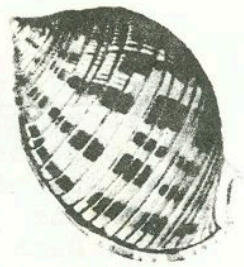


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Spring Meeting

Litchfield Beach, S. C.

March 27-28, 1987

Headquarters:

Litchfield Inn
Drawer 98
Pawley's Island, S. C. 29585
Phone: (803) 237-4211

Oceanfront @ \$52.00
Poolside @ \$45.80
Lodge @ \$37.60
Villas (2 bedrooms) @ \$60.00

Make reservations by March 20 with
one night's advance deposit.

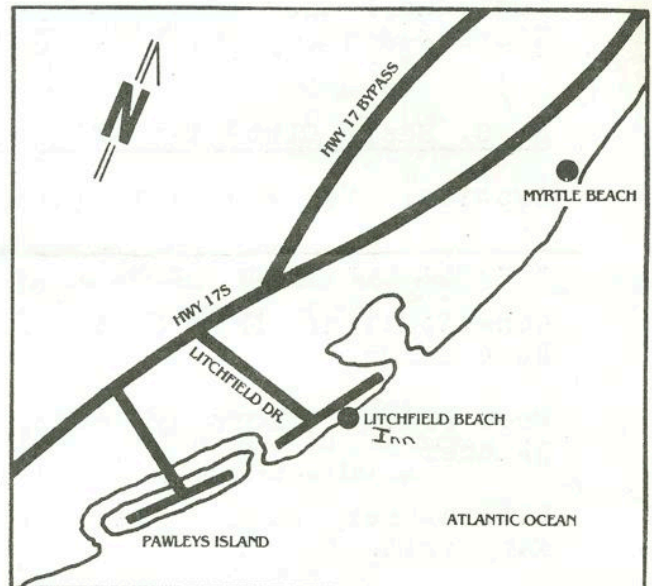
Meetings will be held in the Spirit
Room at Litchfield Inn.

Friday, March 27, 1987

- 7:00 p.m. Registration; refreshments; shell identification,
selling, trading.
- 8:00 p.m. Door prizes
The History of Malacology by Richard Petit
Field trip plans and update on Shelling in South
Carolina by Bruce Lampright
Book review, 3rd annual Quiz, more door prizes

Saturday, March 28, 1987

- 7:00 p.m. Registration; refreshments; shell identification,
selling, trading.
- 8:00 p.m. Door prizes
Business Meeting
Galapagos: Scenes, Critters, and a Few Shells by
Dorothy and Dean Weber
Find of the Day
Door prizes



President's Message: A new year has begun for our club, and I am happy and excited to be serving as your president. Your executive committee met in January to plan a year of work and fun. This spring we are meeting in the Pawley's Island area. Many of you will remember the great time we had there in 1981. Thanks to Renate Skinner and Dean Weber for helping with meeting plans. Richard Petit, shell and fossil enthusiast, author and antique book dealer, will be with us again. Also joining us for an update on shelling in South Carolina will be Bruce Lampright of the Baruch Institute of Marine Biology. We look forward to shelling Saturday in Murrell's Inlet and at a fossil pit at Myrtle Beach. See you in South Carolina!

Executive Committee Plans 1987 Meetings

Spring--March 27-28, Litchfield Beach-Pawley's Island, S. C.
 Summer--June 5-6, Long Beach-Yaupon, N. C.
 Fall--September 18-19, Atlantic Beach, N. C.
 1987 Shell Show--October 23-25, Wilmington, N. C.
 Winter--January 16, 1988, Durham-Raleigh, N. C.

N. C. Shell Club List of Committees--1987

Auction: Van Van Landingham, Carl Truckner

Banquet and Decorations: Janet and Carl Truckner, Leonard Smith

Constitution: Mary Louise Spain, Cornelia McInnis, Carl Truckner, Ruth Dixon

Door Prizes: Dorothy Weber, Cora Staples, Marguerite Thomas, Renate Skinner

Literature: Hugh Porter, Alta Van Landingham, Renate Skinner, Marguerite Thomas

Meeting Arrangements: Dean Weber, Cornelia McInnis

Newsletter and Bulletins: Carolyn Smith, editor; Alta Van Landingham, Dean Weber, Marguerite Thomas

Programs: Dean Weber, Renate Skinner, Ruth Dixon

Publicity: Ruth Dixon, Hugh Porter, Ruth Athey, Dean Weber

Public Relations: Alta Van Landingham, COA Representative; Lib Naumuk; Marguerite Thomas

Refreshments: Carl and Janet Truckner

Registration: Neal Schey

Shell Show: Dean Weber, Neal Schey (and all eager volunteers!)

