



NORTH CAROLINA SHELL CLUB

T C (Van) Van Landingham , Pres.
P. O. Box 542
Hampstead, NC 28443
686-7537



Scotch Bonnet

Walter Wenzel, Vice Pres.
148 Hawthorne Dr. Rt. 3 Pks
Morehead City NC 28557
247-4957

Victoria Wall, Secy.
601 N. 4th Ave.
Mayodan, NC 27027
427-3610

Alta Van Landingham, Treas.
P. O. Box 542
Hampstead, NC 28443
686-7537

Marji Tomlinson, Corres. Secy
4104 Five Oaks Dr. #7
Durham, NC 27707
493-6527

FALL MEETING--ATLANTIC BEACH, NC--SEPTEMBER 8-9

Both the Friday Night and Saturday Night meetings will be held at The North Carolina Aquariums at Pine Knoll Shores (Atlantic Beach). Directions: Take the Bridge from Highway 70, Morehead City, South to Atlantic Beach, turn right at stop light--this is Highway 58, or Salter Path Road, follow NC Aquarium signs through 2 more stop lights and take a right hand turn at the third stop light. From here, you will see signs directing you to the North Carolina Aquarium.

FRIDAY NIGHT: 7PM to 8PM is our social hour, where there will be refreshments, shell selling and trading, shell identification, etc. 8PM the meeting will begin with brief announcements. Then our speaker of the evening is DR. CHARLES PETERSON, Professor University of NC at Chapel Hill. The presentation is entitled "THE ECOLOGY OF THE BAY SCALLOP". Dr. Peterson has done programs for us before, and they are always very entertaining. There will be a short recess, then plans for the Saturday field will be discussed. The field trip is to CAPE LOOKOUT NATIONAL SEASHORE and more information about this will be found on the last page. Please read it carefully, and submit your check to the appropriate address. Also, the SHELL SHOW WORKSHOP will be discussed.

SATURDAY AND SATURDAY NIGHT: During the day on Saturday, for those who do not want to go on the field trip, there will be the Shell Show Workshop and also, the North Carolina Aquarium will have programs during the day for the general public. Saturday Night will again begin at 7PM with a Social Hour, there will be an award for the BEST FIND OF THE DAY FROM THE FIELD TRIP, so be sure to bring what you have found. Then, a business meeting, and then our ANNUAL AUCTION.

PLACES TO STAY IN THE AREA:

Beaufort Inn, 101 Ann St. Beaufort, (919) 728-2600, \$69.00 includes breakfast.

*Buccaneer Motor Lodge, 2806 Arendell St. (Rt. 70) Morehead City, (919) 726-3115, Sing. \$45.00, Double \$49.00, including breakfast. *Deposit mailed 8-8-89*

Holiday Inn, Highway 58, or Salter Path Rd, Pine Knoll Shores, (919) 726-2544, Sing.. \$65.00, Double \$75.00, beach.

Windjammer Inn, Highway 58, or Salter Path Road, Pine Knoll Shores, (919) 247-7123, \$50.00 includes breakfast.

Ramada Inn, Highway 58 or Salter Path Road (919) 247-4155, Sing. \$53.00 Double \$55.00.

ANNUAL AUCTION Please be generous and bring shells, shell crafts, and shell related items. We have this auction only once a year, and other than membership dues, this is our only way of making money for our club. Please include data tags with any of the specimen shells.

ANNUAL SHELL SHOW This will be our last meeting before our shell show. Alta Van Landingham will hold a SHELL SHOW WORKSHOP on Saturday from 10AM until 4PM in her room at the Buccaneer Motor Lodge in Morehead City. Room number to be announced Friday night. This work shop will include ways to make your exhibit professional, by way of the right way to exhibit your shells, the way to make your labels or tags correct, what materials to use, how to make your backboards or posters, and numerous hints on what the judges really look for when judging an exhibit.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES In the next newsletter, which will announce our annual banquet, there will be the yearly members roster. If you have had an address change, or a phone number change, please get this information to Alta Van Landingham by the 1st of September. (address for Alta on front of letter). Any changes after the September meeting will probably not be included. The newsletter is written and at the printers at least six weeks before the meeting time.

NEW OFFICERS The nominating committee for 1990 may be approaching you at the September meeting to ask you to take an office for 1990. If you are approached, please say yes. Our club wants to involve new people in the executive part of the club. None of the offices are difficult, and the past officer will assist you with guidelines to what the office entails. The new officers are elected at the final meeting of the year, which will be our Banquet Meeting in November.

