

**Congratulations to our NCSC Member Winners at the  
Astronaut Trail Shell**

**Show Jan 20-21**

Submitted by Vicky Wall

**John Jacobs**

**1st Place and Best Fossil Exhibit** *"Fossil Molluscs  
of Hawai'i"*

**2nd Place for Photography**, *"Feeding Frenzy"* Live  
*Marginella* snails eating a cockle.



**Karlynn Morgan**

**1st Place Educational Exhibit**, *"A Bygone*

*Experience: The Halcyon Days of Scallop Pile Shell Collecting"*

Her exhibit included sixteen NC Size Record Shells!



**Vicky Wall**

**1st Place, One Geographical Area,**

*"Self-Collected Shells from Northwest Florida"*

**2nd Place Single Shell Self-Collected**, *"Bractechlamys langfordi"*

**2nd Place Single Any Source**, *"Conus adamsoni"*

**1st Place Photography**, *"Busycon carica with Egg Strand"*

**1st Place People's Choice Award and R. Tucker Abbott**

**Trophy for Best Self-Collected Exhibit**, *"Bula from Fiji...Self-Collected Shells"*



**Congratulations to our NCSC Member Winners  
at the Broward Shell Show Jan 25-26**

Submitted by Vicky Wall

**Vicky Wall (4 Exhibit Winners)**



**1st Place and COA Trophy,  
"Self-Collected Shells from Fiji"**



**1st Place for Florida/  
Caribbean Collection,  
"Self-Collected Shells from  
Northwest Florida"**

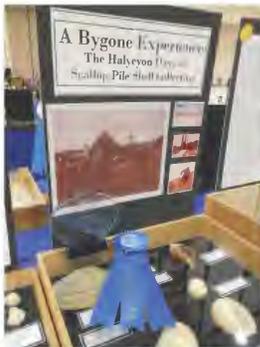


**2nd Place Single Shell Self-  
Collected, "Bractechlamys  
langfordi"**



**2nd Place Photog-  
raphy, "Busycon carica  
with Egg Strand"**

**Karlynn Morgan**



**1st Place and the Jim Vunkannon  
Trophy for Best Florida/Caribbean Exhibit,  
"A Bygone Experience: The Halcyon  
Days of Scallop Pile Shell Collecting"**

**Carole Marshall**



**3rd Place for Single Shell Worldwide  
and DeGraaff Memorial Trophy for Excep-  
tional Representative of a  
Single Species for her huge Mediterranean  
Pen Shell as illustrated with a dollar bill.**

**Ann Buddenhagen  
(2 Exhibit Winners)**



**1st Place, Single Fossil Shell Any  
Manner, "Mercenaria permagna"**

**Linda Zylman**



**2nd Place, Judge's Special Award, and the  
Len Hill Memorial Trophy for Most Beautiful  
Exhibit for her self-collected exhibit, "Shells of  
the Vava'u Group Tonga"**



**1st Place and Neil Hepler Trophy for  
Best Educational Exhibit, "What is  
This" (Calcite Shell Fossils)**

**Congratulations to our NCSC Member Winners at the Sarasota Shell Show Feb 7-8 Submitted by Vicky Wall**

**John Jacobs**



**1st Place, Hertwick Best Fossil Exhibit, and COA, "Fossil Molluscs of Hawaii"**

**1st Place Single Shell Any Source, "Harpago chiagra" Freak Spider Conch Fossil Shell of the Show, "Laemondonta clausa" Hawaiian fossil**

**Dora Zimmerman**



**1st Place, Photography, "Leptopoma perucidum", Australia**  
**1st Place Single Shell Self-Collected, "Leptopoma perucidum"**  
**1st Place and Judge's Special Award, Educational, "Forming Attachments"**

**Vicky Wall**



**1st Place, Photography, "Busycon carica and egg-case strand"**  
**1st Place Single Shell Any Source, "Conus adamsoni"**  
**1st Place and Judge's Special Award, Florida/Caribbean, "Prizes from the Panhandle"**  
**1st Place Best Self-Collected and DuPont Award, "Self-Collected Shells from Fiji"**

