs, Bourse June 15-16 Check No \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name for Name Tags: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Club: \_\_\_\_\_ First time attending COA? \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees**

**No. of Persons**

- Early Registration includes Banquet & Welcome Party \_\_\_\_\_ \$195 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Full Registration (Postmarked after May 13) \_\_\_\_\_ \$225 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Guests attending Welcome Party \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Guests attending the Banquet: \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 per person \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name for Guest Name Tags: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

**Banquet Choices – indicate the number of each meal you are ordering.**

A. Mediterranean Chicken \_\_\_\_\_ B. Grilled Mahi Mahi \_\_\_\_\_ C. Vegetarian: Portobello Napoleon \_\_\_\_\_  
with artichokes, tomato and lemon parsley sauce with pineapple rum sauce and mango salsa with roasted pepper sauce

Club Representative to COA? \_\_\_\_ Will you attend the club rep breakfast on June 15? Yes: \_\_\_\_ (one rep per club) Do you require a Club table? Yes \_\_\_\_

**Field Trips & Tours** Attach completed Field Trip Tour form to Convention Registration: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Dealer's Bourse** Attach completed Bourse Agreement to Convention Registration form: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Convention Boosters** (Donations received by May 1 listed in Convention Program Guide)

Aplysia \$25-\$249 \_\_\_\_\_ Angel Wing \$250-\$499 \_\_\_\_\_ Astronaut \$500+ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**SEND FORMS & PAYMENT to COA2024, PO Box 12, Clute, Texas 77531, USA**

**Payment:** Checks on U.S. bank only, make payable to **COA**.

Payment for convention & bourse may be made by PayPal® to: **billing@conchologistsofamerica.org**

**Be sure to enter your name and purpose of your payment in the message window. Forms must be mailed or scanned and sent to: humbirdpatty@gmail.com. Include a copy of your acknowledgement from PAYPAL® that payment has been made. REMEMBER to sign your name before scanning.**

**AUCTION DONATIONS** contact John and Cheryl Jacobs **johncheryl@earthlink.net**

**Registration: Patty Humbird humbirdpatty@gmail.com.**

**FIELD TRIPS FOR COA 2024 – ALL TRIPS OCCUR ON TUESDAY JUNE 11**

**CONVENTION REGISTRANTS & GUESTS OF REGISTERED ATTENDEES MAY ONLY SIGN UP FOR ONE EVENT**

**Departure time will be 8 a.m.**

**HARBOR BRANCH OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTE, FORT PIERCE, FL**

**Approximately 8 hours duration.**

**We have a limited number of spaces for our group to get an escorted tour of this premier facility to take a deep dive into the research being conducted.**

**Name of attendee(s)\_\_\_\_\_ @ \$100 per person. Total\_\_\_\_\_**

**BREVARD ZOO**

**Approximately 5 hours duration.**

**Lions, giraffes, rhinos, oh my! Meerkat village and hundreds of parrots. U.S. News and World Reports recently listed as one of “26 Best Zoos in the U.S for 2023”.**

**Name of attendee(s) \_\_\_\_\_@ \$50 per person. Total:\_\_\_\_\_**

**MC LARTY TREASURE MUSEUM**

**The 1715 annual Spanish treasure fleet left Havana to get to Spain before hurricane season but an early storm blew the fleet to ground off the Florida coast. See a canon and other items recovered that the salvagers missed.**

**NAUTICAL COLLECTIONS SHELLS & GIFTS**

**Visit the remaining shell and nautical gift shop in the county. Some shells but jammed packed with everything nautical. A fun place to visit.**

**Approximately 5 hours duration.**

**Name of attendee(s)\_\_\_\_\_@ \$50 per person. Total:\_\_\_\_\_**

**Grand total: \$\_\_\_\_\_**

**Put the total amount on the registration form and return this page with the registration form.**

## 2024 COA Convention Bourse dates, June 15-16, 2024

### Bourse Agreement Form

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand all the COA Bourse Rules and Guidelines as written 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 PayPal, receipt indicating this payment was made through the COA PayPal account at [billing@conchologistsofamerica.org](mailto:billing@conchologistsofamerica.org), is attached.

Note: Dealers must be a member in good standing having paid their prior year membership by December 31 of that year and be currently paid for this year. (See Rules #1)

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address, city, state, zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of 6' X 30" tables requested (covered to floor) @\$100.00 each # \_\_\_\_ X \$100 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum of six (6) tables.

If extra tables are available, I am interested in \_\_\_\_\_ more tables.

I will be notified later if additional tables are available.

