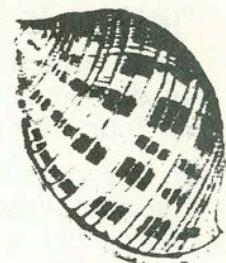


# NORTH CAROLINA SHELL CLUB



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## WELCOME TO 1992 - SHELL CLUB'S 36th YEAR

Ocean Isle/Holden Beach area, NC

SPRING MEETING

March 27th/28th, 1992

Meeting places: Friday: Museum of Coastal Carolina in Ocean Isle. After crossing the bridge of Ocean Isle, take the 1st left onto Third Street (before water slide); the Museum is a block down on left, next to tennis courts.  
Saturday: District 2 Community Building on Stanbury Road, off Route 130 toward Holden Beach. Please see the map in this newsletter.

### Friday, 27 March 1992, in Ocean Isle

7:30pm Registration; refreshments; **touring the Museum**; getting acquainted  
8:30pm **Welcome** by Acting President **Bob Tomlinson**; announcements; thanks to Beachcombers  
**"Mostly for Beginners"** with **Dorothy Watkins** on **Baby's Ears and Slipper Shells**  
**Review of Saturday Plans**  
**Door Prizes**

### Saturday, 28 March 1992

1:00pm **Visit to the Kibler Home** to see the shell collection and other features of the spectacular house. There is a \$6 charge. See further description on page 2. Locate the Kibler house on the map in this newsletter; from Ocean Isle, it would be on the **right** side of Route 130; look first for Kiblers Cabinet and Shell Shop followed by the J. R. Restaurant; these buildings are side by side. If you are coming from Holden Beach, of course everything would be on the **left** side of 130. Take the dirt road between the shell shop and the restaurant; it leads **only** to the Kibler house. Park anywhere along the road.  
7:30pm Registration (at the Community Building on Stanbury Road); refreshments; submitting "finds-of-the-day"; more getting acquainted and re-acquainted; etc  
8:00pm **"Mostly for Beginners"** with **Betty Muirhead** on **Florida Coquinas and Other Donaxes**  
**"AND THEN I FOUND ....."** with **Ruth Dixon**, four-time Past President  
**Business Meeting**  
**Find-Of-The-Day Award**  
**Door Prizes**

**PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES !!!**  
(if not already mailed, give Janet a check while you're here)



## THOUGHTS ON MY YELLOW PAD from President Dottie Weber

**"Getting To Know You"** is the theme I have chosen for the North Carolina Shell Club for 1992.

In an organization such as ours, it is sometimes hard for a new member to break in, and it is difficult to form close friendships, even as an old timer. We only see each other three or four times a year and very few of us live close to each other.

On the plus side, we have something in common and that's SHELLS. Some members thrive on the challenge of collecting SHELLS and researching and learning the scientific names. Others delve even deeper into SHELLS to discover how they live, eat grow and reproduce. Most members either collect, buy or trade SHELLS. Lots of folks just enjoy the beauty of SHELLS and many of this group go on to create exquisite arts and crafts such as pictures, decorations and jewelry.

So, with this in common it makes good sense for us to get to know more about the person sitting next to us or in front of us or who comes in the door as we do.

I have set a goal for myself this year ..... **to get to know more about the individual members of our Club and to try to make people feel welcome** at a North Carolina Shell Club meeting, whether they are brand new members or visitors or those who have been here long before I arrived. WON'T YOU JOIN ME IN THIS GOAL FOR 1992 ?

### PROGRAM NOTES

On Friday evening, we visit the newly-opened **Museum of Coastal Carolina** at Ocean Isle for the first time and the program will be a tour of that Museum. The most impressive exhibit is one which puts you in the middle of a simulated, but very realistic, underwater setting with a multitude of life-size sea creatures to observe. Another feature is a collection of North Carolina seashells, to which some of our members have contributed. There is a gift shop and there are other exhibits including civil war artifacts, natural history dioramas, and displays of animals and bird life. Refreshments will be provided by the local shell club, The Beachcombers.