**Let's Shellabrate!**

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- ❖ Scientific & Artistic Exhibits
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- ❖ Raffle for Shells, Seashell Décor & Shell-Related Prizes
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**WHEN:** Friday February 7 & Saturday February 8

**10 a.m.- 5 p.m. both days**

FREE bag of shells with \$5 paid adult admission \* Children 12 & under admitted FREE with paid adult \* Students 12-18, \$3 \* FREE parking

**WHERE:** Roberts Arena in the Potter Building, Sarasota Fairgrounds

2896 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota FL. (Exit Fruitville Road off I-75 & go west)

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## Hyde County kicks off Mattamuskeet Project, p12 from the Ocracoke Observer, Mar 2024

### Observer staff report

Braving a somewhat blustery day, more than 300 people gathered in a kick-off event Feb. 13 at Mattamuskeet Lodge on Hyde County's mainland to learn what the future holds for the building.

Everyone from the speakers to the guests had a story to tell.

Maybe their grandfather was one of the members of the Civilian Conservation Corps who worked on various Hyde County projects between 1934-42, including the Lodge. Other stories included attending their proms, weddings, reunions or other events held in the Lodge.

Closed to the public since 2000 due to structural concerns, the Lodge is not just a relic of the past, but the embodiment of generations of American dreams spread over several distinct periods of history. It was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.

State Senator Bobby Hanig (R-District 3) welcomed the crowd and recounted how he came to love the Lodge and explained how he was "here to see the rebirth of this amazing facility."

Later in the program, state Representative Keith Kidwell (R-District 79) and state Sen. Norman Sanderson (R-District 1) shared similar stories.

All three legislators had a hand in helping to secure partial funding of \$6.5 million from the legislature to restore the Lodge so it can be repurposed and again open to the public.

During their remarks, they praised Hyde County Manager Kris Noble, who worked with the Hyde County Cooperative Extension Service and others to come up with a viable plan to redevelop the building.

Sanderson said Noble had a vision to restore the Lodge and bring the community together, and her hard work proves that "persistence overcomes a lot of resistance."

Noble laid out that vision: The County of Hyde, partnering with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC), the NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, along with organizations such as the Partnership for the Sounds, the Hyde County Historical & Genealogical Society, and the Mattamuskeet Foundation, would work together to devise new purposes for the Lodge that include wildlife education, ecological appreciation and cultural and historic preservation.

The site will also, once again, become a place for events that will bring life back into the community.

Offering continuing support, Cameron Ingram, N.C. Wildlife executive director, explained his connection that in 1992, he stayed at the Lodge as an ECU student studying Natural Resource Management. He said he could not have ever envisioned that he'd be standing in the Lodge in his current position, telling his story.

"What a moment this is, not only for our past but for our future," said Hyde County Board of Commissioners Chairman Earl Pugh Jr.

For more information, visit the Mattamuskeet Lodge Society at [www.facebook.com/MattamuskeetLodgeSociety](http://www.facebook.com/MattamuskeetLodgeSociety) to view the live-streamed ceremony.

This article was fun for me because I stopped at Lake Mattamuskeet on the way to the Swan Quarter Ferry. Some of my shots in addition to Connie Leinbach's photo of the Mattamuskeet Lodge.



This little guy allowed me to snap a close up!

