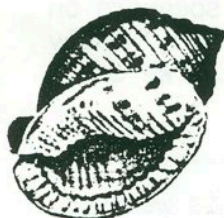
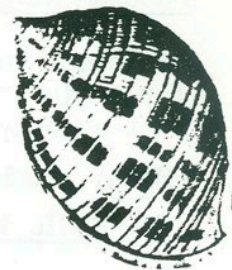


NORTH CAROLINA SHELL CLUB



Scotch Bonnet



Dorothy Weber, President
510 Baytree Road
Wilmington NC 28409
1-919/799-3125

Dean Weber, Vice-President
510 Baytree Road
Wilmington NC 28409
1-919/799-3125

Victoria Wall, Secretary
P O Box 42
Mayodan NC 27027
1-919/427-3610

Janet Durand, Treasurer
117 Bayview Boulevard
Atlantic Beach NC 28512
1-919/726-0660

Bob Tomlinson, Editor
4101 Five Oaks Drive - #7
Durham NC 27707
1-919/493-6527

Ann Buddenhagen, Member-At-Large
1300 Hampshire Court
Raleigh NC 27612
1-919/846-9726

Elsa Wenzel, Member-At-Large
148 Hawthorne Drive
Pine Knoll Shores NC 28512
1-919/247-4957

Hugh Porter, Historian
3010 Fairway Road
Morehead City NC 28557
1-919/726-4265

===== WELCOME TO 1993 - SHELL CLUB'S 37th YEAR =====

Carolina Beach

SPRING MEETING

March 19th/20th, 1993

Meeting place: St Paul's Methodist Church in Carolina Beach (Aquarium not available); travelling south on Route 421, take the first right after McDonald's onto Harper Avenue; the church is two blocks down on the right.

Friday, 19 March 1993

- 10:30am Meet in Castle Hayne for fossil trip; please don't be late. Directions page 4.
7:30pm Registration; refreshments; socializing; viewing fossil "find-of-the-day" entries; and looking at a collection of volutes.
8:00pm **"Growing Up Afloat"** with Dr Anne B McCrary
"Glimpses of Past and Present Shell Shows" with Carl Truckner
Award for fossil "Find-Of-The-Day"
Door prizes

Saturday, 20 March 1993

(low tide about 11:30am)

- 10:00am Meet near the Fort Fisher Aquarium for shell trip. Description page 2.
7:30pm Registration; refreshments; socializing; viewing shell "find-of-the-day" entries; and looking at a collection of venus shells

8:00pm **POTPOURRI JAMBOREE**

1. **"Mostly for Beginners"** with John Timmerman on **Whelks vs Conchs**
2. **"Mostly for Beginners"** with the Piech family on **Helmets**
3. **"Legend of Junonia"**
4. Poem: **"Hector the Collector"**
5. **Spring Quiz**
Business meeting
Award for shell "Find-Of-The-Day"
Door prizes

===== IMPORTANT AND REWARDING
POSITION AVAILABLE
INQUIRE WITHIN !
=====

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO PAY YOUR DUES !!!

(if not mailed beforehand, please pay Janet at this March meeting)

PROGRAM NOTES **Welcome to a topsy-turvy weekend !** The principal field trip on Friday (WHA-A-A-A-T?) is perhaps a first. We're having two main speakers on one night and none on the other (YA GOTTA BE KIDDING!), and there will be two "Mostly for Beginners" talks the other night (YOU LOST YOUR MARBLES, WALDO?). Well, we don't want anybody to get complacent.

FRIDAY, such as it is

THE FOSSIL TRIP It was our earnest wish to hold our Castle Hayne fossil trip on Saturday, but it did not work. When we could not pull it off, we took the unusual step of having it on Friday. We hope that workers who are specially interested will be able to take the day off. Our leader is **John Timmerman** of Wilmington, who is a regular visitor here.

The quarry offers casts of slit shells and other mollusks. That is, the shells are missing but the volume inside the shell has become a fossilized mass in the exact shape of the shell. There are also sea urchins, sea biscuits and sharks' teeth.

We are waiting until 10:30am to begin the trip so that you will have a chance to drive there from home Friday morning. It would be well to come a little early so that you have time to find your way and to be present when we all get together. The pit closes at 5:00pm. There are no facilities, so bring lunch, water and all other supplies you will want. Plan to sign a paper releasing the owners from any responsibility for your injury or death.