On Saturday during the day, there is the opportunity for shelling, which is pretty good at Ocean Isle and Holden Beach. The Beachcombers Shell Club will give us a map showing the best collecting areas. The tides are not always favorable (to say the least), but this time it will be low at 9:28am.

At 1:00pm, we have an extraordinary opportunity to see the fabulous shell collection of members Zida and William Kibler in their huge and unique mansion named Paradise; there are many more shells than the mind can absorb.

The house itself is a jumble of components gleaned from just about everywhere. There are 147 beams from a mattress factory, slate shingles from a railroad depot, stained glass windows and marble steps from a church, an old iron fence from a graveyard, street cobblestones, and parts of 2 warehouses, a schoolhouse and **57 other houses**. This "junk" has been assembled into a spellbinding house with 18 rooms, each with a different theme ..... so magnificent that it is now appraised, along with the ten acres on which it sits, at over \$375,000.

This value has made it very difficult to pay the taxes and has created "Trouble In Paradise", as the Raleigh News and Observer puts it in a recent page-and-a-half article. So, Zida has opened a shop to sell parts of her collections and plans soon to begin paid tours of the house a few days a week. The admission price of \$6 per person helps to keep the house going and to pay for insurance necessary to cover visitors. Come join us !

On Saturday evening, in an uncharacteristic display of fancy footwork, we appear at a different meeting place. Our speaker is longtime member **Ruth Dixon**, who has collected thruout a 30-year period in North and South Carolina, Florida, Nassau, Eleuthera, Grand Cayman, Cayman Brac, Mexico, Canada, Costa Rica, Guam, Hawaii, the Philippines, Palau, Egypt and Italy. Whew ! She will give a summary of her career to this point by showing us those shells that she considers to be her best and by including slides of several of the exotic collecting locales. Don't miss it !



March 27 & 28

### A Few Places to Stay

(all rates **exclude** NC State and local taxes; all telephone #s, except "800" numbers, are Area Code 1-919)

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Ocean Isle Motel, 350 W First St, Ocean Isle Beach 28469; tel 1-800/352-5988; oceanfront; private balconies; refrigerators; 50 rms in five 2-story bldgs; elevator in office bldg w/cov walkways to other bldgs; heated indoor pool/hot tub; continental bkfst; special low rates for Club: \$75 for **2 nights** oceanfront, \$65 sound view; some credit cards

Winds Clarion Resort, 310 E First St, OIB 28469; tel 1-800/221-2222; oceanfront; about 1½ miles east of pier; variety of accom types but 1-BR efficiency \$109 per night and 2-BR efficiency \$129; all credit cards

Island Motel, c/o Suite #1, Ocean Isle Plaza, OIB 28469; tel 579-3599; 10 rms, all on 2nd floor; \$35/night dble occup; on causeway 2 blocks from ocean; MC & Visa

Cooke's Inn Motel, #1 Causeway, OIB 28469; tel 1-800/622-3224 or 579-3535; about same location as Island Motel; 3 stories w/37 rms incl 5 on ground level; \$35 per night dble occup, \$5 each extra person

Gray Gull Motel, Route 1, Box 512, Holden Beach 28462; tel 842-6775; on mainland; 16 rms; \$40 per night w/2 dble beds, \$30 one dble bed; all credit cards

Twilight Motel, PO Drawer 1946, Hwy 17, Shallotte 28459; tel 754-6801; in town; 26 rms; in newer part \$40/2 dble beds, otherwise \$35/2 dble beds; \$30 one; cred cds

### A Few Places Suggested to the Editor for Dining

Island House, in Ocean Isle; seniors meal \$5.95; otherwise meals up to about \$13.00

