

# r find' on Portsmouth

found in the state, though not on this trip.

Sommers, of Centreville, Va., got a state record for a true tulip and Semmel brought 21 shells to the meeting and left with 20 state records.

"Everything one could ask for was wrapped up in our first meeting of the year," said Long about the island trip. "Beautiful weather, smooth seas, great friendship, new members, great chili (which is the featured entree both nights) great speakers and good shelling."

Members and guests came from Ocracoke and as far away as Washington, D.C., South Carolina, Winston-Salem.

The North Carolina Shell Club describes itself as a friendly and enthusiastic organization where people of all levels of expertise, ranging from beginner to professional, can meet and share knowledge and information about the fascinating world of shells.

They were indeed a fun group that loves to share their passion and knowledge of shells with beginners.

**Below, an unusual 'subfossil' junonia found on Portsmouth.**