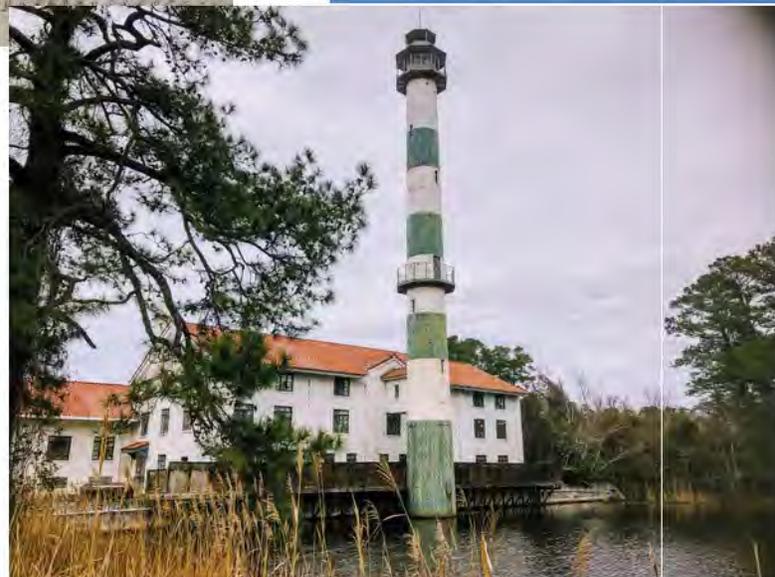


Photo by Connie Leinbach.

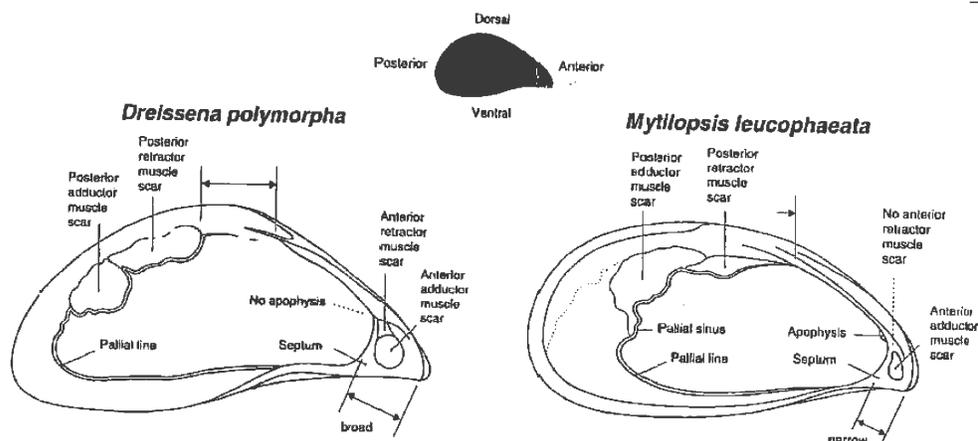
## The Golden Mussel (*Limnoperna fortunei*, (Dunker, 1857) Modiolidae), an invasive freshwater bivalve newly introduced to California, by Arthur Bogan

This freshwater bivalve known as the Golden Mussel, *Limnoperna fortunei* (Dunker, 1857), native to native to Chinese and south-eastern Asian rivers and creeks has a bad track record after being introduced into South America. It was placed in the Mytilidae but was recently moved to the Modiolidae (MolluscaBase) along with a number of species that were previously in the Mytilidae family. The Golden Mussel was found on Rough and Ready Island near Stockton, San Joaquin River, San Joaquin County, California on 17 October 2024. This is the first record of this highest risk invasive species in North America (Interagency Ecological Program, 29 October 2024). It has been genetically confirmed as the Golden Mussel (Fusaro et al. 2024; Interagency Ecological Program of California. (2024). The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (2021) produced an assessment of the Golden Mussel and noted it was not yet present in North America. They summarized the biology, ecology and known distribution at the time and confirmed it had not yet been found in North America. They covered the potential means of introduction and its impact where introduced. This was followed by Boltovskoy et al. (2022) exploring the known and unknown about the Golden Mussel.



Shells of the invasive Golden Mussel (*Limnoperna fortunei*) showing general morphology (Boltovskoy, 2017).

Here's a quick look at how to tell the difference between the Zebra and Brackish Water Mussel:



The Zebra Mussel, *Dreissena polymorpha*, is another invasive mussel!

The Brackish Water Mussel, *Mytilopsis leucophaeata*, is similar to the Zebra Mussel but is an east coast US species invading Europe!



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## Something to Think About...