Sea Trails, toward Sunset Beach

Sand Fiddlers, in Holden Beach

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### FUTURE 1992 NORTH CAROLINA SHELL CLUB MEETINGS

#### May 15th/16th Surf City Town Hall, Surf City NC

Friday night: The "usual" plus looking at **unusual** Malaysia & Madagascar shells; Betsy Roberts on Olives; slides and tips on preparing a Shell Show exhibit with Vicky Wall & Carl Truckner  
Saturday night: More "usual" plus a quick review of who/what/where of the American Malacological Union (AMU) by Bob Tomlinson; Part I of "How to Identify a Shall" by Ann Buddenhagen &c

#### Sept 25th/26th Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium, nr Atlantic Beach/Morehead City NC

Friday night: The Famous Auction (start putting things aside now !)  
Saturday: Maybe a trip to the Texasgulf Fossil Pits at Aurora; **see "sign-up notice"** on page 8 of this newsletter

#### Oct 16th/17th/18th The Shell Show at Independence Mall, Wilmington NC

#### Nov 14th (and 13th??) Banquet Meet'g: Raleigh ? or elsewhere ? you tell us !

There will be ballots at the receptionist's table on Friday evening (March 27th) for voting **your choices** .... location and just the usual evening dinner **or** a 2-day meeting like the rest of the year ???

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### New Members (hosanna !) (as of November 1991)

Norman & Carolyn Bush, 255 West First Street, Ocean Isle Beach NC 28469

Melissa Green Colvin, One Martinique/Antigua, Myrtle Beach SC 29572; 1-803/449-1220

Gerry Erdman, 118 Grand Champion Road, Wilmington NC 28412; 1-919/799-5522

Alice Fedick, 266 Dallas Drive, Wilmington NC 28405; 1-919/799-7752

Wilton M Hedgepeth & family, Kure Beach NC

Ellen Jones (re-instated), 1603 Swain Drive, Long Beach NC 28465

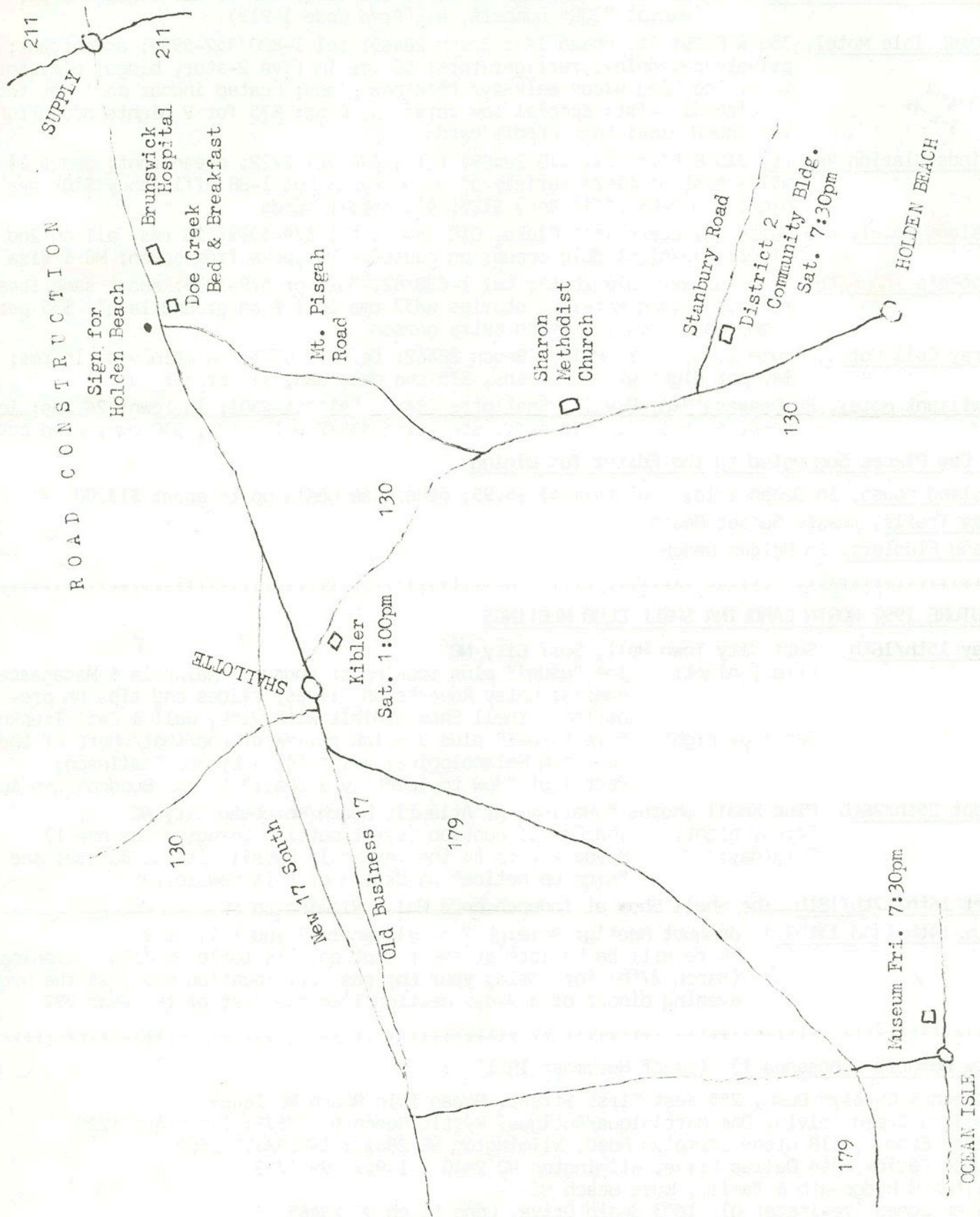
Adele Z Stephens, 521 Fairway Drive, Sunset Beach NC 28468; 1-919/579-2722