We will be guests at the quarry and very privileged to be there. We should give the right of way to all trucks and other company vehicles, park in the designated parking area at the entrance, keep out of the way of industrial operations at all times and follow whatever instructions are given to us.

THE FRIDAY EVENING PROGRAM Our first speaker is **Dr Anne B McCrary**, who recently retired as a Professor of Biology at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Her specialty has been zooplanktonology, the study of the ocean's tiny animals without backbones. She will show us how some of our shells and other creatures start out in life and their early stage development.

Our second speaker is member **Carl Truckner**. He will not only have slides of our most recent Wilmington Shell Show in 1992, but will go back many years to a few slides of earlier shows held at other locations in the state.

SATURDAY, different but fun

THE SHELL TRIP We picked this weekend for its favorable tide, low about 11:30am, and we want to take advantage of it, even though we don't expect sensational results.

Our field trip is as improbable as the rest of the weekend. It goes like this: Meet at 10:00am at the first parking lot (to the left) on the entrance road to the Fort Fisher Aquarium. Dean Weber's gray truck with a white top will take people down the four-wheel-drive road toward the mouth of the Cape Fear River.

What makes the plan bizarre is that it will be a slow spine-jarring trip sitting on the truck bed and only about 5 people will fit. This will mean quite a transportation delay if we have a lot more than 5 people. We may have a drawing to see who goes on the first trip, the second, and so on. If you have a four-wheel-drive vehicle to offer, it would be a big help.

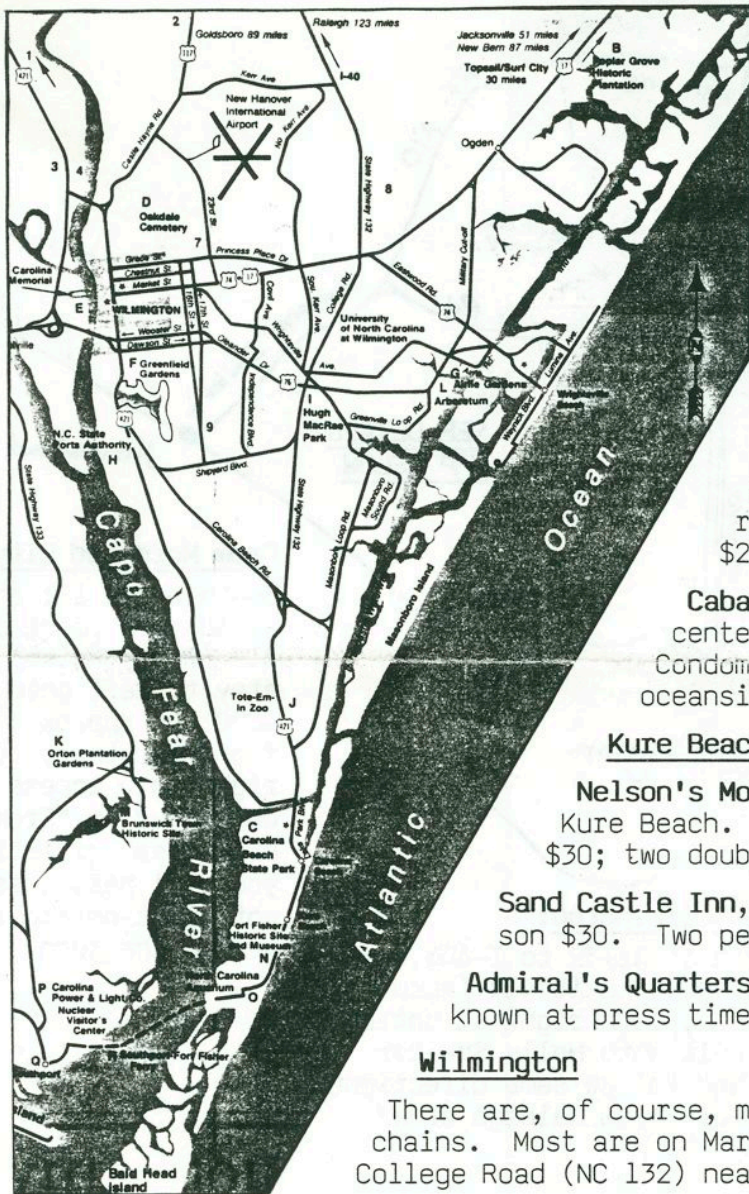
For those who don't get to go, there is a beach at the parking lot and an opportunity to walk toward the isolated river mouth. And, there are beaches all along the towns of Kure Beach and Carolina Beach.