Submitted by Linda Gustafson

**By Billy Baker, The Boston Globe**

**updated on March 15, 2024 | 3:45 PM**

**GLOUCESTER — Dave Valle, the bad boy of New England sea glass hunting, does not debate; instead, he attacks those he disagrees with, which is anyone he sees as cheating him, and all “purists,” out of the serendipity they chase.**

**The target of his war is specific: seeders, and anyone who condones the practice of intentionally throwing glass into the ocean so that it can be tumbled by swells and rediscovered in the future, transformed. But it is a particular kind of seeding, one that has grown in recent years, that triggers the rage in Valle that got him kicked out of three Facebook groups — marbles.**

“A marble is supposed to be the most exciting thing to find beach combing. It’s the ultimate treasure,” he said as he hunted a field of beach pebbles on a recent day, holding a walking stick with a spade fashioned to one end. “They say they’re leaving this for the future? It’s littering. And it sucks the magic out of it. Who wants to find a marble someone threw there?”

Sea glass collecting has exploded lately, buoyed by Facebook forums, a thriving market for sea-glass jewelry and crafts, and an older fan base who embraced safe ways to be outside during the pandemic. When seeding marbles became a trend — Valle said it was a few people in Rhode Island who started the local fad a few years ago — it spread so quickly that a marble went from a once-in-a-lifetime find to once-a-day for some hunters. “Those people are full of it,” Valle said.

When one person shared a photo of 40 marbles found in a single day, Valle lost his mind and created his own private group, Don’t Worry Be Glassy, exclusively for dedicated “purists” like him. Now 55, Valle has been a serious hunter and crafter — he sells popular sea glass Christmas trees — for just the last decade. But he entered hard and went harder when marbles started making regular appearances. “Even if they didn’t seed them, they knew they were there.”

His approach offered no compromises, and among the people he clashed with was Stephen Hopkins, who created the largest online group in the area, the 29,000-member “New England Sea Glass Searchers!”

“Dave’s angle is to say he only has the pure stuff,” Hopkins said. “But then you’d have people say something like they found some glass that wasn’t cooked yet on a beach where kids play, so they moved it down away from where they play, and he’d go after them and say that’s seeding.”

But it isn’t just Valle who is outraged about seeding. Hopkins’ forum no longer allows it to be discussed because the arguments are heated and endless. Still, there are those like Mary McCarthy, a Maryland beachcomber who has written and lectured on the cheapening effects of seeding, who want the pressure to remain on until it becomes unforgivable.

“Its most significant sin is the loss of provenance,” she said. “Beachcombers find stuff on beaches that is there for a historical reason. They’ve done the research and know there was a resort or a ferry or an amusement park or a dump, and you find things that tell that story. Throwing marbles is Easter egging. It’s artificial.”

McCarthy travels to sea glass festivals all over the country, where she will examine finds to help people trace their story. “And I spend too much time informing people their precious marble was purchased two years ago at a Michael’s.”

The arguments for seeding, proponents say, would go like this: Sea glass is a diminishing resource. The good stuff has been picked. Plastic has taken over, and modern glass is much thinner and incapable of being tumbled for the decades it takes to get that warm and frosted look caused by the intrusion of moisture into the surface and the conditioning from being bounced around. They refer to the new stuff as “trash glass.”

And the intrusion of the market — sea glass jewelry and crafts can fetch big bucks, as can the sale of the raw materials to the artisans — has created a demand with limited supply.

Marbles, as well as the flatter spheres used as vase fillers, have proven to be perfectly designed to “frost” quickly, especially on the rocky coast of New England, where they are shaped to tumble and, maybe one day, make it to the beach.

“Especially in Massachusetts and Maine, you can get a decent frosting in a few years as opposed to a few decades,” said Richard LaMotte, the author of two prominent books on sea glass. “It does feel a little like cheating, but they’re not harmful or hazardous, and I think about little kids who might never find a marble. That’s a memory maker. But pouring gallons of marbles is overdo. In the past, marbles found their way into the ocean courtesy of children who, for decades, played a game where they used their thumb to “shoot” a marble at an opponent’s marbles and knock them out of a circle, a game often played at the beach. Boardwalk amusement parks were another seaside source. They were also sometimes used under railroad tracks. But perhaps the biggest supply comes from the marble used as a stopper inside a popular glass bottle that was for decades, starting in the late 1800s, one of the most economical ways to seal carbonated drinks.

