

Explore the wonderful world of Sea Turtles, the oldest living reptiles and once playmates of the dinosaurs. Your tour guide, Judy Walton, will take you on a journey through the history and geography of the five species which inhabit our local Gulf of Mexico. Learn about the efforts of the legendary “Turtle Lady of South Padre” and her successors to restore the endangered Kemp’s ridley sea turtle to our coast. Tour the tanks of Sea Turtle, Incorporated, a rescue and rehabilitation center and meet some of the residents recuperating there. Witness the release of a 100+ pound Loggerhead on our beach. Talks are power point and video presentations and can be tailored to the group to last from 30 minutes to an hour, with questions.

Dr. Judy Walton is Emerita Professor of Kinesiology at the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College. An educator for 35 years, Judy turned her attention in retirement to her long-time passion, the environment. Judy is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Friends of Laguna Atascosa National Wildlife Refuge, a volunteer at Sea Turtle, Inc., a member of the Rio Grande Delta Audubon Society and a Texas Master Naturalist. She has been a volunteer ATV and foot patroller of the beach looking for sea turtle nests for the past four years---but has yet to find one! Maybe next year!!!