THE SATURDAY EVENING PROGRAM The intent is to have a fast-paced, informal and sparkling evening of fun and fellowship as a shell club family, with the emphasis on variety.

People who don't know shells very well may tell you about the conchs on our North Carolina beaches those shells really are whelks, and **John Timmerman** will explain the differences in his "Mostly for Beginners" session.

The **Piech family's** subject for "Mostly for Beginners" will be helmets. At press time we had not learned whether the discussion would include the subfamily with the unusual means of locomotion the Hopalong Cassidae.

We think that you will enjoy the legend of the Seminole Princess named Junonia and will react appropriately to the saga of Hector. The quiz will challenge some, will be easy for others and is purely for education and amusement.



A FEW PLACES TO STAY plus many more
(all rates **exclude** NC State and local taxes; all telephone numbers, except "800" numbers, are Area Code 1-919)

Carolina Beach

Lucille's Motel, 458-8346, Route 421 on right. Room w/two double beds \$30, small room w/one double bed \$25; small refrig in each. Efficiencies w/two or three double beds \$35 for two, \$40 for more.

Dry Dock Motel, 458-9588, right behind Lucille's. Room w/two double beds \$40, room w/one double bed for one or two people \$25; small refrig in each. Two-BR apts \$50.

Cabana de Mar, 1-800/333-8499, on ocean near center of town, two blocks from main road. Condominium type. One-BR streetside \$75, one-BR oceanside \$90. Two-BR oceanside \$105.

Kure Beach

Nelson's Motel, 458-9011, at only traffic light in Kure Beach. Efficiency or room for one or two people \$30; two double beds in each room. **Mention Shell Club.**

Sand Castle Inn, 458-8273, just beyond Nelson's. One person \$30. Two people in one or two beds \$32.

Admiral's Quarters, 458-5050, near Sand Castle. Prices not known at press time, but were in \$35-48 range two years ago.

Wilmington

There are, of course, many in Wilmington, including most national chains. Most are on Market Street (US 17/74) with some on South College Road (NC 132) near UNCW. Generally uncrowded in March.

FUTURE 1993 NORTH CAROLINA SHELL CLUB MEETINGS (favorable tides for all four meetings)

- | | |
|-----------------------|---|
| <u>May 14th/15th</u> | Shallotte and Holden Beach (meeting place to be determined) |
| <u>Sept 24th/25th</u> | Pine Knoll Shores (hopefully, the Aquarium will be available); Auction |
| <u>Oct 15th-17th</u> | Shell Show ??? (the entire Club needs to pull together to make it) |
| <u>Nov 12th/13th</u> | Emerald Isle (meeting place to be determined); Banquet |

CONCHOLOGISTS OF AMERICA (COA) CONVENTION, Edgewater Beach Resort, Panama City FL 7/11-17

(Betty Muirhead writes the following to whet your appetite)

