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WELCOME 1993 SHELL CLUB'S 37th YEAR _____

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119 Bayview Boulevard

Wilmington / Wrightsville Beach / Ogden

November 12th / 13th / 14th, 1993

ANNUAL SHELL SHOW AND BANQUET MEETING

Friday, 12 November 1993

Meeting place: Cape Fear Museum, Market St at 8th St in Wilmington (Route 17B)

9:00am-5:00pm

North Carolina Shell Show

7:30pm

8:00pm

Registration; refreshments; socializing Awards ceremony for Shell Show winners

"A Survey of North Carolina Shelling" with Ann Buddenhagen Business meeting, including election of officers for 1994

Door prizes

Saturday, 13 November 1993

Meeting place: Cape Fear Museum, Market St at 8th St in Wilmington (Route 17b)

9:00pm-5:00pm

North Carolina Shell Show

Meeting place:

Holiday Inn. 1706 North Lumina Ave in Wrightsville Beach Annual Banquet (reservation required, see enclosed card)

6:15pm

Social hour with cash bar (drinks may be ordered in our meeting room)

7:00pm

Buffet dinner: Roast top sirloin of beef from the carving board, honey-glazed ham, seafood creole, rice, oven-roasted potatoes,

California medley, crisp garden salad, fresh fruit salad, rolls and

butter, coffee and iced tea, assorted pies

Afterward:

"Land Shells of Islands" with Richard Goldberg

Door prizes

Sunday, 14 November 1993

Home of Mary Mobley, 2421 Middle Sound Loop Road, Ogden Meeting place:

10:30am

Breakfast-Brunch

Meeting place: 2:00pm-5:00pm

Cape Fear Museum, Market St at 8th St in Wilmington (Route 17B) North Carolina Shell Show . . . "thanks for coming, everyone !"

HEIGH! HO! COME TO THE FAIR! WELCOME TO HOMECOMING WEEKEND! DON'T MISS THE YEAR-END EXTRAVAGANZA!

CALL OUT THE MARINES! that is ... THE MARINE SHELL COLLECTORS!

This meeting could be the most exciting in our history! Our Shell Show, with a new chairman, moves to a different location in a scientific setting rather than a commercial one, and the exhibits will be all in one place rather than being scattered as they have been in recent years.

The new show hours, with a 5:00pm closing, give us something that we haven't had in a long time --- a chance to meet in the evening to recognize award winners, hear speakers, conduct our regular meeting, and have our banquet.

The November meeting was originally scheduled for Emerald Isle but had to be moved to Wilmington when the new dates for the Show fell on exactly the same weekend. Not a problem at all but an opportunity.

We hope that everyone will rally around the new show chairman with exhibits and other help and will come to see the displays that the exhibitors have worked so hard to prepare.

If you have never been to our Shell Show or a meeting, this is the time to begin. If you have been away from club activities for a while, this is the time for a triumphant return.

We particularly want **you** at the banquet --- our once-a-year chance to dine together. Enjoy good food and fellowship with some great people, be present for an outstanding program from one of the country's leading conchologists, have a feeling of really belonging to and supporting the club, and depart with a warm glow after time with friends.

The social event on Sunday morning is an unexpected treat and puts the final topping on a blockbuster weekend. Three-time club president Mary Mobley has this to say for herself and her sisters "N C Shell Club members, Shell Show exhibitors, and their guests are cordially invited to a breakfast-brunch hosted by Emily Ezzell, Charlotte Dexter and Mary Mobley.

We look forward to seeing you and the fellowship to be

Because they need to know how many are coming, please respond to Mary at 919/686-0438.

enjoyed by all. Let's make it a reunion.

BE PART OF A TREMENDOUS WEEKEND !

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PAD

What excitement! November 12-13-14!

- North Carolina Shell Show at the Cape Fear Museum ... a chance to exhibit or just enjoy viewing magnificent shells.
- · Excellent speakers.
- Delicious banquet.
- Breakfast-brunch with friends.
- "Who could ask for anything more ?"

This weekend is a great way to end my terms as President. Thanks to all who have helped me in so many ways, and who showed such love, friendship and enthusiasm during these two years.