NEWS ABOUT CLUB MEMBERS I always ask members to write and let me know about what they have been doing, and usually have a good response, but this time, I have had hardly any news at all. So will "ad lib" for a bit. Matilde Duffy has a show going on in August at North Carolina Maritime Museum in Beaufort, NC. Matilde is a very talented artist who does a lot of North Carolina scenes, as well as a lot of very Beautiful Shell scenes. Her recent cover on the American Conchologist Magazine is one of the very nicest covers they have had in recent years. Shell Club members who went on a recent trip, in June, to Eleuthera, Bahamas are Carol Boswell, Ann Buddenhagen, Shirley Collins, Payne Daniel, Sandy Melvin, Alta Van Landingham, Pat Van Landingham. Payne Daniel found many Murex to add to his collection, Ann Buddenhagen found several of the elusive Carrier Shells (this is her third trip there mainly to find that Carrier Shell), Sandy Melvin and Shirley Collins found the coveted Chank Shell, Carol Boswell found a lot of different shells, and helped control the bachelors in her cottage. Pat Van Landingham got even more than she already had when she started out--when we departed Eleuthera, they thought she was a native. Alta Van Landingham was chief cook for the group of 14, and brought home only three shells. Well, she has been there so many times, there are not many shells she needs from there!! Others in this group were from Texas, Colorado, Florida, etc. The last night on the island, the entire group was treated to a Bahamian dinner given by the landlords--consisting of stuffed grouper, fried chicken, bar-b-cued chicken, rice and beans, two hot vegetables, three salads, and etc. This was a very un-expected treat, and everyone enjoyed it. At time of this printing, there are also many members in Grenada--shelling, of course!! Ruth Dixon, Ellen Jones, Margie Morgan, Alta Van Landingham, Vicky Wall, Eloise Walton, Olese Walton, and other members of this group are from Washington, Florida, Texas, and Colorado. They are sure to have some stories to tell at the September meeting. And perhaps, donate some of those nice West Indian Murex and Music Volutes for the auction!!

MEMBER PROFILE: BETSY PROCTER

(Obtained by Dean Weber in Betsy's own words)

It's a wonderful feeling to be "back home" in North Carolina, since I was born and raised in Kinston. The next forty-five years were spent up north, but always with an annual visit to Kinston and Atlantic Beach.

At age sixteen, while visiting in Raleigh, I met a most charming and gracious young man named Bob Procter. We enjoyed infrequent dates but very frequent correspondence during my college years at Virginia Intermont and Vanderbilt University. In June, 1940, I fulfilled my parents' dream of acquiring my nursing degree and received my B.S.R.N. While Bob and I were in Michigan and New York State, I practiced my nursing skills on a part-time basis in local hospitals.

When our "Three Bees" (Bobby, Bette, and Becky) completed their education, Bob and I retired to Atlantic Beach, N.C., where both of us had enjoyed many summer vacations -- even before we met. In 1974 we leased an ocean-front home in Atlantic Beach which we call "SEASCAPE". In 1981 we purchased a home in Morehead City, which we call "PARADISE". Then, in 1988, for my seventieth birthday, we purchased "SEASCAPE" and now enjoy hosting friends and families who find time to visit with us.

I joined the North Carolina Shell Club in 1982. I feel enriched, inspired and enlightened through my association with such notables as Ms. Lucy Piper, the Wenzels, and the Van Landingham. I feel privileged to count Norma Merrill Hattman as a close friend.

During these past years, I have found several new areas of enjoyment in the use of my shells. With some of the favorite shells found on our own beach here at SEASCAPE, our three children in 1982 made a family project in filling a large ginger-jar lamp, which we all treasure. In 1985, I made my first shell wreath and, more recently, filled an antique printer's tray with specially selected specimens. This past year I enjoyed decorating a Ficus tree in our home with a string of miniature Christmas tree lights, each one placed inside a miniature sea urchin shell.

My horizon for shelling was broadened into digging in fossil pits. While in Sarasota, I collected fossilized shells, bones, and sharks' teeth. These added to my collection from the Texas Gulf fossil pit near Aurora, N.C.

Carteret County offers many shelling sites to explore, such as islands, inlets and shell piles. I have shelled at Cayo Costa Island in Florida, and it was at this site where I found my miniature sea urchins. I have also shelled at Lido Beach, Siesta Key, Treasure Island and Venice Beach. Collecting sharks teeth with Bob by the cupful at Venice Beach with their traditional "stoop and scoop" method was a new experience for me this past winter.

Perhaps the greatest blessing of the hobby of shelling is being with others of similar mind, who love the sea-side. But most of all I enjoy the freedom of being outside and the excitement of every new find. I feel privileged to live beside God's vast ocean and to be able to collect his treasures to share with others.

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Usually, the President's message is on the first page, or at least the second, but this time, I really didn't have a lot to say, so have relageted it to the 4th page. It seems to me that if there is a lot the president needs to say, then things are not going so well. And this year, all club activities are going really well, and there is not so much need of me saying do this and do that.

