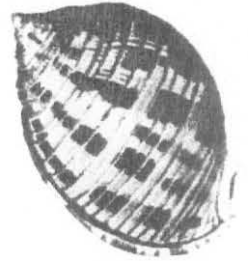




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January 8, 1988

Dear Shell Club Member:

Enclosed is your check for dinner reservations. I regret that "Old Man Winter" snowed us out. Since the next couple of months always hold such unsettled weather, we will not reschedule the winter meeting. We will instead be sending a newsletter in the near future concerning an early spring meeting at which time we will vote on our new officers.

I look forward to seeing you in the spring.

Sincerely,

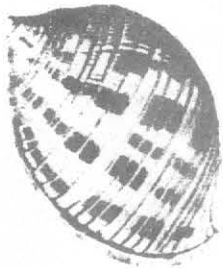
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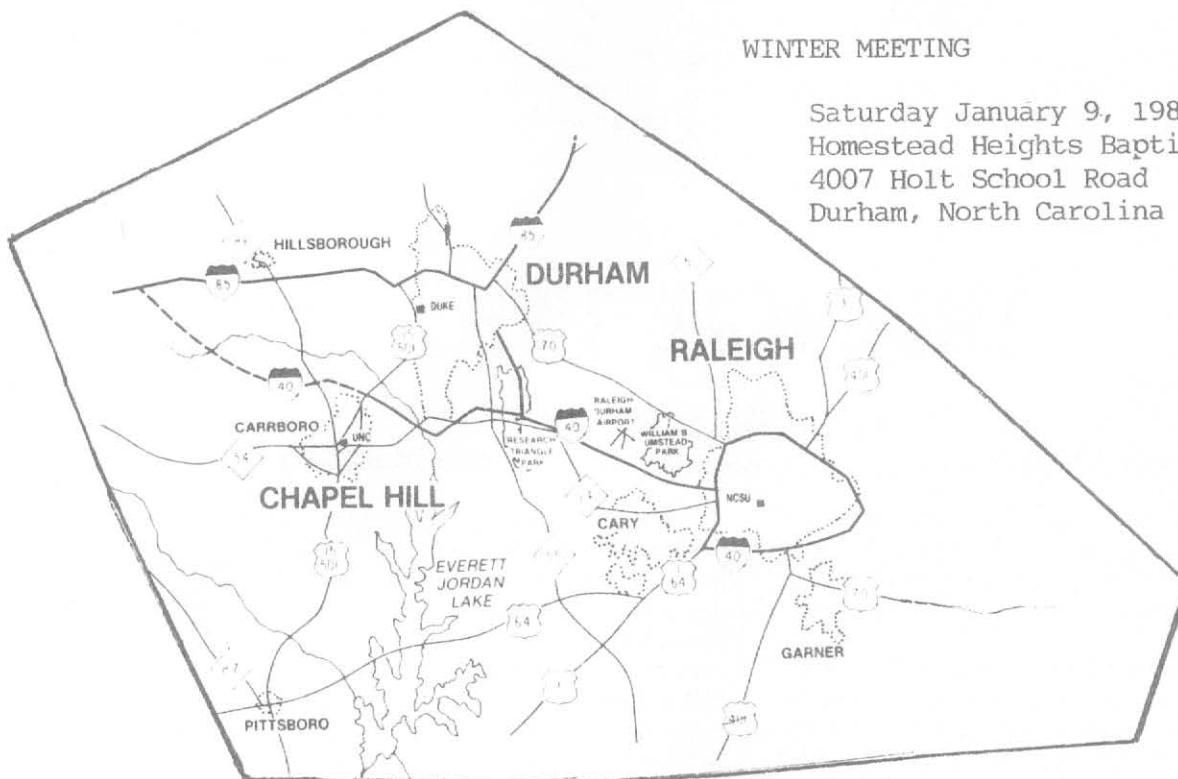
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WINTER MEETING