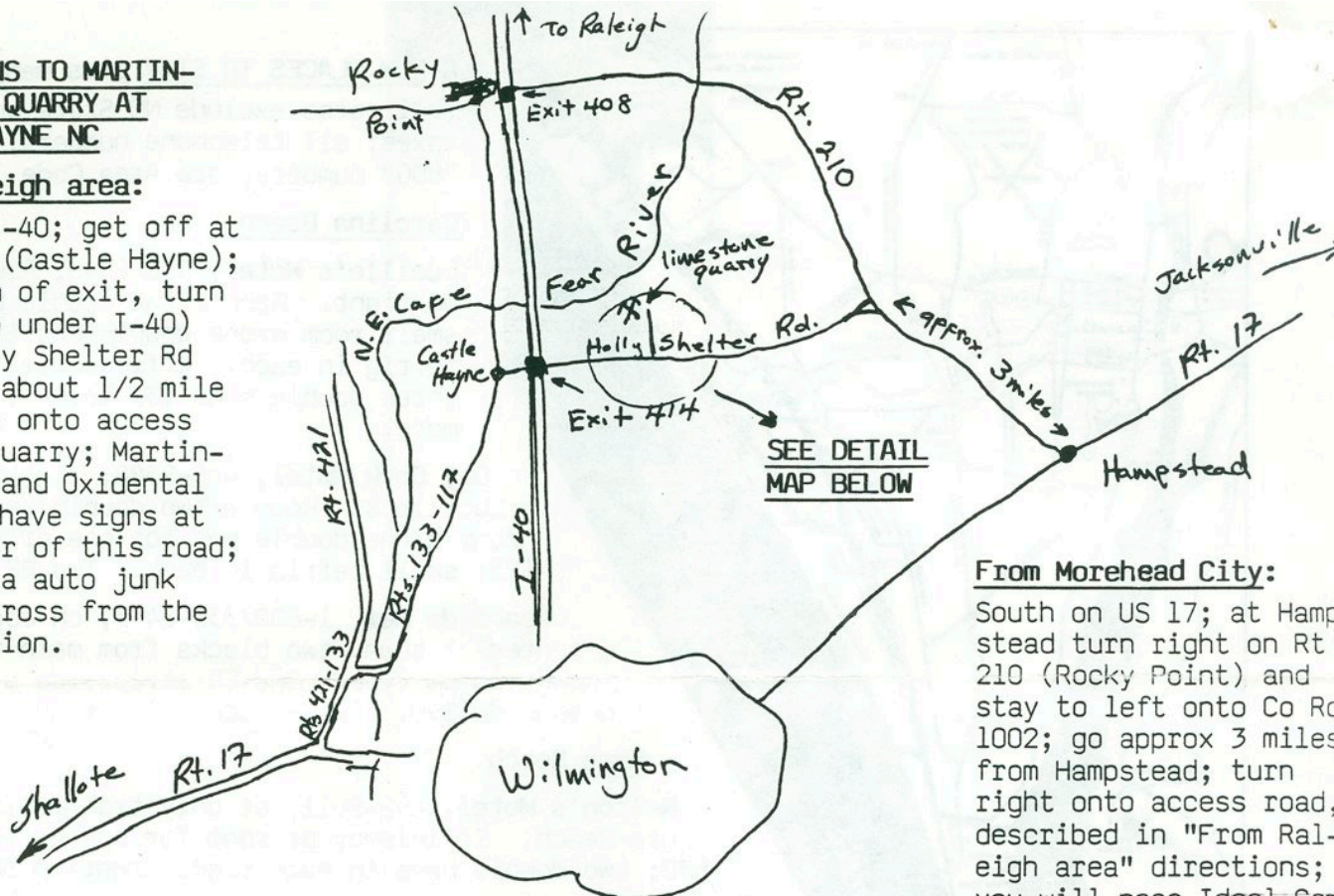
"If you want to meet many of the weel-known authorities on shells, hear interesting and informative speakers, see fabulous shell exhibits, attend a huge bourse with shells and 'shelly' items galore, meet loads of nice friendly fellow shellers, find a few shells, and enjoy yourself immensely, plan to attend the 1993 COA Convention in Panama City.

"Rae Cox and I attended the 1992 Convention at Ponte Vedra FL and it was a wonderful experience. You can't imagine the many beautiful shells ... in exhibits, the auction and silent auctions, the bourse, and the shell floral arrangements at the banquet. Too, I think everybody shops for shell designs on clothes, pocketbooks, jewelry, etc, for the next year's convention. There are shells everywhere ! The Jacksonville Shell Club was the host club and it will be hard to beat their hospitality. It was a great week and we're looking forward to the '93 Convention. **Hope to see you there !**"

DIRECTIONS TO MARTIN-MARIETTA QUARRY AT CASTLE HAYNE NC

From Raleigh area:

East on I-40; get off at Exit 414 (Castle Hayne); at bottom of exit, turn right (go under I-40) onto Holly Shelter Rd (#1002); about 1/2 mile turn left onto access road to quarry; Martin-Marietta and Oxidental Chemical have signs at the corner of this road; there is a auto junk dealer across from the intersection.



