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Guest lecturer coming to Mound House on June 14 to present “Sea Turtles: New Research”

Town of Fort Myers Beach, FL – Friends of the Mound House, a nonprofit organization that supports educational programs and events at Mound House, invites the public to a lecture about sea turtles on Tuesday, June 14, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Kelly Sloan will present “Sea Turtles: New Research.” She is the Coastal Wildlife Director and Sea Turtle Program Coordinator at the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation.

Cost for the lecture is \$7 for members and \$12 for non-members. Space is extremely limited so early reservations are required by calling 239-765-0865. A small reception will precede the lecture and starts at 5:30 p.m. The lecture starts at 6 p.m.

Kelly previously worked for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) Marine Turtle Conservation Program where she helped manage all aspects of sea turtle conservation in South Carolina. One of the main components of the program at SCDNR was coordinating more than 30 projects with 1,000-plus volunteers in the statewide sea turtle nest protection and stranding network.

While working at the SCDNR, Kelly completed a master’s degree in environmental science and policy. Her thesis focused on using barnacle growth as an indicator of the onset and duration of Debilitated Turtle Syndrome in loggerhead sea turtles.

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The Town of Fort Myers Beach, incorporated since 1995, is on Estero Island off the southwest Florida coast of the Gulf of Mexico. The beach stretches for seven miles and has sugar-white sand and spectacular shell finds and sunsets. The Town has a variety of unique cultural, parks, recreational and natural settings, as well as shops and restaurants.

Mound House is the oldest standing structure on Fort Myers Beach dating back to 1921. It is a property of the Town of Fort Myers Beach with the mission to preserve, interpret, and share 2,000 years of cultural and environmental history of Fort Myers Beach and Southwest Florida.

The house sits atop a 2,000 year old Calusa Indian shell mound and opened in 2015 as a museum experience after undergoing restoration for over a decade. The grounds include an observation pier over Estero Bay, a kayak launch, and native gardens with a variety of plants, birds, trees, butterflies, and other wildlife.

The museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a variety of programs offered daily. The museum store offers unique educational items and is open during museum hours.

For more information about Mound House and offered kayak tours and other programs, visit www.moundhouse.org or call 239-765-0865.

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