“For my generation, finding a marble was the siren song, this remarkable luminous little treasure, the gateway drug that drew people in,” said Deacon Ritterbush, who is well known in the subculture as Dr. Beachcomb. “But now it’s capitalism gone wild. People grab everything they can find and don’t leave anything behind. And if they’re not selling it, they’re in a rush to show their haul on social media.”

The International Sea Glass Association, which requires its member artisans to keep sea glass in its natural, unaltered state — no cutting, sanding, or grinding — does not have an official policy on seeding. But César Williams-Padín, the organization’s president, said it is strongly discouraged.

“Sea glass tells a story, but with seeding it takes away that excitement and history,” Williams-Padín said. “There’s plenty of glass in the ocean. It doesn’t need more. And glass is going to continue to end up in the ocean without us adding to it. It’s unnecessary.”

The other big argument on the forums is about secrecy. This is Valle’s other passion. He has no interest in telling the internet where he gets the big hauls he posts about, and says he loves “bullying the bullies” who think that he is selfish for not sharing.

Valle grew up in Roslindale, went to Nantasket Beach as a kid, and now lives on Revere Beach. In person, he definitely still wears that street kid chip, but comes across softer than the attack dog online.

“I play it up, but this is my church. I call it my Sunday church. I listen to music. I find these beautiful things that tell a story. Look! Right here,” said as he used the spade to pick up a piece of green glass. “This is a piece of a Coke bottle from the 20s or 30s. They called it seafoam green. You see this everywhere.”

He has so much of it he doesn’t take it and returns it to where it was. He finds a few frosted white pieces he will use in future crafts, as well as a shard on which he can read the letters LV, which he will investigate later. But he gets very excited when a reporter finds a well-tumbled chunk of “bonfire glass,” a smooth gnarled glob from a bottle that was in a fire.

“We’re keeping that, that’s great. That’s what we hope to find,” he said. “You don’t need marbles for this to be magic.”



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**North Carolina Shell Club 4th Quarter Meeting, November 15-16, 2024**  
Katie B. Hines Senior Center, Carolina Beach, NC

Vicky Wall was unable to be present; Cheryl Manger acted as secretary for the weekend.

**Friday, 15 Nov:**

President **Dan Minior** opened the meeting with the Schedule for the Weekend.

The scheduled speaker for the Friday night program, **Tammy Zetka** was ill and unable to speak. Member and Treasurer **Karlynn Morgan** stepped in and spoke about Shelling Around the World. She spoke using the slides of **Charlotte Lloyd Thorpe**. Charlotte was a dive buddy and very good friend of Karlynn's, so the slides matched many of the trips they had taken together. Some of the shared diving locations that were covered included the Bahamas, Republic of Panama, St. Vincent Islands, Honduras, Venezuela, French Polynesia and the Philippines. The trips entailed mostly night diving.

The presentation also included photos of live species taken by Charlotte. Using an aquarium she assembled at the locations, she captured the incredible beauty, and diversity of many of the living species she found.

**Old and New Business:**

Dan Minior followed this with news from the Gulf Coast Shell Club Shell Show in October where a number of winners were from the NC Shell Club:

**Linda Brunner**, COA Trophy, "World Wide Worms: An Overview of Gastropod Worm Shells"

**Jeannette Tysor and Ed Shuller**, the DuPont Trophy, "Self-Collected Cones from Fiji and Vanuatu"

**Karlynn Morgan**, The Vokes Trophy, "A Bygone Experience: The Halcyon Days of Scallop Pile Shell Collecting"

**Linda Zylman**, Frozen Dip Net Award (Best NW Florida Shells Exhibit), "A Blue Ridge Mountain Mystery"

First Place, Self-Collected Shell of the Show, "*Pholadomya candida*"

Helen Norton Award & Founder's Award, Self-Collected Conidae of the Caribbean Province

**John Jacobs**, Special Judges Ribbon, "*Harpago chiragra*"

**Dave Holzinger**, 2nd Place, Single Specimen Self Collected

Dan spoke about the contents of the oral auction: Many of the shells were from **Everett Long's** collection. **Don Timsen, Randy Allamand**, and a shell sculpture donated by **Irmgard and Don Cate** are also included.