From Morehead City:

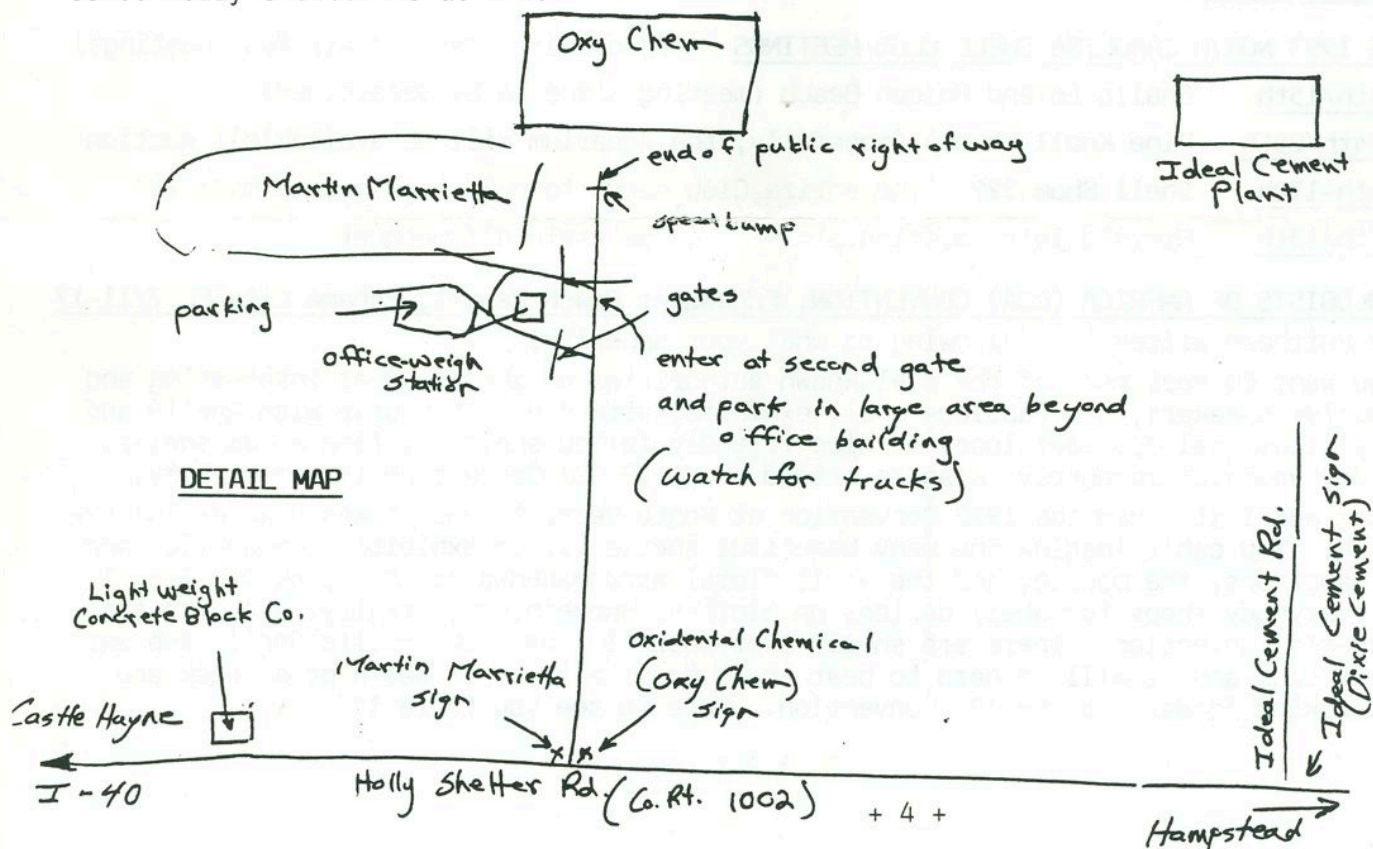
South on US 17; at Hampstead turn right on Rt 210 (Rocky Point) and stay to left onto Co Rd 1002; go approx 3 miles from Hampstead; turn right onto access road, described in "From Raleigh area" directions; you will pass Ideal Cement plant on right just before the turn.

From Shallotte area:

North on US 17; take exit onto Rt421/133 before Cape Fear River Bridge; take exit onto Rt133/117 (crosses river here); once past river turn left (stay on) Rt133/117; in Castle Hayne turn right onto Maple St, which becomes Holly Shelter Rd at I-40.

From Wilmington:

North on Rt132 to I-40; west on I-40 to Exit 414 (about 5 miles); turn right at bottom of exit onto Holly Shelter Rd and follow same directions as for "From Raleigh area"



THE 1992 SHELL SHOW

by Dean Weber

Several aspects of the show were notable. The 63 exhibits were more than we have had in a long, long time, possibly the most ever. We tripled last year's number of exhibitors with 28 and nearly doubled the scientific exhibitors with 16.