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### In Memoriam

We are very sorry to have announce again, as we did at the November banquet, that **Kathy Peed** (Katherine Love Hill Peed) passed away on 31 October 1991.





## THE 1991 SHELL SHOW

by Dean Weber, Chairman

Thanks go to scientific judges Kevan Sunderland and Bill Mansfield and to art and craft judges Linda Sunderland and Janet Truckner. Alta Van Landingham initially arranged for the dealers and Karlynn Morgan took over. Neal Schey provided our sign. Carl Truckner, Janet Truckner, and Dorothy Weber laid out the exhibit space. Carl accompanied and assisted the scientific judges.

Several people helped to look after the club table, answering questions from the public and signing up new members. This was done on an informal basis, rather than through scheduling, and seemed to work quite well. Thanks to all who helped in any capacity to make the show a success.

New exhibitors included Nancy and John Timmerman -- each with a novice collection -- and Becky, Julie, Sherri, and Benjamin Piech, who collaborated on a junior collection, the first in many years.

We had only nine exhibitors in total, undoubtedly the smallest number we have ever had. However, there were 21 displays and most of them were quite large. Our greatest loss was in art and craft exhibits. We had only two small ones after last year's biggest and best effort ever.

Herman Lindsey brought six displays and accounted for 41% of the space. While this made him the hero of the show, it also illustrates what a precarious position we were in. If that one person had been away traveling this year, we would have had to scramble at the last hour to force extra exhibits and might even have had to cancel the show.

Further illustrating the problem is that Bill and Bunny Fulton's three exhibits took up 19% of the space. Vicky Wall brought five exhibits and filled 10% of the space.

The show cost the club nothing this year, except for the mailing which announced it. The Mall had to spend only \$876 of the \$1500 maximum that it had agreed to. Actual expenses were \$800 more than that but were offset by gross revenue from shell dealers.