Saturday January 9, 1987
Homestead Heights Baptist Church
4007 Holt School Road
Durham, North Carolina



Conus triangulus (Durham, 1988)

AGENDA

- 6:00 p.m. Registration; shells and trade
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner and Doorprizes
- 7:30 p.m. Business meeting--election of 1988 officers
- 8:00 p.m. "Shelling in Piedmont North Carolina" by Carolyn Smith (slide presentation on freshwater shelling)
"A Review of AMU, 1987" by Bob and Marjorie Tomlinson
"Shell Show 1987" slides by Carl Truckner

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Come shell with us in the Triangle (not the Bermuda Triangle)! This year our final meeting has been scheduled after the holiday hustle-bustle in the hope that more members will be able to attend. "The Great Barrier Reef" is being shown at the Morehead Planetarium on Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$2. Also showing, at 1:00, 3:00, and 8:00 p.m. is "The Star of Bethlehem," an astronomical examination of the appearance of the Christmas star. Admission is \$3. By purchasing tickets to both presentations, admission to the Barrier Reef film is \$1.50. The Planetarium is located on the UNC campus on Franklin Street, the main street leading into Chapel Hill. If you haven't visited the Planetarium, it is well worth the trip to Chapel Hill. It's about twenty minutes from Durham. Also, the Red and Cora Staples shell collection is on display at the N. C. Museum of Natural History in Raleigh, a half-hour drive from Durham. Museum hours are 9-5 Saturday and 1-5 Sunday. We look forward to a delicious dinner and good program Saturday evening so make your dinner reservations by filling out and returning the form at the back of the newsletter. In the event of snow or ice we will of course cancel. Pray for good weather! I look forward to seeing you for a day of fun in the Triangle. Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season!

TRIANGLE TIPS

The Great Barrier Reef, showing at UNC's Morehead Planetarium

The Morehead Planetarium at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is currently showing an exciting new film, *The Great Barrier Reef*.

Stretching more than 1,200 miles across the northeast coast of Australia is the greatest structure on Earth built by living things: the Great Barrier Reef. Larger than England, this empire of coral reefs, islands and sheltered seas was built almost entirely by coral polyps, simple animals less than an inch in length. Skeletons of these simple organisms accumulate to build the physical structure of a reef. Corals are the most distinctive and best-known of these organisms, but reefs would still exist without corals. Animals such as tube worms, barnacles, clams, as well as some red and green algae, also convert the carbonate in sea water into the skeletons which give reefs their distinctive appearance.

The coral polyps share this watery web of life with sharks, sea plants and nearly 10,000 other species—competing, protecting, eating and being eaten. Moray eels, loggerhead turtles, manta rays and clown fish are captured on film in their natural habitat as *The Great Barrier Reef* unfolds the life and death drama of this ecosystem. Join Australian photographers Valerie and Ron Taylor and marine scientist Soames Summerhays on this spectacular underwater journey. The wide-angle film format gives a dramatic underwater sensation as beauty and danger surround you.

The Morehead Planetarium has been using its wide-angle film system for about two years now, but this film is its first science film away from the area of flight and space. And *The Great Barrier Reef* is a beautiful look at another world—the underwater world, which like space is a realm that most people have little chance to experience personally.

SHELL SHOW - 1987

Congratulations and thanks to all this year's Shell Show participants! All of you are winners. A very special thanks goes to Dean Weber, Show Chairman, for a wonderful job. Thanks also to his assistants Neal Schey, Carl and Janet Truckner, and Dorothy Weber. Judges this year were Dr. M. G. Harasewych, Tony Horak, Janet Truckner, and Earlene Walkup.

Independence Mall wants our show back again next year, so begin now to plan your best exhibit ever. It takes participation from all of us to make a great show.

