

The Exhibitors/Vendors  
Southeast Regional Sea Turtle Meeting 2016

Visit the displays in the Pre-Convene Area:  
Social 7:00PM to 10:00PM, Wednesday, 02/10/16  
Open 9:00AM to 6:00PM, Thursday, 02/11/16 and Friday, 02/12/16  
(Open to the Public 3:30pm to 6:00PM -Thursday)

Exhibitor/Vendor Chair: Janet Hochella

***The Author's Niche***

New to SERSTM 2016 and located in the open exhibitor/vendor area, The Author's Niche, will showcase and promote the top selling publications of the meeting's two keynote speakers, Dr. Wallace J. Nichols and Dr. Carl Safina, along with other significant authors, Anne Ake, and Dr. Blair and Dawn Witherington. Open during the Exhibitor/Vendor hours and at various posted times in the agenda and on the area's message board, attendees and visitors will be able to purchase the featured books and have the books personalized. The authors are attending the SERSTM and will be available throughout the meeting to sign and discuss their books as well as share their views on sea turtle issues and conservation challenges.

<http://www.serstm.org/the-authors-niche/>

**Carol Hansen Nature Photography with the Sea Turtle Preservation Society**

Longtime member and volunteer of the Sea Turtle Preservation Society, Carol Hansen will showcase the natural wonder of the East Coast of Central Florida as seen especially in its birds and sea turtles through her photography. Along with her photographic items, information on the Sea Turtle Preservation Society, operating in Brevard County, Florida, since 1984, will be available. From turtle walks to Turtle Krawls, the STPS fulfills their mission of "Helping sea turtles survive" in multiple capacities.

<http://www.naturephotosbycarol.com/>    <http://www.seaturtlespacecoast.org/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/SeaTurtlePreservationSociety/>

**CLS America, Inc.**

CLS America, Inc. operates the Argos System which is an extremely robust satellite data collection and location system especially designed for harsh environments. Marine animals, land animals, and birds are monitored worldwide. Designed for and with its scientific users, Argos is the only satellite-based system dedicated to monitoring and protecting the environment. The CLS America booth will provide information on Argos data collection and location services for animal tracking.

<http://www.clsamerica.com>    <http://www.argos-system.org>

**Gulf Islands National Seashore**

Gulf Islands National Seashore sponsors a citizen science and student research project called *Turtle T.H.i.S.* (Teens Helping in the Seashore), formed in 2014 through a partnership with the National Park Foundation, the U.S. Geological Survey, and the NPS Natural Sounds and Night Skies Division. The project is part of a multifaceted sea turtle conservation effort along 160 miles of undeveloped beaches that grace Gulf Islands where four species of federally protected sea turtles nest including the loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*), the green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), the leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*), and the Kemp's Ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys kempi*). The project engages approximately 200 youth from local schools and colleges—including these students from Escambia High School in Pensacola, FL—to help with data collection, management, analysis, and outreach. National Park Service Rangers and *Turtle THiS* students will give out sea turtle magnets, designed by a student intern. They will also talk about the Turtle THiS project and sea turtles in the seashore.

<http://www.nps.gov/guis/index.htm>    <https://www.facebook.com/GulfIslandsNPS/>

**Inwater Research Group**

Inwater Research Group Inc. was formed in 2001 by a small group of biologists to fill the need for basic population studies of wildlife in marine habitats throughout the southeastern US. Their mission is to provide both the scientific community and the general public with information to promote the conservation of coastal and marine species and their habitats. Inwater Research Group welcomes research collaborations and discussions regarding their research and new education initiatives.

<http://inwater.org/>    <https://www.facebook.com/InwaterResearch/?fref=ts>

### **Lotek Wireless, Inc**

Founded in 1984, Lotek is a world leader in the design and manufacture of fish and wildlife monitoring systems. Their innovative and internationally recognized radio, acoustic, archival, and satellite monitoring solutions allow researchers to track animals, birds and fish of almost any size, in almost any environment. Whether an animal moves through a terrestrial, freshwater, marine or avian habitat, Lotek has a system to track it.