Electricity one-time charge of \$50. (Yes, that is one charge of \$50 for both days). = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dealers are individually responsible for providing extension cords, power strips, lighting, etc.

All electrical devices are subject to inspection and approval by the Fire Marshall. (See Rules #6)

I plan to share tables with \_\_\_\_\_.

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

If the assistant is registered for the Convention, there is no additional charge. Leave blank for  
Registration #

1<sup>st</sup> assistant's name for badge (print legibly please) \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> assistant's name for badge (print legibly please) \_\_\_\_\_

If the assistant is not registered for the Convention the fee is \$50 per day for each day. (See Rules #9)

1<sup>st</sup> assistant's name for badge (print legibly please) \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> assistant's name for badge (print legibly please) \_\_\_\_\_ = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Payment (write amount on Convention Registration Form) = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dealer signature \_\_\_\_\_

Mail completed dealer form with registration form and payment to:

COA  
PO Box 12, Clute, TX 77531

Bourse: Wanda Coker, 979-236-5274, [emptybobbin51@yahoo.com](mailto:emptybobbin51@yahoo.com)

Make checks payable to COA or if using PayPal remit to [billing@conchologistsofamerica.org](mailto:billing@conchologistsofamerica.org).

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### Bourse Rules and Guidelines

1. Participating dealers must be a member in good standing of Conchologists of America for the year 2023 (due by December 31, 2023) and 2024. 2024 membership must be paid before registering for the 2024 Bourse. Dealers must register and pay for the convention at the same time they apply for tables.
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 7.00% Florida state sales tax. Dealers not yet registered in Florida should do so on-line at:  
[https://floridarevenue.com/taxes/taxesfees/Pages/sales\\_tax.aspx](https://floridarevenue.com/taxes/taxesfees/Pages/sales_tax.aspx), click on General Tax. Under Registering A Business, click on Account Registration, then Florida Business Tax Application. Create application and follow instructions.
3. Tax can be paid on-line at the same site as above. Click on General Tax then File and Pay.
4. Space will be assigned at the discretion of the Bourse Chair on a first come, first serve basis upon receipt of 1) the Convention Registration Form fully completed, 2) completed Bourse Agreement, 3) payment in full, and 4) confirmation by the COA Membership Chairperson that the appropriate dues have been paid (see #1 above). COA discourages selling outside the Bourse, in hotel rooms, and in the lobbies.
5. Applications should be received no later than May 13, 2024. Each dealer is allowed to reserve a maximum of 6 tables. Each table is 6 feet long X 30 inches wide. Requests for additional tables will be considered on space availability after May 13, 2024. Upon approval of additional tables, immediate payment must be sent to the COA Convention Registrar, Patty Humbird, c/o COA, PO Box 12, Clute, TX 77531. Notification of extra tables will be via email.
6. Booth tables are \$100.00 each. Tables will be covered to the floor. Electricity will be provided at a one-time charge of \$50. Within booths, power strips, extension cords, lighting, etc. are the responsibility of the dealer 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 must sign a Bourse Agreement Form. Bourse Agreements are not transferable. If you must cancel it is your responsibility to notify the Convention Registrar by May 13, 2024 to qualify for a full refund. No refunds will be issued after May 13, 2024.
8. Bourse dealers and assistants will receive a special name badge in their dealer packet at the time they pick up their convention information packet. 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 also be worn during the hours of the Bourse.
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 \$50 per day per assistant for each Bourse day.
10. Bourse set up will be Saturday, June 15, 2024 from 8:00AM to 1:00PM. There is direct access to the Bourse rooms from the loading dock. The Bourse will be secured at night and no one will be allowed to enter without the express permission of the Bourse Chair. All dealers must remain on the floor when open to the public on both days.
11. Dealers must remove all inventory by 8:00PM on Sunday, June 16, 2024.
12. 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 15, 2024 from 1:00PM to 6:00PM and Sunday, June 16, 2024 from 9:00AM to 3:00PM.
13. Due to fire safety regulations and the Americans with Disability Act, tables may not be moved or rearranged. All inventory must be sold from tables. Dealers are allowed to bring in one small table for packaging.
14. The COA committee recommends specimen shells each have a data slip including the scientific 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.
15. A water station will be available during both days of the Bourse.
16. Lunches will be available for purchase both days of the Bourse. Details will be available closer to the convention.
17. The Bourse floor will be secured after the Bourse closes on Saturday, until it reopens the following morning. Please cover your inventory at night and remove any expensive shells you have to prevent theft.
18. COA requires all dealers to fully comply with all government rules regarding protected biota.

Bourse Chair: Wanda Coker, 979-236-5274, emptybobbins1@yahoo.com