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# NORTH CAROLINA SHELL CLUB

MEMBERSHIP ROSTER  
As of September, 1986

DEDICATED TO:



PHOEBE

Myrtle June Meadows  
June, 1909--August, 1986

This is for our friend Phoebe Meadows, who had been a North Carolina Shell Club member almost from the time the Club began. Phoebe loved to collect all of the North Carolina shells, and she did this in many ways. She had a boat anchored in Swansboro, N. C., and many of our members have been included in the boat trips Phoebe took in and around Swansboro for shell collecting. There are the other ways she collected North Carolina shells--car trips, to all of the good shelling locations, North Carolina Shell Club field trips, wherever they may have been held, the smelly Scallop Dump type of shelling. And during all this collecting, Phoebe had a better time with the people involved than with the shells involved!! She just plain had a good time with people. All of us will long remember her hospitality, her sharp comments, and all that made up Phoebe Meadows.

Before we knew her as a Shell Club member, Phoebe was in the United States Naval Reserve, Women's Division, known as WAVES. She served her country for three years, mostly during World War II.

During her life, Phoebe did many other things, and she did them all with much gusto. She had a good time, and those of us who knew her, had a good time with her. We will miss her always.

## NORTH CAROLINA SHELL CLUB MEMBERSHIP

AS OF SEPTEMBER 23, 1986

Dear Shell Club Members,

Very first of all, I apologize for any errors or omissions. I have had several months of work, and a lot of help to get this list ready. I have tried my very best to get it up to date, with current addresses and phone numbers.

One thing I have changed from our last membership list is to use the first name of members, when available. It is a fine thing to say "Mr. and Mr. Ralph Smith" but when "Ralph" isn't an active member, and Jane is, we have a hard time to figure out who is Mrs. Ralph, and on the other hand, where is Jane, since we do have several people by the same last name. I hope no one objects to my method!!

I first of all asked for an up to date membership list from our printer, and while they do a good job, they only do as good as we let them know. If there have been name or address changes, they don't know it unless one of the officers of the club lets them know about it. Another thing they do that is not quite correct--they count only the addresses on the mailing list. Hence, their last said we had only 163 members, when, actually, we have 218. The printer does not count all of the Mr. & Mrs., and other family members. I did a hand count, and and at this time, we do have 218 active members. This is something that future officers should keep track of, and not rely on the printer, good as he is !!

At one point several months ago, I thought this project may have to be "scrapped" due to costs of printing and mailing such a list as this. The cost really was prohibitive. In the meantime, we have a club member from Virginia who said she could get the job done for less than half of what I had told her my other estimates were. This member prefers to remain anonymous for some reason, and I will respect her wishes, but thank her very, very much just the same, as I am sure all of us will!!

To cut down on typing, I have not given any area code for all of our (919) numbers, as that is the area most of us are in. When the area code is different, then of course, I have shown it. All others are (919).

Thanking all members who co-operated to get this list completed, and hope it will be a valuable source of info, as to names, addresses, phone numbers in years to come.

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## A LITTLE NOSTALGIA

This is sort of for old members, and sort of for new members. All of the older members have their memories of things done in past years by the club, and some of the new members may be interested in hearing about a few of these old things.

These are submitted, respectfully from various sources, Club Bulletins, Members memories, and scrapbooks, newspaper articles, and in any what that I could get the information. I use dates, whenever possible, but sometimes, I have just the article, or the memory, and a date isn't necessary. I hope all of you will enjoy the following articles, stories, or whatever.

### A LIST OF PRESIDENTS SINCE THE CLUB BEGAN :

1957-58-59 Rev. G. Scott Turner  
1960: Mrs. K. L. (Charlotte) Johnson  
1961-62: J. E. (Jim) Wadsworth  
1963-64: Carl Withrow  
1965-66: Paul Jennewine  
1967-68: Wade Gillis Brown  
1969-70: Hugh J. Porter  
1971-72: Walter G. Lowry  
1973: Douglas Wolfe  
1974-75: Ruth Dixon  
1976: Hugh J. Porter  
1977: T. C. (Van) Van Landingham  
1978-79: Mary D. Mobley  
1980: Douglas Nunnally  
1981-82: Charlotte W. Dexter  
1983: Sally Zimmerman  
1984-85: Ruth Dixon  
1986: T. C. (Van) Van Landingham

### HOW DID WE GET A STATE SHELL?? NORTH CAROLINA SHELL CLUB BEULLETN, 1966

#### A STATE SHELL? BY PAUL JENNEWINE (Condensed)

On May 28, 1965, the General Assembly enacted a bill establishing the Scotch Bonnet, *Phallium granulatum*, as the official seashell of the State of North Carolina. It became the first state in the nation to take the official step, although other states had considered such action.

Credit for initiating action goes to Mrs. Marilu Horton of Wilmington. Carl Withrow of Charlotte, president that year, thought it was an excellent idea. Paul Jennewine of Wrightsville Beach stuck his neck out. He contacted friends on the 1965 Legislature for a bill making the suggestion official.

Many shells were considered, but the winner was proposed by Mrs. R. C. McLean of Red Springs. The members of the club voted, and the Scotch bonnet was "IT".