<http://www.lotek.com/> <https://www.facebook.com/lotekwireless>

### **M. Revak & Co.**

Founded by Michael Jay Green, M. Revak & Co. works with authors, publishers, speaker bureaus, meeting and event planners to source books, and related media material, wherever and whenever they are needed, nationwide. Michael Green will facilitate the sale of books for *The Author's Niche*, a first time event at the 2016 SERSTM.

<http://mrevak.com/> <http://www.serstm.org/the-authors-niche/>

### **Sea Turtle Conservancy**

Dedicated to the conservation of sea turtles since 1959 through research, training, advocacy, education and the protection of habitat, the Sea Turtle Conservancy headquartered in Gainesville, FL will offer free educational materials, newsletters, and other informational resources, as well as offering a wide selection of sea turtle related merchandise. STC's Executive Director, David Godfrey will present a tribute to the organization's founder, Dr. Archie Carr, who was born in 1909 in Mobile, Alabama.

<http://www.conserveturtles.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/conserveturtles/>

### **SERSTN**

In order to advance marine turtle knowledge and conservation efforts from Virginia to Texas, the Southeast Regional Sea Turtle Network will sponsor a biennial meeting to facilitate the presentation and exchange of scientific research from diverse disciplines conducted on the beaches and waters of the southeastern United States. The display will highlight the many projects that embody this organization.

<http://www.serstm.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/SoutheastRegionalSeaTurtleMeeting/>

### **Share the Beach**

Share the Beach, Alabama's sea turtle conservation program, was formed in 2001 by the Friends of the Bon Secour Wildlife Refuge in Gulf Shores, Alabama. Each year, the volunteer group is tasked with patrolling the beach, educating the public and school groups, late-night nest observation, and assisting with supply and equipment preparations. Share the beach will display their information about sea turtles, their educational diorama, and their innovative nest camera. Trained volunteers will be available to explain what their organization accomplishes each sea turtle season.

<http://www.alabamaseaturtles.com/> <https://www.facebook.com/Share-the-Beach-86488438575>

### **South Walton Turtle Watch / Sea Turtle Hearts**

The South Walton Turtle Watch is a group of volunteers whose purpose is to locate endangered and threatened sea turtle nests and to protect them along the beaches of NW Florida during the crucial nesting and hatching season. On display will be public service announcements made by the SWTW volunteers. Shirts, hoodies, and stickers with a sea turtle motif designed by Valerie Lofton, her company Sea Turtle Hearts, will be available for purchase. Part of the proceeds will go to support the work of the SWTW.

<http://www.southwaltonturtlewatch.org/> <https://www.facebook.com/South-Walton-Turtle-Watch-613660398647325/> <https://www.etsy.com/shop/SeaTurtleHearts>

### **Turtles In Clay**

Soon after leaving his position as a biologist with the Fish and Wildlife Service in Alaska, Dr. Jackson discovered and became enthralled with ceramics. Over the last 12 years he has received instruction and inspiration from many potters in North Carolina and adjacent areas. Most of his work has incorporated his passion for marine turtles. His unique and popular pieces have been shown at multiple sea turtle meetings and will be available at SERSTM Feb. 9-12, 2016.

### **U.S. Navy Stewards of the Sea**

The "Stewards of the Sea: Defending Freedom, Protecting the Environment" exhibit highlights the U.S. Navy's commitment to protect marine mammals through scientific research and mitigation measures that keep our oceans clean when operating at sea. Navy subject matter experts on environmental stewardship will be available to answer any questions.

<http://www.public.navy.mil/usff/environmental> <https://www.facebook.com/USNavyStewardsoftheSea/>

### **Wildlife Computers**

Wildlife Computers is dedicated to aiding researchers in protecting and conserving the world's fauna. The animal behavior and physiological response data captured through our innovative tags help contribute to a sustainable future for our planet. A Wildlife Computers' representative will be in attendance at the conference to support and share information with attendees on how Wildlife Computers instrumentation can truly make a difference to one's research project.

<http://wildlifecomputers.com/> <https://www.facebook.com/Wildlife-Computers-154361164601059/>