Help was received from a number of sources. The Beachcombers in the Holden Beach area contributed a multitude of high-quality art and craft exhibits and set up a Christmas tree with shell ornaments. The Shell Belles of the Morehead City area did much the same. Evelyn Kavanaugh from Georgia returned with some prize-winning art and craft entries.

Two other families from Georgia aided the scientific portion of the show, as did one man from South Carolina. Karlynn Morgan produced an exhibit from Florida.

We unexpectedly spent all of the \$1500 allotted by the Mall, principally because of an unprecedented lack of shell dealers. A show twenty percent larger than last year also played a part in the higher expenses.

AWARDS FOR THE 1992 SHELL SHOW

du Pont Award: Bunny and Bill Fulton for "Pectinidae, Nature's Creation - Man's Inspiration"

COA Award: Doug and Louise Compton for "Harpinae"

N. C. Shell Club Trophies:

Best Self-collected Exhibit: Dorothy and Dean Weber for "How Species are Named"

Best North Carolina Collection: Karlynn Morgan for "A Closer Look at our
Official State Shell - *Phalium Granulatum*,
THE SCOTCH BONNET"

Best of Arts and Crafts: Phyllis B. Noah for "Beach Treasures"

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

Best Self-collected Shell: Vicky and Anthony Wall for Conus cedonulli

Most Beautiful Exhibit: Bunny and Bill Fulton for "Pectinidae, Nature's
Creation - Man's Inspiration"

Best Junior Collection: Becky Piech, Julie Piech, Sherri Piech, and
Benjamin Piech for "Beach and
Aquatic
Habitats!
A
Multitude of
Awesome
Shells!"

Judges' Special Award Ribbons:

Vicky and Anthony Wall for "Treasure from the Caribbean"

Ann Buddenhagen for "Small Wonders"

Shell Belles for their Christmas tree

First, Second, and Third Place Ribbons by Category:

Art and Craft with Actual Shells

1st: Evelyn Kavanaugh
Evelyn Kavanaugh
Evelyn Kavanaugh
Judy Bryan

2nd: Louise Compton
Millie Pensmith
Fran Vogt
Daphne Fournier

3rd: Marjorie Gardner
Phyllis B. Noah
Adeline Broadnax
Evelyn Kavanaugh
Evelyn Kavanaugh

Art and Craft without Actual Shells

1st: John Timmerman
1st: Phyllis B. Noah
3rd: Evelyn Kavanaugh

North Carolina Collection

1st: Ruth Hood

Fossils

1st: Vicky Wall
2nd: Emily J. Collymore

Educational Collection

1st: Bunny and Bill Fulton
2nd: Karlynn Morgan
3rd: John Timmerman

Miniatures

1st: Ann Buddenhagen

Regional, Any Source

1st: Nancy Timmerman
1st: John Downing

Regional, Self-collected

1st: Vicky and Anthony Wall

Worldwide, Self-collected

1st: Dorothy and Dean Weber

Novice Collection

1st: Roberta Tyler

Single Shell

1st: Doug Compton
2nd: Vicky Wall
3rd: Karlynn Morgan

Family or Genus Collection

1st: Doug and Louise Compton
2nd: Herman Lindsey
3rd: Herman Lindsey

Specialized Collection

2nd: Ruth Hood
2nd: Herman Lindsey

Junior Collection

1st: Becky Piech, Julie Piech,
Sherri Piech, Benjamin Piech
2nd: Julie Piech

PS: Did you know that Herman Lindsey has been very ill after being bitten by **two spiders**, a black widow and a brown recluse ?

MEMBER PROFILE: ELSA WENZEL

by Dean Weber

This profile is of our newest Member-At-Large; we expect to have one of her husband Walt in the next newsletter.

Elsa's first North Carolina Shell Club meeting was at Atlantic Beach in September, 1985, two months after retirement. After a casual interest in shells for about 40 years, she and Walt really got the "shell bug" and geared most trips and endeavors around shells and shell collecting.

They have collected from New England to Texas, including both coasts of Florida; the west coast of mainland Mexico at the Sea of Cortez; the west coast of the Baja Peninsula in Mexico; and from southern California to northern Oregon. Four Hawaiian Islands and Bermuda have also been visited and duly shelled.

They have had so many good and great days of collecting that none stands out in their memory as the best. But they do remember a location on Maui where they were told "There won't be many shells there" but found a good number of different cowries, cones, and other goodies.