Other people involved in this lengthy project were James E. Wadsworth of Chapel Hill, Charlotte Johnson of Raleigh actually went to see the Governor, Governor Moore, and Gov. Moore thought it was a good idea, and passed the word.

Finally, this was official, and North Carolina was the first to have an official "State Shell". Much more work went into this project, and many more people were involved in it.

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### CONCHOLOGICAL DAFFYNITIONS by Carl Withrow

Abalone:	Slang retort-equivalent of "aw nuts", but more refined.
Acuminated:	Piled up money; a special kind of genus.
Buccal:	What holds the belt together.
Clam:	To shut up; take the fifth.
Codakia:	A kind of shell that photographs well
Costa:	How much: like "the costa the shell".
Cowrie:	A cow's dowry.
Cuspidaria:	Old-time spittoon. (Obsolete)
Cypraea:	A kind of drink, to be imbibed slowly.
Dredge:	To cover with flour.
Gastropod:	Too much acid in a big stomach.
Genus:	A smart sheller.
Girdle:	What holds chitons and plump women together.
Haliotis:	A mollusk with bad breath.
Intergraded:	O. K. with the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare.
Lambis chiragra:	Vitamin deficiency in sheep.
Lip:	Back talk.
Marginella:	Girl on the brink.
Murex:	Patent medicine eye drops.
Mussel:	Wrestler's stock in trade.
Northia Northiae:	Farther north than north.
Olive:	One for each martini.
Ostrea:	Half of the old Austro-Hungary kingdom.
Patella:	Some kind of cigar; probably a big panatella.
Phylum:	Put 'em away in a cabinet.
Prunum:	Gardner's job in spring.
Pteryonotus:	"Look, Terry!"
Rangia:	Wide open spaces in Texas.
Rostrate:	Flat on one's rostrum; to fall down.
Sinum:	Sign only after you read the fine print.
Strombus:	Family car of South Carolina senator.
Sub-genus:	Just average in mentality.
Textile Cone:	Some gadget in the cotton mill trade.
Tridacna:	Pimples on three sides of your face.
Umbilicus:	Snob's bellybutton.
Wentletrap:	A trap for wentles, of course!
Whorl:	Give it a try.

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### A "SHORT" SAGA by Bruce Huffaker

She bought some new shorts and she wore 'em.  
'Til she stooped for a shell and she tore 'em.  
She salvaged the shell,  
But words cannot tell  
of the damage to her decorum!

FIELD TRIP FUN  
by James E. Wadsworth

For the most complete field trip planning, appoint many committee chairmen and place everyone on a committee. This not only ensures good attendance, but gives each one a job to do.

Transportation: Be certain that all pilots of transportation have the same destination and know how to get there. This will prevent such catastrophies as the car with the box lunches going across the wrong river--the result, some starving shell hunters. If you use symbols such as B. Y. O. L. be sure that everyone knows this means :bring your own lunch".

Garb & Gear: Contrary to public opinion, it is not wise to tell the sheller what to take along or what to wear. It's much better to give full sway to the light packer and the heavy packer. Some carry everything including the kitchen sink--usually a collapsible canvas bucket. Others carry only matches, but no cigarettes. At least one person will bring a First-Aid-Kit. Sunburn cream then is available for teh binkini wearer. An extra raincoate saves another light packer.

The new shellers soon learn that paper bags are not the best for "toting" shells. The heavy packer comes to the rescue with an extra plastic bag.

Don't oversee the new sheller too strictly. After his pockets and bags are filled with fragments of weathered shells, he will start discarding some of this excess weight and selecting better specimens. Then much later, when he has graduated from Conchology to Malachology, he will only take live shells.

Beware of the person who knows a short-cut. He was here years ago and knows a great shelling beach. What he doesn't know is that the lagoon has been drained and is now the middle of a large shopping center.

Watch out for the Beach Salter. Like salting a gold mine, he distributes some foreigh shells at random along the shore. Result for the amateur sheller--a fantastic new discovery. The experienced sheller soon suspects the truth.

It always helps to have at least one person who is neither a Conchologist nor a Malacologist, but an organizer whose main aim is the comfort and safety of the group. This realist sometimes prevents shellers from being marooned on low sandbars. Of course with a large group, you can expect to lose a few, but keep this number to a minimum. I wonder if those missing from our last trip are still on that Island?

Boats: When the journey includes boat travel, there are new and different problems. The unsung hero of each voyage on the trackless Ocean is the pilot. Too often, we overlook his talents not only in charting our correct course, but in his extensive knowledge of boats and the sea. He sees that life preservers are on board and possibly Dramamine tablets for some of us faint-hearted sailors. He checks carefully on his fuel so one one will need to hitchhike. One of the most skillful mariners of the N. C. Shell Club is Bryan Dixon of Durham. He not only knows how to handle boats, but he is also a boat builder. He never worries because he knows he can always call on "Admiral" Phoebe Meadows for assistance.

Shell Identification: Is is difficult to convince some shellers that it is not necessary to identify everything on the spot. As a matter of fact, if you ask four or five different persons, "What is it?", you might get three or four different answers. Again, the heavy packer can still settle any argument by pulling out his copy of Abbott's "North American Sea Shells." Good ole Tucker!

Exploring: The thrills of looking into the shallow water of a tripical beach are amazing. You may ask if this is a world of fantasy or if these brilliantly colored and diverse organisms are real.