SYMPATHY

It is with much sadness that we have learned of the death of Pete Naumuk on February 6, 1987. Our deepest sympathy and love are extended to Lib.

from Dean Weber

PERSONALS: TOM VAN LANDINGHAM of Hampstead, last year's President, is recovering nicely from a series of heart attacks. VAN says he is feeling fine; he is presumably following the doctor's orders, although ALTA wasn't around the last half of January to watch him.

Instead, ALTA VAN LANDINGHAM was leading a group of nine people on a shell-collecting trip to Palau, where ALTA found for herself a Glory-of-the-Sea cone (Conus gloriamaris) -- moderately rare -- and Annandale's murex (Naquetia annandalei) -- uncommon. Other members of the North Carolina Shell Club included SHIRLEY COLLINS of Richmond, Virginia, and MARGUERITE THOMAS of Swansboro. MARGUERITE'S niece, Carol Minge, from Rome, Georgia, found the moderately rare Golden cowry (Cypraea aurantium). In all, over 200 species were found and the group had a really good time.

Long-time member HERMAN LINDSEY of Jacksonville was married recently and is planning to relocate, so we may not see him quite as often. He has served the club in many ways over the years, most recently as a member of the Shell Show Committee last year.

NEAL SCHEY of Wilmington, from our registration table, is feeling better following surgery last year and a two-week spell with a bad back in January of this year. After our March meeting, she heads immediately to Atlanta for further major surgery.

Member ANNE B. McCRARY of Wilmington was featured in the Today's Woman series of the Wilmington Sunday Star-News. The lengthy biographical article described how she acquired a doctorate in zoology rather late in life, eleven years after her husband died suddenly at age 35. ANNE is a professor of biology at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, where her specialty is zooplanktonology, the study of small, often microscopic, marine invertebrates.

SHELL SHOW IN OCTOBER: The dates for the Shell Show are October 22-25, 1987, again at Independence Mall in Wilmington. Alta Van Landingham, who has made such a success of the show there, is dropping out as the leader this year and will probably seize the opportunity to have some exhibits of her own in the show.

Dean Weber, the new Chairman, is asking everybody to start thinking right now about getting together an exhibit that will enhance the show and perhaps dazzle the judges.

by Dean Weber

CONDITION OF SOME OF THE BEACHES: All of the beaches in the southern portion of the state, from West Onslow (on Topsail Island) south to Long Beach have suffered some changes from a combination of high winds and syzygy (an unusual tide pull because of the alignment of the sun and moon). The major effect has been a narrowing of the beach strand. High tide is now very close to the houses instead of much lower on the beach.

Thus all of the beaches will be seeking funds for the very expensive renourishment process -- the pumping of sand. Wrightsville Beach is pretty much intact, otherwise. West Onslow Beach lost a lot of the road leading in and the dunes along that road, as well as some houses. There was a report of ocean water very near the main road to Ft. Fisher, but that road ultimately escaped, although Carolina Beach and Kure Beach were battered.

Some houses were lost at the southern end of Long Beach and a pumping operation was trying to save others in late January; this was pumping water out, not pumping sand in. Caswell Beach lost part of its road but seems otherwise in good shape.

As most of our members know, the problem is not the ocean interfering with the houses but the houses interfering with the ocean. If there were no buildings immediately on the ocean, the beaches would maintain themselves magnificently without renourishing.

DOOR PRIZES

by Dorothy Weber, Chairman

Bring a special shell or shells, photographs, paintings, jewelry, crafts, plants, food, books, or anything we can use for door prizes. The more items we collect the more smiling, happy winners we'll have at Litchfield in March at our Shell Club meeting! See you there!

COASTWATCH



N. C. Shell Club members were featured in the September, 1986, issue of Coastwatch, a publication of the University of North Carolina Sea Grant College Program. The issue was on seashells and collecting. Club member Renate Skinner was featured with pictures and interview concerning her exciting and interesting life as a world-wide collector. Also in this issue was an article about Leonard, Carolyn, Chris and Tori Smith's family interest in seashells. Carolyn Smith and Walt Wenzel offered tips on collecting, cleaning and preserving shells. Coastwatch is published monthly except July and December and contains many articles of interest concerning the North Carolina coast. It is free! If you would like to be on their mailing list, write Sea Grant, Box 8605, N. C. State University, Raleigh, N. C. 27695

NEW NORTH CAROLINA SHELL CLUB PINS

by Alta Van Landingham

Our beautiful "Scotch Bonnet" pins are now available. The new pin was designed by club member Norma Merrill Hattman and will sell for \$3.50. Pins will be available at all future meetings, or may be ordered by mail. Send requests to Alta Van Landingham, P.O. Box 542, Hampstead, N. C. 28443. Make check payable to North Carolina Shell Club in the amount of \$4.50. The extra dollar is to cover the mailing container and the postage.

