



Goodbye to a very
busy and exciting

2021!

Woo! Where did 2021 go? As the world was trying to figure out what exactly was going on LHCOS was busy!

Jonathan changed the world!

The billboard featuring the late Jonathon Livingston crab put on pause in 2020 made it to the light here on this boardwalk in Wildwood New Jersey for the full 2021 tourist season. Thanks for taking selfies with it!



Jonathan passed on Valentine's Day after a long and happy life spent with Carol Ann but the larger than life crab continues to educate and spread awareness.

Thank you for permission to use your photos Laura Hebert Lis, Lauren Scerbak, and Kathleen & Christopher Jo Walmer!

A few quick updates:



Crab Chat

Crab Chat, the monthly live Q&A session is going strong! It does not matter if you are new and need to know how to set up a salt pool or if you are a seasoned keeper and want to know how long a momma crab turns her eggs, hop in and Crab Chat. Follow LHCOS on Facebook or check out the LHCOS website from monthly dates and links.



Eco-Mail

In 2020 approved sellers resolved to move to more eco-friendly packing and it remains a talking point between them. With more new compostable items on the market then ever sellers are a huge step closer to going 100% trash free.



Live and in-person

Stacy passed a small part of the torch this year as her LHCOS booth was trusted to a special individual for a few shows to expand the booth across the US. This year Stacy's booth featured captive-bred baby hermit crabs and they made a huge difference as the perfect ambassadors for the captive breeding program.

Evie Michalak took up shows in her home state of Florida. Here is what she had to say about it:

"I recently became a LHCOS local rep and started assisting Stacy with hermit crab advocacy at reptile expos. I represented LHCOS at 3 events this year, sharing information with anyone who stopped by including prospective, former, and current crab keepers. Current owners learned about their proper care and available resources to support and improve their husbandry. Prospective owners gained a better understanding of the commitment hermit crabs require. Some people left the booth convinced that hermits are not the pet for them,



Claws in the classroom

Claws in the classroom was such a hit in 2021 that we had to reach out to our approved sellers, many of whom sent care packages. In total LHCOS helped 19 teachers get their crabby classroom pets set up. A huge thank you to Mike Vukoder for his help, as well, with additional teachers!

If you would like to donate new and lightly used items, you can send them to:

Claws in the Classroom
403 West Washington Street
Wayne City IL 62895



Thank you for giving!

The Land Hermit Crab Owners Society became a 501(3)c nonprofit organization in 2020! That means you can support us on Facebook by raising money on our behalf.

avoiding the heartache of learning after acquiring crabs. It is clear that interactions with attendees will help LHCOS achieve its mission to improve the lives of hermit crabs. I have 7 events scheduled for 2022 in Florida with plans to pick up more when possible.

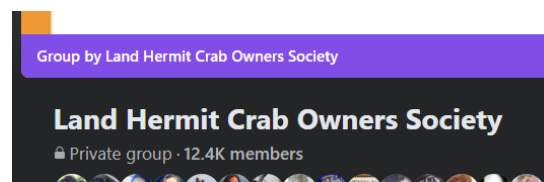
If you're interested in joining LHCOS in advocating for our favorite crustaceans, we are looking to expand this program. I want to know the thoughts and concerns of prospective advocates, please contact me by email (info@hermitharbor.com) if you would like to provide feedback."

Thank you Evie for your time!

Other notes

On August 8th LHCOS celebrated its 22nd anniversary!

On October 17th CSJ celebrated its 20th birthday!



Time to share and learn

The Facebook group is now almost 13,000 members strong. It features a collection of guides and files as well as a resolute team of admins and moderators. It will only grow as we move into 2022!

Shop on Amazon? You can donate money to LHCOS each time you shop! Visit smile.amazon.com to select Land Hermit Crab Owners Society as your charity. Giving Tuesday takes place after Cyber Monday, and we are so thankful for the Facebook donations we received in 2021.

New publications

Stacey May published her book titled "Fresh and Foraged Foods for Land Hermit Crabs" a much needed resource for the hermit crab community. Printable pocket guides were donated by My Hungry Hermit for handing out at shows and sending to teachers through Claws in the Classroom.

On Thursday December 16th Stacy's book covering care and more became available in print. The kindle version is live now!



Ready for CrabCon 2022?

