

## COA Captiva list of speakers.

- Since our theme is R. Tucker Abbott, our first and last programs of the sessions will be about his contributions. **Dr. Jose Leal** will give our first program on “Building a Shell Museum from Scratch: The Many Contributions of R. Tucker Abbott”.
- **Paul Callomon** on R. Tucker Abbott at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia.
- We have one of our COA scholarship winners **Nicole Seiden**, who has graciously agreed to tell us about her research. She will be giving us a preview of her research “How Pristine are Our Modern Molluscan Ecosystems and How Would We Know”?
- We will have **Cindy Bear** from the Randall Research Center on Pine Island who will tell us about the Calusa Indians from this area.
- **Dr. Charles Messing**, Nova Southeastern University, recently was Science co-chair on an NOAA Okeanos cruise. He will talk about his experiences on that ship and what it means for science.
- **Gene Everson**, Louisville, KY and **Silvard Kool** went on a trip to Mozambique and Madagascar. Gene will talk about that experience.
- **Rich Goldberg**, owner of **Worldwide Shells** will take us land snailing in Jamaica.
- **Linda Ianniello**, noted **underwater photographer**, goes “Black Water Diving” as often as possible. A local dive shop takes divers out where they are over 500 feet of water in the dark following a glowing ball. The timing of the dive brings up creatures from the depths who come up to feed. Linda will show you photos of mollusks in larval form as well as other microscopic and larval mollusks seldom seen.
- **Anne DuPont** will speak about ‘Mollusks in Medicine’
- **Doug Wolfe**, Beaufort, NC will tell about the mollusks found in his own backyard.
- **Gary Schmelz** tell us about the Chipola Formation and the story the fossils tell about the marine environment 18 million years ago.
- **Bruce Neville** from College Station, Texas will be talking about “It All Started with Linnaeus”. How we got from the 1700’s to today.
- **Pete Krull** will talk about our favorite tree snail the Florida Liguus, and always making a subject that could be boring, really entertaining
- **Tom Watters** will be giving us a talk “The Silence of the Clams”.
- **Tom Annesley** will be telling us about how the Cone Shells were discovered to have pain reducing properties with a little surprise at the end. At the banquet Friday, Hank Chaney will have a unique presentation on excerpts of Tucker’s life.
- At the Banquet and **Dr. Henry Chaney** will be giving a most unique banquet program on R. Tucker Abbott.
- Saturday morning treat, We will have **Wolfgang Grulke** on satellite from England. Paul Callomon will be introducing the history of the new book by Wolfgang Grulke **BEYOND EXTINCTION: The Eternal Ocean. Climate Change and the Continuity of Life** (as he worked with Wolfgang on the concept). We will then cross live to Dorset in the UK to meet Wolfgang who will give us a behind-the-scenes tour of his museum and introduce us to items from his collection on which the book is based. After that we will have a live Q&A with Paul and Wolfgang on matters arising from the challenges raised by the book. During the Bourse a special Edition of 50 limited and signed copies will be for sale.