CONSTITUTIONAL FACE-LIFT

The Constitution Committee is at work collecting information needed to update our club's constitution. Our goal is to have this work completed by year-end.

SHELLS AND THINGS FOR SALE OR TRADE

The Executive Committee has voted to offer, on a trial basis, advertising in our newsletter. Rates will be \$3.00 for up to forty words, plus \$.10 for each additional word. If you have any shells or shell-related items to sell or trade, send your add and payment to Carolyn Smith by April 10, 1987, for inclusion in the May newsletter. Make checks payable to North Carolina Shell Club for the amount of your add.

WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

The Newsletter Committee requests your help in keeping club members in touch with each other. Perhaps you have taken a special trip--long or short, your fellow members are interested. Have you acquired a new book, read an interesting article, found a mysterious shell, seen a sea monster, or been inspired to write a poem? We want to hear about it. Please take a minute to write it down and send it to Carolyn Smith, 5300 Fair Oaks Road, Durham, N. C. 27712 for a future newsletter.

TRIP TO BALD HEAD ISLAND, N. C.

By Norma Merrill Hattman

Shell Belles Betsy Procter, Roberta Tyler and myself decided to take a field trip to explore the shelling on Bald Head Island, North Carolina. My mother, Emma Merrill from Fort Myers, Florida accompanied us. We left Morehead City and drove to Southport, N. C. where we stayed over night at Sea Captains Motor Lodge on their scenic downtown water front.

It was so nice to find we had clean, large, comfortable accommodations and that the thoughtful management had left a large gift bowl of luscious red apples. Along with the restaurant at the lodge, other restaurants, within easy walking distance abound the motel area.

Southport folks will long remember the past summer when the filming of the movie "Crimes of the Heart" with stars Sissy Spacek, Jessica Lange and Diane Keaton took place. We encountered blocked off streets for the movie and could see some of the filming activity. But our main interest was in catching the early morning ferry from Southport to Bald Head Island, for shelling.

My home-made cinnamon streusel muffins and hot coffee got us off to a fine early morning start. Departure point for "The Adventure," the ferry for the island, is from the Bald Head Visitors Center in Southport. It was a very fast ten minute ride across the choppy Cape Fear River with a full view of "Old Baldy" lighthouse.

Upon arriving at the Bald Head Island marina, our reserved four-person golf cart was waiting for us. The drive from the marina to the beach is about thirty minutes in "slow"--all carts are geared to the leisurely speed. It is a very scenic drive on a paved road through a natural jungle atmosphere which resembled the old Tarzan movies with lots of wild vines trailing with colorful morning glories.

Sea turtle nesting season was under way, and we had to park our carts at Turtle Central, the Conservancy Office. Normally carts are allowed on the beach. Five minutes down a boardwalk takes you to East Reach and the ocean.

My best find of the day was while walking between the high sand dunes. I found three complete sets of False Angel Wings in perfect condition, all about 2 to 3 inches. This was most exciting as I did not have such specimens. Also two perfect Scotch Bonnets, Key-Hole Limpets in various sizes, a Shark-eye Moon Snail, rather pinky in color, and many others. Betsy found an unidentified shell attached to a nylon fishing net on the beach and will take it to Hugh Porter to identify for her.

On the Atlantic Ocean side with a magnificent view of the ocean is the Bald Head Island Inn. The beautiful Island Passage Boutique Shop is located across from the dining room and after a full morning of shelling we relaxed over a tasty, late luncheon with wine.

Driving our cart back to the marina we were able to catch the 4:00 p.m. ferry returning us to the Visitors Center. We then drove back to the Crystal Coast.



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NORTH CAROLINA SHELL SHOW, 1986

The 1986 Shell Show is now a pleasant memory. Many thanks go to Alta Van Landingham and those who helped make the show both beautiful and successful. A great chairman, supportive club members, and hard-working participants combine to make a show that compels Independence Mall in Wilmington to invite us back again and again. Following are this year's winners as provided by Alta.

duPont Trophy: Nancy Gilfillan for her exhibit of "Beauty of Shells (Form, Color, Sculpture, Etc.)"

