

**Shell Offshore Pioneers Reunion**  
**Moody Gardens Resort, Galveston, TX**  
**Tuesday April 7 – Thursday April 9, 2026**  
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The reunion will celebrate the many contributions made by the early Pioneers in shallow water and the Deepwater Pioneers that followed. The reunion is an excellent opportunity to see many colleagues and friends with which we worked over the years and catch up on stories and activities. Shell will be a Sponsor of this event and the Coordinating Committee has planned an outstanding agenda with speakers, activities of interest, dinners, cocktail reception, etc. The 2026 reunion is a great opportunity for the Pioneers to get together and renew friendships and see many colleagues that made our successes possible!

**Here's what to do now:**

- 1. Book your accommodations at Moody Gardens by March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026. You can use the link below:**

<https://www.reseze.net/servlet/SendPage?hotelid=1722&skipfirstpage=true&page=131209>

or Call 800-582-4673 or 409-741-8484 for \$176 room rate (free self- parking).

- 2. Register for the reunion:**

\$180 per person or \$360 for 2 persons. Registration fees cover meals/activities for Tuesday's reception, Wednesday's lunch and dinner, and Thursday's breakfast.

Please send attached registration form to Bob Lane (address on form below). Funds may be sent via Zelle (preferred) or with enclosed check.

**Featured Speakers:**

**WEDNESDAY LUNCH:** Colette Hirstius – Shell USA President

**WEDNESDAY DINNER:** Tyler Priest – Author “The Offshore Imperative – Shell Oil’s Search for Petroleum in Post War America”

**Sign up today and plan to attend the 2026 Reunion!**

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## **Shell Offshore Pioneers Reunion Details and Schedule of Events:**

Moody Gardens - Galveston, Texas April 7 - April 9, 2026

All events “Dressy casual”- no ties/coats required

### **Tuesday, April 7, 2026:**

3:00 pm: Registration begins at Moody Gardens Hotel Lobby

5:00 pm: Social and heavy appetizers for all Pioneers starting at 5:00 pm by the Pool area at Moody Gardens Hotel. Food and drinks (beer, wine, soft drinks, and water) are included for the Monday social in the registration fee – bring your 2 tickets per person. Vintage Shell shirt contest– all invited to participate

### **Wednesday, April 8, 2026:**

10:00 am: Registration continues at Moody Gardens Hotel by the Ballroom

11:30 am: Buffet Lunch in Moody Gardens Ballroom

12:45 pm: Colette Hirstius – Shell USA President and EVP Gulf of America

3:00 pm: Story Telling by Pioneer Panel in the Ballroom on Mars Project Then and Now. Panel: TBA. Moderator Cathy McRae.

5:00 pm: Social time & cocktails at Moody Ballroom Foyer - bring your 2 tickets per person

6:00 pm: Dinner followed by speaker Tyler Priest – University of Iowa Professor and Author of Shell’s History in the USA.  
Video presentation by a Special Speaker TBD  
Dinner at Moody Gardens Hotel sponsored by Shell. Note: Photographer will be available during cocktails and dinner to take individual and small group photos.

### **Thursday April 9, 2026:**

7 – 10:00 AM Buffet Breakfast Brunch (included in the registration fee) in the Café in the Park of Moody Gardens – bring your breakfast voucher

9:00 am Golf Scramble at Moody Golf Course (separate fee), located next to the hotel at 1700 Sydnor Ln, Galveston, TX 77554 – OR - Moody Mansion tour (separate fee) and lunch at Katie’s on the Wharf

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## **Wednesday Lunch Speaker**

Colette Hirstius serves as President of Shell USA, Inc. and Executive Vice President of the Gulf of America. In her role as President Shell USA, she leads the strategic integration of Shell's diverse US businesses and represents the company in key energy policy and societal discussions. She is responsible for aligning Shell's US operations with its global strategy, overseeing a portfolio that spans the entire energy value chain—from exploration and production to trading to manufacturing, marketing, and power distribution. As EVP of the Gulf of America, Colette oversees Shell's offshore operations in the region, including ten production hubs and a vast subsea infrastructure network, driving performance, safety, and sustainability in one of Shell's most critical upstream assets. Colette holds a Bachelor of Science in Geology from Tulane University and a Master of Science in Geology from the University of Colorado. She began her career with Mobil Oil and ExxonMobil before joining Shell in 2003 as a Production Geologist in New Orleans. She progressed through Shell's Gulf of America portfolio before taking on international roles—including Strategy Advisor in the Netherlands, where she helped shape Shell's first Purpose-led Strategy; a business turnaround lead in Trinidad and Tobago; and Vice President of Exploration for Africa and the Middle East. In 2021, she returned to New Orleans to lead the Gulf of America through a transformative phase focused on low-carbon, competitive energy production.

## **Wednesday Dinner Speaker**

Tyler Priest is an Associate Professor of History at the University of Iowa who studies the history of oil and energy. His research and teaching interests also include environmental history, the history of business and technology, the history of capitalism and globalization, and public history, which is a field that promotes the collaborative study and practice of history for a broader audience outside of academia. Tyler joined the University of Iowa in 2012 after eight years as Director of Global Studies in the College of Business at the University of Houston. He published a prize-winning book, *The Offshore Imperative: Shell Oil's Search for Petroleum in Postwar America*, that analyzes Shell Oil Company's technological quest to find and develop petroleum reserves in ever-deeper ocean waters. Tyler's most recent book, *Offshore Oildom: America's Energy Expansion into the Ocean* (LSU Press, 2026), tells the riveting story of the political battles in the United States over securing the oil riches of the sea. From the titanic struggle over the tidelands starting in the 1930s to Project Independence in the 1970s, the growth of offshore oil drilling required redrawing the territorial borders of the nation, renegotiating the federal division of power in society, reshaping the U.S. energy system, and testing the environmental limits of resource extraction.

# **Shell Offshore Pioneers Reunion Registration Form**

## **Moody Gardens - Galveston, Texas April 7-9 2026**

1. The following plan to attend the reunion:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

2. I have transferred via Zelle (preferred) or enclosed my check in the amount of \$180 for one person or \$360 for two attending made payable to "Shell Reunion Group".

3. I (We) plan to arrive on Tuesday, April 7 and will attend the Social and Heavy Appetizer Reception at the Moody Gardens Pool: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

4. I (We) will play in the Pioneer Golf Scramble on Thursday April 9 starting at 9:00 AM: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Number playing \_\_\_\_\_ Add \$80 per player to your registration fee. Golf fee includes green fee, cart fee, and range balls.

5. I (We) are interested in joining the one hour guided Moody Mansion tour and following lunch at Katie's on the Wharf: Yes Number \_\_\_\_\_ Est cost \$60/person payable at reunion.

Remember to make your reservations at Moody Gardens Hotel prior to March 17, 2026. After this date, the reserved rooms will be released, and the \$176 room rate may increase.

**Please return this form with your check (or Zelle) payable to  
"Shell Reunion Group" and send to:  
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6545 Edloe St.  
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