Following is Dean Weber's report of this years awards:

DuPont Trophy: Gene Everson for "The Bivalvia"

COA Award: Marion R. Magee for "Worldwide Muricidae"

N. C. Shell Club Trophies:

Best Overall Collection: Gene Everson for "The Bivalvia"

Best Self-Collected Exhibit: Alta Van Landingham for "Mother Nature's Sense of Humor"

Best Shell in Show: Vicky Wall for Conus adamsoni

Best Self-Collected Shell: Gene Everson for Conus commodus

Most Beautiful Exhibit: Gene Everson for "The Bivalvia"

Best of Arts and Crafts: Bill Moorefield for "Phalium--Carving in Walnut"

Judge's Special Award Ribbons:

Bunny Fulton for "Shell Potpourri"

Nancy Gilfillan for "Worldwide Sea Shells"

Alta Van Landingham for "Mother Nature's Sense of Humor"

Vicky Wall for "Tarheel Treasures"

First, Second, and Third Place Ribbons by Category:

Regional Collection, Self-Collected

1st: Gene Everson

1st: Alta Van Landingham

3rd: Ruth Dixon

Regional Collection, Any Source

2nd: Neal Schey

3rd: Charlotte Dexter

Worldwide, Any Source

1st: Nancy Gilfillan

Freshwater Collection & Land Snails

1st: Vicky Wall

Fossils

1st: Marguerite Thomas

Family or Genus Collection

1st: Marion R. Magee

2nd: Vicky Wall

Specialized Collection

1st: Alta Van Landingham

2nd: Vicky Wall

3rd: Gene Everson

Honorable Mention: Neal Schey

Miniature Collection

1st: Connie Troutman

Educational Collection

1st: Gene Everson

2nd: Bunny Fulton

Shell Photography

1st: Bill Moorefield

Shell Art and Craft

1st: Bill Moorefield

2nd: Carolyn Owen

3rd: Rose Bunch

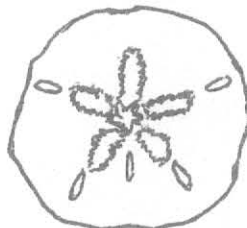
Shell Related Crafts

1st: Vicky Wall

2nd: Neal Schey

REMINDERS

Don't forget to bring donations for door prizes for the meeting. There will be a book table for you to share your favorite books or articles with fellow members and lots of table space for you to bring recent finds to trade or just show off. Take advantage of this opportunity to share with the club what you've been reading and where you've been shelling.



FROM RENATE W. SKINNER

I found this poem engraved in a limestone wall plaque in the Brook-green Gardens among beautiful sculptures adorned with snails and shells.

The Snail



Regard the snail
That in a narrow room
Inhabits both
His tower and his tomb
His hollow house
Poised like a sculptured wave
Becomes at once
His fortress and his grave.

--Joseph Auslander

LODGING FOR MEETING

Red Roof Inn, I-85 at Guess Road, Durham, N. C., 471-9882; \$27 single, \$32 double.
Comfort Inn, I-85 at Hillandale Road, Durham, N. C., 383-6100; single \$33, \$35 double.
Holiday Inn, 3460 Hillsborough Road, Durham, N. C., 383-1551; \$60 single, \$67 double.

DIRECTIONS TO MEETING PLACE

From I-85 in Durham, exit North on 501 (also called N. Duke St.). Drive 2½ miles north. Turn left onto Holt School Road (directly across from Taco Bell). You will see the church on the hill on your left. We will meet in the Family Life Center at the rear of the church.

DINNER MENU

Janet Truckner is making her delicious homemade brunswick stew for us. We will also have barbecue, cole slaw, rolls, and a yummy homemade dessert buffet. Who can resist?

DINNER RESERVATIONS

Please fill out the form below and return with your check, payable to the N. C. Shell Club, to Carolyn Smith, 5300 Fair Oaks Road, Durham, N. C. 27712, by December 31, 1987. Price for the dinner is \$4 each.

NAME _____
NO. ATTENDING _____
AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____



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