CrabCon took the world by storm! Well, at least the crab world and a worldwide event it was! This year featured speakers from North America all the way to Asia! The conference bustled with activity as both stages simultaneously featured speakers on everything from native conservation or the use of reverse spiral shells to using craft mesh and plastic blocks to make a fairy castle inside a crab tank. We can not forget some of the best deals of the year on crab goodies.



Get your tickets for CrabCon 2022 at CrabCon.org starting January 15th and get ready to re-watch main stage talks from 2021 for free in 2022.

One of the talks, Hermit Crabs: A Shelled Miracle | By Crab Central Station

is available now on Crab Central Station's YouTube. It is a must see!

BABY CRABS!

Hermit crab breeding efforts in 2021 were enough to take your breath away and even make you cry.

Crab Central Station brought their first crabs to land this year in a whirlwind of video blogs highlighting just how much work the process really is. They brought us along as they made it through every stage and were open about every emotional loss, win, and challenge.

Sue Brown brought the first second generation *Coenobita variabilis* to land. Her captive-bred male “Sexy Monster” has fathered multiple clutches of eggs this year. Just this month Sue had another hatching of approximately 650 zoeae.

Of course, all this is made possible by Mary Akers, the founder of Hermit House. On top of her inspiring breeding season Mary arranged one of the biggest wins for hermit crabs this year. Before 2021 all hermit crabs bought from shops were wild caught. Now one incredibly special store, Josh’s Frogs, is selling Mary’s captive hermit crabs publicly! This year Mary brought another 223 babies to land with many more in the water as her first spawn was in September and her last on November 17th. She currently has 405 baby crabs from 2019 and 2020.

We helped home 204 baby crabs this year, Mary sent 160 to Josh’s Frogs and Evie Michalak in FL received 41 as the newest adoption facilitator!



You can still adopt crabs from Mary here:

Adopt!

We now have Regional Adoption Facilitators for the captive-bred babies in seven states (NY, TX, VA, MO, AZ, FL and PA).

New forever homes

I think it is worth noting last year's numbers before we tell you how amazing our adoption team is. Anna Keel and the LHCOS Adoption team re-homed 366 hermit crabs in 2020. We thought that was a wow number! The 2021 number smashes the 2020 number all to bits at an astounding 660 crabs! Keep in mind this does not even count babies! 109 of those crabs started looking for homes in 2020.



“In 2021, the adoption program received 593 new adopter applications. Of the 593 applications, 195 were successfully approved to adopt. This number does not include any previous years’ applicants who were approved in 2021. 122 of the 2021 approved adopters are still actively adopting crabs, 45 are now permanently at capacity and another 28 are temporarily at capacity. It is important to note that applicants can continue to be actively adopting even after successfully completing 1 or more adoptions through our program due to the space availability in their setups.” - Anna Keel

We have a BUNCH of new approved sellers

Professor Pinchy’s Puzzle Emporium:

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/ProfPinchysPuzzles>

Christine’s Crab Care:

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/ChristinesCrabCare>

CrabPax:

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/CrabPax>

Hobo Hermie:

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/HoboHermie>

My Hungry Hermit:

<http://www.myhungryhermit.com>

Hermit Harbor:

www.HermitHarbor.com

Crabitat Café:

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/CrabitatCafe>

A Little Crabby Co-Op:

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/ALittleCrabbyCoOp>

DC Hermit Crab Takeout:

<https://www.etsy.com/ca/shop/DCHermitCrabTakeout>

The Lucky Crab Co.:

<https://www.facebook.com/LuckyCrabCo>

Pincher Pal

<https://www.pincherpal.com>

Hermies Delights (Australia!)

<https://www.etsy.com/au/shop/HermiesDelights>

Meraki Designs NW

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/MerakiDesignsNW>

Crabby Cuisine Co

<https://www.etsy.com/shop/CrabcuisineCo>

Lets wrap it up

Join LHCOS in the new year for the calendar crab contest, holiday events, CrabCon and so much more. You can buy the crabbiest calendar to keep track of all your crabby events here:



2022

This years resolution:

Oh baby! Let's bring captive bred hermit crabs into the mainstream. Let's support our seasoned breeders and help encourage new ones. Do you have what it takes? The demand for crabs that are not wild caught is growing quickly!

You made it to the bottom! See, it was a busy year! Thank you for being part of the community. Have a happy new year from LHCOS!

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