Dan also mentioned that this time of year is normally the time for elections. Because most are 2-year terms there is only one requiring renewal this year and that is Member at Large. **Erin Burch** will continue in this role for two more years.

Susan O'Connor is looking for Club Table items.

**Shell Show:**

**John Timmerman** reported that more space has been rented for next year. This will come from the Banquet area. The prospectus should be available soon after the 1st of the year. This year there has been a lot of interest from dealers. Large exhibit applications will have to be in early because of the amount of interest and available space. The show will be held the first weekend in May 2025. Set up will be Thursday, with the show open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

There will be a special Club rate for those staying at the Hampton Inn.

Stephanie Howard will be unable to manage the children's area this year, so the club is looking for help to take over.

The 2025 calendar was reviewed, but is rolled up into the calendar at the end of the Newsletter. Any changes/updates will be published each quarter.



We celebrated Jeannette Tysor's birthday! And the cake was good too!

### Old and New Business (cont):

**Club website** is being updated in the next year or so. **Maria Lloyd** is leading a working group and plan's on using a contractor to help redesign the website with an estimated cost between \$2-5,000 depending on the need. There was some discussion about the possibility of selling shell show tickets on line.

**Club scholarships** for local Marine Biology students from NC colleges/universities. The club is leaning towards managing the scholarship funds thru long-term investments, keeping the scholarship funds available long into the future.

A list of fun things to do on Saturday was put together by **Linda Gustafson** for club members information.

### End of Business

From Dan, a recognition of club members' contributions during the year, so a big **"Thank You"** to the following:

...to **Linda Gustafson's** efforts for finding the location and acting as liaison with the Katie B. Hines Senior Center director.

...to the members for the good turnout for the evening.

...to **Susan O'Connor** and **Bill Bennight** for preparing the silent auction.

...to **John Timmerman** for all the work – research, photos, preparation of the catalog for the oral auction.

...to **Scott Fox** for the Audio-visual help for the meeting.

...to **Diana Yeames**, who was unable to attend this meeting due to illness, but has been behind the scenes taking care of refreshments at meetings for some time.

...to **Dora Zimmerman** for setting up the raffle.

...to the Merch table workers – **Ed Shuller** and **Jeannette Tysor**, and everyone else contributing.

...to **Vicky Wall** for the Club license plates that are now available.

...to **Karlynn Morgan**, and **Jeannette Tysor** and **Ed Shuller** for picking up the club record *Junonia* that will be in the oral auction.

...to **Karlynn Morgan**, for covering financial matters.

...to **Vicky Wall** for contributions as Club Secretary.

...to **Mimi Dill** for taking over the newsletter and also working to gather club history.

...to **Mark Johnson** as leader and friend.