MEMBERSHIP LIST CHANGES

New Addresses:

Vicky Wall, 303 Wall Road
Cornelia McInnes, 200 W Cornwall Rd, #2211,
 Cary NC 27511-3802; tel 919/460-0809

My Best. Mary"

Delete:

Emily Collymore Elizabeth Sims

Add: all Emerald Isle NC 28594 & tel 919/-Peg Quigley, 11013 Station St; 354-7435
Joyce Wylde, 113 Bogue Ct, Box 4007; 354-6420
Judy & Dick Young, 10518 Wyndtree Dr; 354-7493
Emily Jordan, 129 Ocean Oaks Dr; 354-7044

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Shell Show, November 12 - 14, 1993

Progress report, September 22, 1993

Plans for the shell show are going well. Space at the museum is confirmed. Three qualified judges have been selected and are available to judge our show. Two well known dealers, Donald Dan and Richard Goldberg have already decided to display shells at our show. Awards have been ordered and/or received.

That leaves a major element which are displays. It's too early for me to really worry about having a good full show. However, exhibits are the key to the success of the show. If potential exhibitors find they don't have time to create new exhibits this year perhaps they would consider presenting an exhibit from a previous year as a noncompetitive display. If past exhibits are not easy to assemble perhaps an informal display as a noncompetitive exhibit could be made. I hope these ideas will be last ditch efforts, that we will have plenty of the top notch competitive displays as in past years. I cannot over emphasize the crucial importance of having exhibits.

I hope every one has been thinking of ideas for our interactive club table. I will need exhibitors particularly on Friday since I will have to be at work that day. Anybody that can help with set up, it is to say cover tables, lay out exhibit space, distribute exhibitor packs and or be available for general running or what ever comes up on set up day Thursday, will help greatly. My work schedule is going to be very heavy the two weeks before the show so I will have even less free time than normal. I will not be able to set up the show alone. Let me know in advance if you can help and what you can do. Otherwise, I will have to consider hiring help such as having the table rental company to cover the tables. I want this show to be as professional as possible.

Finally an new idea for the show is another I have stolen from the North Carolina Fossil Club. I am asking members to go through their attics garages, sheds, etc. to find shells they no longer want to contribute to a pot the club will have for children to select a shell from, free of charge. The pot is overseen by a club member to prevent one child from cleaning it out. Once the shell is selected children often take it to one of the club "experts" to have it identified. Source for the shells does not matter. Beach shells are fine but try to have them complete or mostly so. Perhaps members can from now until the show, pick up extra shells when collecting. The larger the variety the better.

John Timmerman

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PROGRAM NOTES

For the first time in our history, both programs on Friday and Saturday evenings come directly from this year's COA convention. Our own Ann Buddenhagen gives us a survey of North Carolina shell collecting and Shell Show judge Richard Goldberg will talk about land shells on islands.

The Saturday program is non-technical but is based on the fascinating evolutionary aspects of "adaptive radiation" and will include a wide variety of photographs of tropical locations and exotic shells.























MOTELS

All rates were quoted to us "exclusive of tax" and are accurate to the best of our knowledge.

Holiday Inn

1706 North Lumina Avenue, Wrightsville Beach NC 28480; 1-919/256-2231. For those who want an oceanfront location. This is the headquarters motel. Because we selected this place for our banquet, we have been given a special price of \$40 per room, single or double, but only if arranged through Stephanie Jones at the motel. Other staff will want to charge you \$60. The Museum in Wilmington will be about 11 miles away but easy to find because Route 74 from Wrightsville Beach takes you just seven blocks from the Museum, where you continue on Route 17B.

Days Inn

5040 Market Street, Wilmington NC 28405; 1-919/799-6300. One person \$32.88. Two people \$38.88.

Best Western Carolinian 2916 Market Street, Wilmington NC 28403; 1-919/763-4653.

All with two people: Queen bed \$40; King bed or two double beds \$43;

Double with refrigerator \$47.

Super 8 Motel

3604 Market Street, Wilmington NC 28403; 1-800/800-8000 or 1-919/343-9778. Two persons, one bed \$35.88. Two persons, two beds \$37.88. Senior single \$27.79.

The three Wilmington motels are on the same street as the Museum. There are many other motels in Wilmington, many of them on Market St, and they are not expected to be crowded at this time of year.

SHELL PRICE LIST JARGON

(thanks to Frank L Staplin, Hawaiian Shell News" and to the Palmetto Club's "Laddergram"; 'preciate it.)

