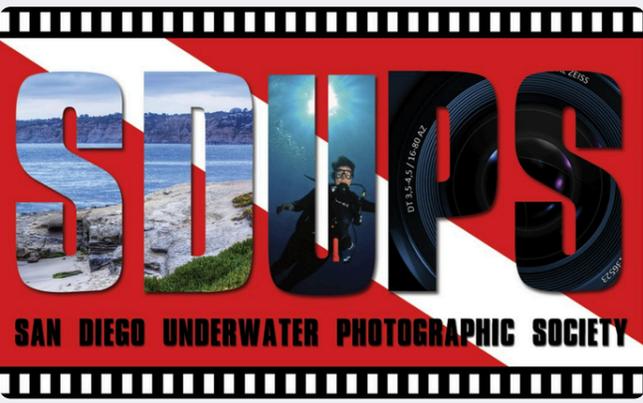


DR. CHARLOTTE SEID

Exploring Deep-Sea Life Beyond Scuba Depths

Presenting on
March 26, 2026
7:15 pm at
Sumner Auditorium
Scripps Campus



The deep sea, far beyond the reach of scuba, is the largest habitat on our planet and home to amazing biodiversity. In this month's presentation, Charlotte Seid will discuss marine biology research from Scripps Institution of Oceanography at habitats such as whale falls, hydrothermal vents, and potential deep-sea mining zones. Meet some preserved invertebrate specimens and feel welcome to bring questions for an interactive discussion. Learn about deep-diving submersibles, life on research expeditions, current environmental issues, and how to describe a species new to science.

Dr. Charlotte Seid is a museum scientist at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California San Diego. She manages the Benthic Invertebrate Collection, a repository of preserved seafloor specimens used for research and education around the world. Her work includes preserving and documenting voucher specimens to make them discoverable to the scientific community. Dr. Seid has contributed to 20 peer-reviewed scientific publications, including 17 descriptions of new species and a 250-page taxonomic inventory of invertebrates at methane seeps off Costa Rica. She has participated in 20 oceanographic cruises and has a background in molecular biology and marine research. She has spent more than 200 days at sea on research ships photographing, documenting, and preserving marine specimens.