**Saturday, 16 Nov:** The Fall Oral Auction:



Dan Minior and Mark Johnson during the Oral Auction

## 2025 Events

<b>NCSC BOD/Planning Meeting 1st Saturday in January</b>	<del>Jan 11, 2025</del> <b>Jan 4, 2025</b>	<b>ATTENTION CHANGE!</b>
*Astronaut Trail Shell Club Festival Shell Show Melbourne, Florida	January 18-19, 2025	Complete: See Page 16 for NCSC Winners!
*58th Annual Broward Shell Show Pompano Beach, FL	January 25-26, 2025	Complete: See Page 17 for NCSC Winners!
*61st Annual Sarasota Shell Show Sarasota, FL	February 7-8, 2025	Complete: See Page 18 for NCSC Winners!
*76th St. Petersburg Shell Show Seminole, FL	February 21-22, 2025	
*87th Annual Sanibel Shell Show Ft. Myers, FL	March 6-8, 2025	
*Marco Island Shell Club Spring Expo & Sale Marco Island, Florida	March 14-15, 2025	
<b>The NCSC Established in Mar 1957</b>	<b>Mar 2025</b>	<b>The Club's 68th Year!</b>
<b>NC Shell Club 1st Quarter Meeting Ocracoke Community Center Ocracoke, NC</b>	<b>Mar 21-22, 2025</b>	
<b>Annual NC 47th Annual Shell Show Crystal Coast Civic Center Morehead City, NC</b>	<del>May 2-3, 2025</del> <b>Set Up May 1st</b>	<b>ATTENTION CHANGE!</b> <b>Now May 2-4, 2025.</b>
<b>The Anniversary of the Scotch Bonnet Being named as the NC State Shell May 28, 1965</b>	<b>May 28, 2025</b>	<b>The NC Shell's 60th Anniversary!</b>
*Conchologists of America Annual Convention Corpus Christi, Texas	July 8-12, 2025	(Field Trips on July 7 & 8 (in the morning))
<b>The summer shell swap</b>	<b>Jul 26, 2025</b>	<b>ATTENTION ADDITION!</b>
<b>NC Shell Club 3rd Quarter Meeting Katie B. Hines Senior Center 308 Cape Fear Blvd Carolina Beach, NC</b>	<b>Sept 19-20, 2025</b> <b>Annual Auction</b>	<b>ATTENTION LOCATION CHANGE!</b>
*Gulf Coast Shell Show Panama City Beach, FL	Nov 1-2	
<b>NC Shell Club 4th Quarter Meeting Western Park Community Center Cedar Point, NC</b>	<b>Nov 7-8, 2025</b>	<b>ATTENTION LOCATION CHANGE!</b>

\*Information derived from Vicky Wall, COA Award Chairman, [conchologistsofamerica.org](http://conchologistsofamerica.org).  
Please go to their website for further information.

## 2026 Events

<b>NCSC BOD/Planning Meeting</b> <b>1st Saturday in January</b>	<b>Jan 10, 2026</b>	
*Astronaut Trail Shell Club Festival Shell Show Location TBP	TBP	
*59th Annual Broward Shell Show Location TBP	TBP	
*62st Annual Sarasota Shell Show Location TBP	TBP	
*77th St. Petersburg Shell Show Location TBP	TBP	
*88th Annual Sanibel Shell Show Location TBP	TBP	
*Marco Island Shell Club Spring Expo & Sale Location TBP	TBP	
<b>The NCSC Established in Mar 1957</b>	<b>Mar 2026</b>	<b>The Club's 69th Year!</b>
<b>NC Shell Club 1st Quarter Meeting</b> <b>Ocracoke Community Center</b> <b>Ocracoke, NC</b>	<b>Mar 20-21, 2026</b> <b>Spring Auction</b>	
<b>Annual NC 47th Annual Shell Show</b> <b>Crystal Coast Civic Center</b> <b>Morehead City, NC</b>	<b>Set Up Apr 30</b>	<b>May 1-3, 2026</b>
<b>The Anniversary of the Scotch Bonnet Being named</b> <b>as the NC State Shell May 28, 1965</b>	<b>May 28, 2026</b>	<b>The NC Shell's 61th Anniversary!</b>
*Conchologists of America Annual Convention Location TBP	TBP	
<b>The summer shell swap</b>	<b>TBP</b>	
<b>NC Shell Club 3rd Quarter Meeting</b> <b>Katie B. Hines Senior Center</b> <b>308 Cape Fear Blvd</b> <b>Carolina Beach, NC</b>	<b>Sept 18-19, 2026</b> <b>Fall Auction</b>	
*Gulf Coast Shell Show Location TBP	TBP	
<b>NC Shell Club 4th Quarter Meeting</b> <b>Western Park Community Center</b> <b>Cedar Point, NC</b>	<b>Nov 6-7, 2026</b>	

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