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Join us for Crab Con 2025!



Join us in person and online in 2025!



**Happy 25th
Birthday
LHCOS**

AUGUST 8TH

& CSJ, October 17th

Wait? Did you miss Crab Con 2024?

Check it out!

July 12th - 14th 2024

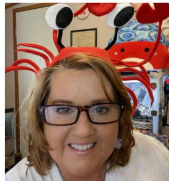


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LAND HERMIT CRAB OWNERS SOCIETY
THE CRAB STREET JOURNAL
STACY GRIFFITH

Stacy Griffith is revolutionizing the hermit crab industry. Since 2008, she has served as president of the Land Hermit Crab Owners Society and owned The Crab Street Journal. Stacy's journey with hermit crabs began in 2003, sparking her passion for their care. Taking the helm at LHCOS and CSJ prompted Stacy to delve into scientific research, enriching her understanding of hermit crabs' biological needs. This expertise culminated in her authorship of "The Complete Guide to Land Hermit Crabs and Their Care: Changing the Mindset of Hermit Crab Keeping," a definitive resource within the community. Stacy's insights have since become fundamental in reshaping perceptions and practices surrounding hermit crab care.

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Shawn Miller - Crabs with beach trash homes.
Photographed by David Orr

MAKE THE SWITCH 4 NATURE: MEET SHAWN MILLER AND THE WILD CRABS OF OKINAWA

Wildlife photographer and naturalist Shawn Miller is dedicated to safeguarding the wildlife of the Ryukyu Islands for future generations. His photography has been showcased at prestigious venues such as the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, National Geographic, World Wildlife, and Blue Planet 11.

He is the founder of Make the Switch 4 Nature, an initiative aimed at assisting hermit crabs affected by beach trash. To date, Miller has strategically placed over 600 marked turbo seashells in the coastal forests, providing essential homes for these vulnerable crustaceans.

OKINAWA PHOTOGRAPHY
SHAWN MILLER

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**CRAB CON
HERMIT HOUSE
MARY AKERS**

Mary Akers is the visionary behind Hermit House, a non-profit dedicated to preserving wild hermit crabs. By pioneering a successful captive breeding program, Hermit House aims to end the practice of capturing these creatures from tropical habitats for the pet trade. Akers' groundbreaking efforts have made her the first to breed land hermit crabs in quantities significant enough to impact the industry.

In addition to her conservation work, Akers founded CRAB CON, an annual international conference uniting hobbyists, scientists, and enthusiasts of hermit crabs. Beyond her advocacy, Akers is an accomplished author, with two collections of short stories and a non-fiction book published in seven countries.

Formally trained as a production potter, Akers now channels her artistic talents into creating unique clay pieces that adorn the habitats of passionate hermit crab enthusiasts worldwide.

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**CRUSTATION PLANTATION
ANGELA SAYRE**

***LIVING OFF THE GRID: THE FASCINATING WORLD
OF HERMIT CRABS IN HUMAN-FREE ENVIRONMENTS***

A nonprofit committed to conserving the native Hermit Crabs of the Florida Keys. Angela and Brian relocated to Tavernier, Florida in 2019, where they discovered that their new home was inhabited by these fascinating creatures. Surrounded by abundant natural land and close to the ocean, their property became a perfect "hermie highway" for the crabs to explore. Angela, playing the role of a hospitable host, ensures these wild crabs have a variety of shells to choose from during their visits.

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**DR CHRISTOPHER TUDGE
AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON D.C.**

***THROUGH THEIR EYES: EXPLORING LAND
HERMIT CRABS UMWELT***

Dr. Tudge is a reproductive biologist with particular interests in the reproductive biology of invertebrates. His research focuses on the reproductive cells and associated structures, evolutionary mechanisms, and reproductive behaviors of marine decapod crustaceans (shrimps, crabs, crayfish and lobsters). Tudge has recently described and named several new species of marine mud shrimp from the Gulf waters of Iran and he has a hermit crab species named for him, which he discovered as new to science on a reef in Belize.

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JANIE GROELING

NAVIGATING SOCIAL MEDIA: ADVOCATING FOR HERMIT CRABS AND THEIR PROPER CARE

Janie Groeling effectively utilizes social media platforms to advocate for the proper care of hermit crabs, reaching a weekly audience of 141.4K followers with posts that focus on proper tank setup and dietary guidance.

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TAMMY WEICK

IS IT MATING? LEARN TO RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS OF HERMIT CRAB MATING

Tammy Weick started crabbing over 40 years ago. In 2000, she achieved the first successful breeding of *Coenobita Clypeatus*, followed by *Coenobita Lila* in 2008. Her pioneering discoveries, now standard in crabbing practices, include the use of worm castings, a moist substrate for successful molts and the sale of shells based on their opening size.

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Get festive with LHCOS on Facebook



It's just another great reason to follow!

LHCOS Facebook

Check out our newest approved shops

"This shop is the brainchild of Amber, a dedicated hermit crab enthusiast who turned her passion into a thriving business. It all began with a single hermit crab that Amber adopted for her young daughter years ago."

Crabitude

[Visit Crabitude](#)



Healing Comes From Me



Mia makes cute little crabs and other pretty things you might just need. She bases her shop around her values regarding mental health for all and advocacy for crabs. Check out her shop here.

[Visit Mia's Shop](#)

I'm sure we all know Crustacean Plantation at this point but now their merch store is official. Rock their branding and more at the same time as helping wild crabs.

[Crustacean Plantation](#)

Crustacean Plantation



LHCOS has a new committee for the Approved Sellers program. We have already seen great work from the crew with these new shops and much more organization!

They are:

Meredith Hass, Evie Spencer, Kelly Elder, Angela Sayre, Tricia Landers, and Becca Freeland



Contest Rules

Something new coming to Claws in the Classroom!



A new opportunity within CIC could allow you to adopt your own local classroom (and their crabs) allowing the classroom to have extended access to resources and one on one help. Keep an eye out for the sign up sheet!

Does that mean you can shop Crab Con for even more goodies? YES!

Other updates:



Hermit House officially has confirmed second generation captive bred from 2 captive bred parents!

Note from the editor:

Did you miss me last July? I had a good reason. Meet Charles! He had some trouble getting here but here he is in his lovely hermit crab button up home and healthy. He was born July 11th. That means his first birthday will take place at Crab Con!

Thanks for keeping me around,
Savannah



Adoptions are getting an update thanks to Alison Brandt who agreed to take over the program. Lots of new stuff coming there!

Where has the year gone? Follow the facebook page or keep an eye on your email to learn how to support LHCOS by buying an improved 2025 hermit crab calendar.



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