COA Award: Marion Magee for "Pectinidae (Scallop or Fan Shells)"

N. C. Shell Club Plaques:

Most Outstanding N. C. Collection: Ann Buddenhagen for "Skeletons from the Graveyard of the Atlantic"

Best Overall Collection: Leonard and Carolyn Smith for "It's a Small World"

Most Beautiful Display: Tim Blades for "Bermuda's Marine Bivalves and Gastropods"

Best Shell of the Show: Nancy Gilfillan for Murex loebbeckii

Best Self-Collected Shell of the Show: Tim Blades for Hexaplex trunculus

Best Fossil Collection: Leonard and Carolyn Smith for the fossil section of their "It's a Small World"

Best Novice Collection: Vicky Wall for "Self Collected Shells from Florida"

Best of Art and Craft: Vicky Wall for "The Spell of the Shell"

Trophy from Shell Dealers of America (awarded to a junior collection):
Tori Smith for "Taxonomic Classification of Mollusca"

Judge's Special Award Ribbons

Dean and Dorothy Weber for "Adult and Child"
Ruth Dixon for "World-Wide Marine Molluscs--Self Collected"
Leonard and Carolyn Smith for "Shelling in Piedmont North Carolina"
Rose Bunch for "Shell Craft Mirror"

First, Second, and Third Place Ribbons by Category:

North Carolina Self-Collected Shells

1st Ann Buddenhagen
2nd Carl Truckner

Regional Self Collected
1st Tim Blades

Worldwide, Self Collected
2nd Ruth Dixon

Worldwide, Any Source
1st Carl Truckner

Freshwater
1st Leonard and Carolyn Smith

Land Snails
2nd Herman Lindsey
3rd Herman Lindsey

Fossils
2nd Marguerite Thomas

Family or Genus Collection
1st Marian Magee
2nd Kathy Hill
3rd Carl Truckner

Specialized Collection Color Series
1st Vicky Wall

Specialized Collection, one shell
1st Nancy Gilfillan for Cypraea broderipi
2nd Marguerite Thomas for Gaza superba
3rd Ruth Dixon for Chlamys townsendi

Miniatures
1st Leonard and Carolyn Smith
2nd Maggie Blades

Educational
1st Nancy Gilfillan
1st Dean and Dorothy Weber

Junior
1st Tori Smith

Novice
1st Vicky Wall
1st Ruth Athey

Scallop Dump Shells
1st Carl Truckner

Marine Life
2nd Herman Lindsey

Photography
1st James Gilfillan

Shell Art and Craft
1st Rose Bunch
2nd Ruth Athey
3rd Walter Wenzel

Shell Related Crafts
1st Vicky Wall
2nd Nancy Gilfillan
3rd Carolyn Smith

Miscellaneous
1st Nancy Gilfillan



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NEW DUES POLICY EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1987

Following are excerpts from N. C. Shell Club minutes April 12, 1986 and June 14, 1986.

April 12, 1986--General Meeting. Under the heading of old business the President reminded the membership of the proposal made at the November, 1985, meeting regarding the change in dues in which a family membership would be \$8.00 for persons living at the same address. Individual memberships would remain at \$5.00. This recommendation by the Executive Committee requires a change in the Constitution. There was no discussion on the proposal and the motion was passed. . . Heretofore members have been carried on the rolls for three years even though they have not paid their dues. With escalating costs the current leniency needs to be revised to a more realistic approach. Dues are due and payable January 1 of each year. After much discussion, a proposal was made that a non-paying member be dropped from the rolls thirty days after the first meeting of the year. . .

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June 14, 1986--General Meeting. Old business pertained to a change in the Constitution regarding dropping of members from the roll after a period of thirty days following the first meeting of the calendar year for non-payment of dues. The motion was made, seconded and carried. . . In addition to the change in the Constitution, the motion was made and carried that a one-time initiation fee of \$2.00 be instituted for each new member and former member wishing to be reinstated.

Please note DUES ARE DUE NOW. Send the following form with check payable to N. C. Shell Club to Elizabeth Naumuk, Treas., Rt. 3, Box 3228, Burgaw, N. C. 28425. (Note this is an address change for Lib. Please correct her address in your Sept., '86 Bulletin.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Amount of 1987 dues : _____

Type of Dues: Individual \$5.00 _____ Family \$8.00 _____ Junior \$.50 _____
Initial or reinstatement fee \$2.00 _____

FIRST CLASS