## AWARDS FOR THE 1991 SHELL SHOW

du Pont Award: Bill and Bunny Fulton for "Self Collected Fossils"

COA Award: Karlynn Morgan for "Shells you Really Have to Look For"

N.C. Shell Club Trophies:

Best Exhibit: Karlynn Morgan for "Shells you Really Have to Look For"

Best Self-collected Exhibit: Vicky Wall for "Tarheel Treasures"

Best Shell in Show: Bill and Bunny Fulton for Lyropecten magnificus

Best Self-collected Shell: Bill and Bunny Fulton for Calyptraphorus stamineus,  
a fossil from the Upper Eocene



Best North Carolina Collection: Vicky Wall for "Tarheel Treasures"

Most Beautiful Exhibit: Bill and Bunny Fulton for "What's in a Name?"

Best Novice Collection: John Timmerman for "Busycon -- Treasures of Eastern North America"

Best Junior Collection: Becky Piech, Julie Piech, Sherri Piech, and Benjamin Piech for "Snorkeling in the Florida Keys"

Judges' Special Award Ribbons:

Herman Lindsey for "World Wide Sea Shells"

Vicky Wall for "Fasciolaria tulipa"

Vicky Wall for "Where do Babies Come From?"

Herman Lindsey for Phalium whitworthi

Dean and Dorothy Weber for "All in One Day"

First, Second, and Third Place Ribbons by Category:

North Carolina Collections

- 1st: Vicky Wall
- 2nd: Rose Bunch

Miniature Collection:

- 1st: Karlynn Morgan

A Single Shell

- 1st: Herman Lindsey
- 2nd: Vicky Wall

Novice Collection

- 1st: John Timmerman
- 2nd: Nancy Timmerman

Family or Genus Collection

- 1st: Herman Lindsey

Fossils

- 1st: Bill and Bunny Fulton

Land Snails

- 1st: Herman Lindsey

Specialized Collection

- 1st: Vicky Wall
- 2nd: Herman Lindsey
- 3rd: Rose Bunch

Educational Collection

- 1st: Bill and Bunny Fulton
- 2nd: Vicky Wall
- 3rd: Herman Lindsey

Worldwide, Any Source

- 1st: Herman Lindsey

Worldwide, Self-collected

- 1st: Dean and Dorothy Weber

Junior Collection

- 1st: Becky Piech, Julie Piech, Sherri Piech, and Benjamin Piech

Art & Craft Without Actual Shells

- 1st: Bunny Fulton
- 1st: Vicky Wall



Scott and Nell have just finished two years of service to the club in providing liquid refreshments at the meetings. During the same period Nell was on the Executive Committee as a Member-at-Large. They have generously provided many door prizes and auction items over the years, including Nell's very popular shell-decorated shirts.

Both have been life-long residents of North Carolina, except during Scott's four years in the navy in Florida and New Jersey. They have been in the North Carolina Shell Club for about seven years. They were married in 1978 after both lost their spouses earlier in the 70's. Scott has two children. Nell says that their once-a-month lunches became something else after she decided that Scott had been single long enough.

Nell's family farmed cotton and picked its own. She was first married at 14 and didn't finish high school, completing only the ninth grade. Later, she attended Gardner Webb College, Lenoir-Rhyne College, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, receiving an AB in Public School Music and a master's degree in social work. She is currently the Income Maintenance Program Administrator in Cabarrus County. She reports that she is a full-time North Carolina resident who somehow managed to see the Pacific Ocean before she saw the Atlantic.

Scott's parents owned the Black Mountain Drug Store and Soda Shop. He has owned and operated an oil company and a furniture store. He worked for twenty years for the North Carolina Department of Social Services, retiring about 18 months ago. His interests and skills include carpentry, handyman activities, boating, fishing, reading, and -- according to Nell -- making people happy. His brother Steve is also a member of the shell club.

Nell says that some of her shirts are appliqued and some are painted, but that most are a combination of the two. It takes her about 45-60 minutes to make one and she completes about two hundred in a year. She also enjoys other crafts, cooking, music, and reading. Both of them collect Tom Clark gnomes, enjoy the grandchildren, and like walking on the beach, especially at their Ocean Isle house.