Confused ? Can't interpret lists sent out by shell dealers ? These definitions will help SPECIAL = These have been on the shelf for years. They have to go!

ALL SHELLS ARE GRADED = I throw darts at a target.

GEM = Look at that shine ! (Jewelers' rouge helps)

F+ = My dog chewed on it.

F = My son ran the car over it.

GOOD AS THEY COME = I'm stuck with these dogs.

CHOICE BEACH = You really don't want to know.

SUPER GIANT ! = About 6 on a scale of 10.

GIANT BEAUTIES = About 4 on a scale of 10.

CHOICE FRESH LOT; CHOICE GEMS; PLUMP GEMS; DARK BEAUTIES; etc = I'm trying to add interest to this list; there really isn't any difference.

FABULOUS = About average.

FRESH DEAD = They still stink.

UNCOMMON = Example: Cypraea caputserpentis.

A CUTE BABY = A victim of infanticide.

SLIGHT DEFECTS = Recycled from discarded Philippine leis.

RARE DRAWF FORM; MOST UNUSUAL COLOR; etc = The shell housed a chronic invalid.

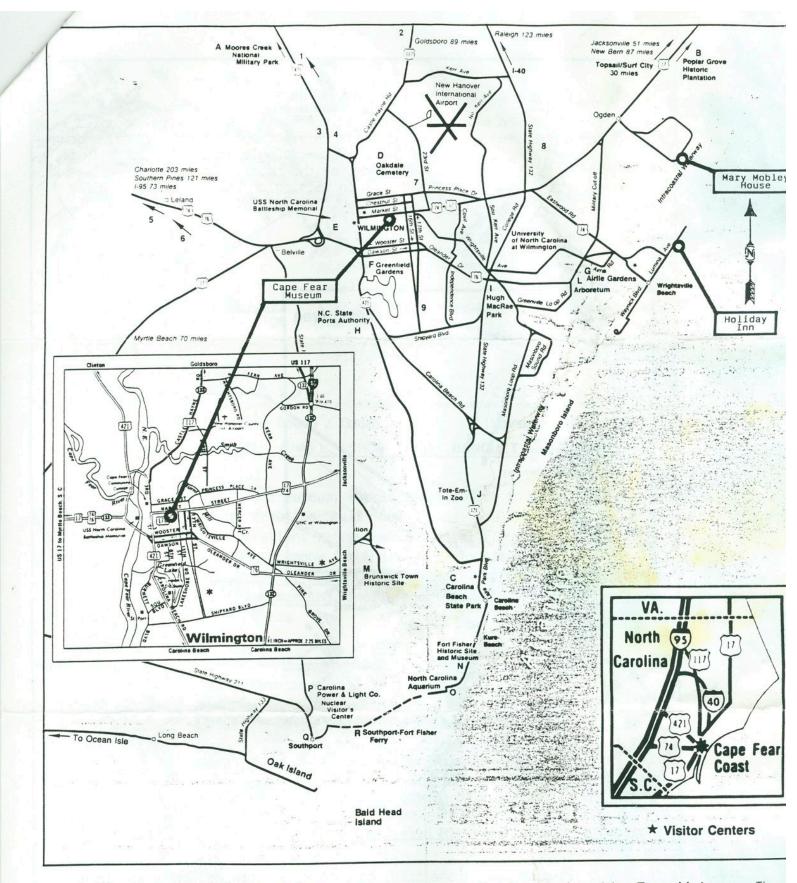
ONE-OF-A-KIND OFFERS = From the kid's shoebox collection.

Seriously, shell dealers mostly are collectors themselves and they work hard to obtain stocks to satisfy their clients. Those trips to Bora Bora, looking for "gems" in a Jacuzzi pool at a Phuket resort, and other boring activities are really done to help us!



LATE NEWS: Cancer patient Bob Krummel must sell collection. Excellent catalogued junonias, helmets, hairy tritons, murex, etc. 500+ NC & Fla. 200 San Diego. (919) 270-3435 or 333 Sandpiper Ln., Hampstead. NC 28443.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT

- Our NC Shell Club now has a T-shirt designed by **Everett Long.** They cost \$13 or two for \$25 and will be available at the Shell Show at the Cape Fear Museum during the show hours.
- Charlotte Johnson, who became a life member with Ruth Dixon last year came to our September meeting. She hopes to move to Virginia soon. Good to see you, Charlotte!