The meetings have been very good all year, good programs, good trips, good companion-ship, and this is what we want for our club.

Membership is up by quite a number this year, and we can attribute this to all of the members telling other people about the club, and interesting new-comers at each meet- ing. Also, I think the word had gotten out--the North carolina Shell Club has a lot to offer, and if you are interested in shells and shell related things, join this club.

Anyway, we welcome all new members, and as President, I thank all old members for the attendance, for the co-operation throughout the year, and for reccommending us to your friends who are new.

I, along with the shell show committee hope that all of you will come through with the usual super exhibits for our show in October. This is our chance to show what the North Carolina Shell Club can do. For so many years, our show has been ignored, and in the past few years, we are now challenging the best of the Florida shows. We have had more footage in exhibits, and we have had our judges tell us that our exhibits are some of the most sophistacated that they have judged. So, let us all keep up that standard!!

SHELL SHOW JUDGES

By popular request, Dr. Harry Lee of Jacksonville has been invited for a second time to judge the scientific portion of our show. All of our exhibitors have been so very pleased with Dr. Lee, they like his method of judging, his comments on the exhibits after the awards have been made. So, he will be with us again this year.

Our second scientific judge is Kevan Sunderland, from Sunrise Florida. Kevan is an expert on Western Atlantic shells, being a self-collector for many years, and coming up with new species not seen before. And he has the distinction of being married now to our own Linda Taylor, who has been a member of our club since she was very young!!

Artistic judges will be, Linda Taylor Sunderland. Linda has been into shells for a very long time, and is very knowledgable in both scientific and artistic exhibits. We will all be glad to welcome her back to North Carolina!!

Our second scienfitic judge is Carol Boswell, President and founder of the Palmetto Shell Club of Columbia, SC. Carol has judged for us before, and we welcome her back again this year. Due to her efforts, the North Carolina Shell Club and the Palmetto Shell Club have a back and forth arrangement--they come to a lot of our meetings, and some of us go to their meetings. We do programs back and forth, and share any good shelling places that one or the other of the clubs has found. Carol is a very dedi- cated collector and very enthusiastic abcut self collected shells.

So, with judges like these four, we are sure to have another good show. Through our 32 years of club activities and shows, we have had a lot of judges for our shows. We appreciate all of them, and all of their efforts to make our shows good. We sometimes feel that on the "show circuit" the North Carolina Shell Club doesn't get much written about our shows, but we are here to say, we are one of the first to have Shell Shows. And we keep on getting better and better!!!

CAPE LOOKOUT FIELD TRIP

The Cape Lookout Field Trip has always been one of our most popular trips, because it is about the most productive field trip that we are able to offer. Debbie Russell who is a Shell Club Member handles these trips for us, as she has the franchise with the National Park Service to do this trip. I have been in touch with Debbie, and she tells me that the best low tide of the weekend is at 9:15Am on the 9th of September. That means, you will have to be up and on the way at 0-Dark Thirty on Saturday Morning. Meaning, you need to be at Harkers Island to leave by ferry at 7AM. From most of our motels, that is about a 30 to 45 minute drive, so you really do have to be up EARLY. The Ferry Dock is at the very end of Harkers Island, so there is no way to get lost.

Debbie is running this ferry early for us as a special favor, to do with the low tides. It is a deviation from their usual routine.

The price of \$9.00 is based on at least 25 people going on the trip. If there is less than 25, the price may be \$2.00 more.

There is transportation to some areas of the island, as a small cost, and if you want to take the ride to this or that part of the island, you let Debby Russell know at the time you check in on Saturday Morning.

Debbie has told me that a lot of shells have been found recently, on the Sound side of the island, in shallow water. Last year, several people found the very distorted form of the Banded Tulip. This is a very coveted "freak" shell. Also, at this time of the year, there should be many of the beautiful red aperture Whelks--Busycon carica. These redish colored Whelks are sort of a specialty of Cape Lookout. And at Cape Lookout, you occasionally find the elusive Kiener's Whelk--that is the distorted form of the Busycon carica--the one with all the swelling on the sides and the distorted knobs.

Please make your reservation for this trip quickly. Send this reservation form to Carteret Boat Tours, Inc., c/o Debbie Russell, Star route 1, Box 467, Beaufort, NC, 28516. Phone number is (919) 728-3866

Bring your own lunch and drinks or water for the trip!!

Carteret Tours, Inc.
c/o Debbie Russell
Star Route 1 Box 467
Beaufort, NC 28516

RESERVATION FOR NC SHELL CLUB TRIP TO CAPE LOCKOUT
SEPTEMBER 9, 1989

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ NUMBER IN YOUR PARTY _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED AT \$9.00 PER PERSON _____