Their shell collecting began about 1982 and has been done mostly in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Sanibel in Florida. Nevertheless, they have "boxes of shells, cases of shells, and shells everywhere". Nearly all are self-collected, but there are some gifts as well, including a catalogued fossil collection. Their best collecting day was at Shackleford Banks in 1985 when they found a wide variety of shells. Scott's favorite shell is the Scotch bonnet, while Nell leans toward the wentletraps.

Nell is fascinated with teeny-teeny shells. She remembers an occasion when her brother and his wife brought back some uncleaned shells and sea urchins from a beach in Australia. Sand that fell out of one of the urchins provided some excitement when it proved to contain three cadulus not more than 1/4 inch long and several other almost invisible gastropods.



### Van and Alta VanLandingham

As most of you have already learned, Alta and Van have moved to New Mexico and are in their new home, built by Van. Alta has written that they hope to keep in touch with the Shell Club with donations for door prizes and auction items. And, she hopes to write articles for the newsletter (Ed: Thank Goodness !). Write to them at **PO Box 2989, Las Vegas NM 87701** (the **other** Las Vegas). It's about 40 miles east of Santa Fe.

### Karlynn Morgan

Karlynn moved about the middle of February to the Tampa Fl area, starting her new job on March 2nd; we'll include her address in the next newsletter. She offered to continue as Treasurer by "long distance", but the Executive Board felt we needed a Treasurer at hand. We feel very fortunate to have Janet Durand agree to step in and she is already busy with our books. We thank her very much and we have also expressed the Club's appreciation to Karlynn for the many things she has done for the NC Shell Club as Treasurer and in other capacities. Karlynn has said that she hopes to make some of the meetings, as well as the Shell Show. We look forward to seeing her often.

**We wish Alta, Van and Karlynn nothing less than the BEST in their transplanted lives !**

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### Sign-Up for Fossil Trip in September

We would like to visit the Texasgulf pit in Aurora NC on Saturday, 26 September 1992, to look for marine fossils. Unfortunately, that is much easier said than accomplished. It is impossible to arrange the trip now (Spring 1992) and cumbersome, chaotic and problematic to make reservations **at all**.

The company will set a date in June when all interested parties may telephone for reservations, beginning at 8:00am ! We will start telephoning at that time and keep trying repeatedly hoping to get through and find places on the day we want for the number we have.

We are telling you about this **now** so that we can establish the exact number of people who would be going and use that information for the June telephone call. **If you want to go, please send a postcard** to Dean Weber, 510 Baytree Road, Wilmington NC 28409, containing four pieces of information:

- 1) Your name,
- 2) Your address,
- 3) Your telephone number, and
- 4) The number of people in your party.

Only if the telephone attempts succeed will we have a trip scheduled. **Even then**, we could have a problem. For instance, The Maritime Museum in Beaufort has had Texasgulf unexpectedly cancel their reservation, forcing them to telephone participants and return their money ! We regret that the endeavor is so speculative, but we have no choice but to follow Texasgulf's procedures and **hope for the best**. So, please let us hear from you, **anyway !**

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### Dues Are Due !      Dues Are Due !      Dues Are Due !

Dues for the North Carolina Shell Club are \$10.00 per year for an individual member and \$12.00 per year for a family. New members or members whose membership has lapsed and who want to rejoin are required to pay an extra \$2.00 one time. This extra \$2.00 covers only the cost of adding a name to our mailing list; our mailing list is handled on a professional basis by Commercial Printers in Wilmington NC.

Members not paying dues within 30 days after the first meeting of the year (this translates in 1992 to a deadline of **April 27th**) will be dropped from the mailing list. We regret this, but the costs for printing and mailing make it necessary.

**Please send your payment to Janet Durand, 117 Bayview Blvd, Atlantic Beach NC 28512, using the enclosed payment form, and making your check payable to "North Carolina Shell Club".**

Also, if you have a change of address or fail to receive a newsletter, please notify Janet.

**Thank you !      Thank you !      Thank you !**