Elsa's favorite shell families include the cowries, pectens, miters, and volutes, but her number one favorite is an 11-year-old black and white Party Cocker Spaniel called Marble after Conus marmoreus, the marble cone.

Born on a farm in New York State, Elsa first met Walt when she was 15. She attended Wheelock College in Boston. In the early married years and then later when the children started college, she supplemented the family income by working at the newspaper office in Laramie, Wyoming; by teaching and substituting; and by serving as an optician in an eye doctor's office for 15 years.

She also tied fishing flies professionally for many years, having such customers as Abercrombie and Fitch. You can still buy "El's Caterpillar", the "Wenzel Darter" or "Jay's Wooley Worm". Jay is the son born in Ozark, Alabama.

There are about 2800 species in the Wenzel collection totaling over 20,000 shells. They're a mixture of self-collected, traded, gifts, and purchases. The prettiest are kept in a "shell gallery" of glass shelves and sliding doors off from the living room, and several are used as decorations in every room in the house. The balance are in four cabinets and many boxes in the garage.

Elsa took up golf last May and is addicted. She plays tennis mixed doubles once a week with Walt. Last year she took quilting lessons and started six quilts for grandchildren. She plays bridge with the "girls" twice a month and with Walt and others three times a month.

She has been in "every office you could hold" in the Pine Knoll Shores Garden Club and Pine Knoll Shores Women's Club. She is active in the Ladies Golf Association and is currently secretary to the Pine Knoll Shores Fire Auxiliary.

For five to six weeks in late summer Elsa and Walt take full advantage of the coast, running their 14-foot McKee craft in Bogue Sound, trapping crabs, raking clams, and fishing for pompano, flounder, drum, and sea trout.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PAD

Happy New Year 1993 to all North Carolina Shell Club members !!!

The Planning Committee met in January to decide on meeting times and places and to share other ideas to enhance the Club. Seventeen folks came to Wilmington from far and near to help organize the year's activities. Dean Weber's suggestion for a March Bulls Island trip has already proved a success the boat is filled to capacity with 30 members ! This enthusiasm bodes well for our coming year. **YOU** can help by attending as many meetings as you can, by finding new members and encouraging some of our missing members to come back. This might mean telling them you'd give them a ride (this is the problem for many of our members). We are looking forward to our elongated March weekend and to seeing you all again !

PS: Door prizes are always welcome.

PPS: If we made a mistake in your name or address on the new membership list, please drop me a line with the correction and it will be published in the next newsletter.

CHAIRMAN / LEADER NEEDED FOR THE 1993 SHELL SHOW

After eight years of magnificent service, Dean Weber has decided that it is time to retire from being the Chairman of the North Carolina Shell Club's annual show in Wilmington. He has certainly "done his job" **well !**

The Club needs someone to fill Dean's shoes. Someone must fill those shoes **if the Show is to go on.** Hopefully, that person will come forward by March 31st this year, so that plans for the 1993 Show can proceed without a hitch. At least six months is proper time, the Show being in October, to allow the Independence Mall in Wilmington, our regular meeting place, to work out plans for our being there.

The new chairman (and the use of "-man" is customary but **no way** restricts the gender; Alta VanLandingham performed this service for a long time) need not live in Wilmington. Dean says that "98% of the work is done at home before and after the Show (I could run the Show from North Dakota) and, although this is hard for people to understand, it is absolutely true". A lot of the considerations for the new leader are already settled establishment of categories and awards; many materials, such as trophies, ribbons and supplies are already on hand; rapport has been established with the Mall; etc; etc. Further, Dean wants the new chairman to be assured that he will give maximum help and support while the successor is getting his "sea legs".

Who will step forward ? Remember all of you who have looked forward to and participated in and enjoyed the Show that **NO LEADER, NO SHOW. Please think about it !**

We sincerely regret having to report that **Ann Buddenhagen's mother** (also "Ann") passed away peacefully at her home on Sunday, December 27th 1992. During her full life, she received many accolades for her lifelong social work volunteering to help others. Our sympathies go to Ann, her surviving father and her sister.

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 asked to pay an extra \$2.00 one time; this extra \$2.00 covers only the cost of adding a name to our mailing list.

Members not paying dues by the end of the month after the first meeting of the year (this translates to **April 30th**) will be dropped from the mailing list. We regret this, but the costs for printing and mailing make it necessary. No reminders will be sent.

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".

Thank you !

Thank you !

Thank you !