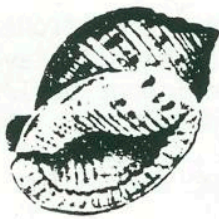
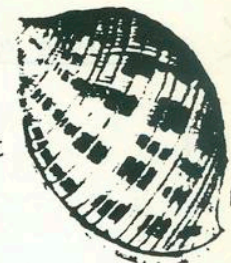


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===== WELCOME TO 1994 - SHELL CLUB'S 38th YEAR =====

Ocean Isle NC

SPRING MEETING

March 18th/19th 1994

Meeting place: Museum of Coastal Carolina. After crossing the bridge to Ocean Isle, turn left at the Museum sign; the Museum is a block down on the left.

Friday, 18 March 1994

7:30pm Registration; refreshments; socializing; bulletin board; etc

8:00pm "Mostly for Beginners" with John Timmerman on preparing labels for shell shows
"Invasion of Exotic Species" by Dr Jonathan Geller, Asst Professor in Marine Biology, University of North Carolina at Wilmington

Award for the best February photograph (see the field trip announcement)

Door prizes

Saturday, 19 March 1994

low tide about 7:00am

7:30pm Registration; refreshments; socializing; submitting "Find-Of-The-Day" entries; &c

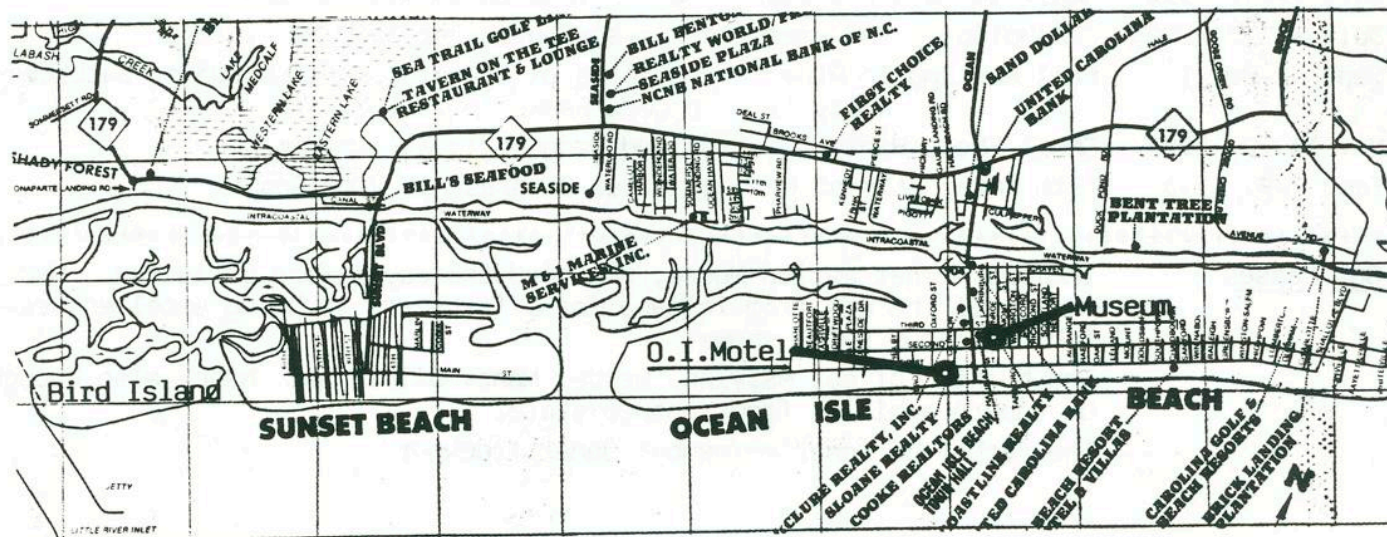
8:00pm "Mostly for Beginners" with Althea Murcko

"Welcome to Belize" with Gail Miller of the Fort Fisher Aquarium

Business Meeting

Award for "Find-Of-The-Day"

Door prizes



A Few Places to Stay (all rates **exclude** NC State and local taxes; all telephone #s, except "800" numbers, are Area Code 1-910)

X Ocean Isle Motel, 350 W First St, Ocean Isle Beach 28469; tel 1-800/352-5988; oceanfront; private balconies; refrigerators; 50 rooms in five 2-story bldgs; elevator in office bldg w/cov walkways to other bldgs; heated indoor pool/hot tub; continental breakfast included; some credit cards; this is the **headquarters motel** for the meeting and they have offered us a special rate of \$40 per night, if you say that you are with the NC Shell Club when you make your reservation; short walk to the Museum

Cooke's Motel, #1 Causeway, Ocean Isle 28469; tel 1-800/622-3224 or 579-9001; 3 stories w/37 rooms incl 5 on ground floor level; \$35 per night double occupancy, \$5 each extra person

Gray Gull Motel, Route 1, Box 512, Holden Beach 28462; 1-910/842-6775; \$30 for one double bed, \$40 for two double beds; 16 rooms and one efficiency; credit cards

Twilight Motel, PO Drawer 1946, Shallotte 28459; tel 754-6801; in town; 26 rooms; \$30 for one double bed and \$40 for two double beds; some credit cards

Program Notes

Friday evening Dr Geller is in his first year at UNCW, having come there from Stanford University. His research is in ecology and genetics of marine invertebrates. And, come early either evening to enjoy/admire the Museum.

Saturday daytime There are no special trips planned and you would have to be out early to catch the low tide at about 7:00am. But, the shelling could be very good in March and three places are recommended . . . the east end of Ocean Isle, the east end of Holden Beach, and Bird Island. The last-named is intriguing in that it is completely undeveloped although private property; as previously reported, the owner is trying to sell the island to the State for its preservation as a bird refuge. There is presently no objection to shellers and the like if you provide your own means for getting there . . . a bridge/causeway from Sunset Beach over Mad Inlet to the island burned many years ago. There are documentaries observing that one can wade across Mad Inlet at low tide but, before you try this mode of transportation, check with a "local". Good luck !

Saturday evening Gail Miller, who has spoken to us before, is a native of Belize who continues to make and lead trips there.

Avoid Regret, Folly, Disgrace and Nincompoopery ! Catch these

May 14, 1994 **Scallop Piles Trip** to Merrimon (north of Beaufort)

June 10-11, 1994 **Summer Meeting** in Raleigh (more details later as plans firm up)

July 9-14, 1994 American Malacological Union Convention in Houston TX

July 17-23, 1994 Conchologists of American Convention in Corpus Christi TX

Sept 30-Oct 1 **Fall Meeting** in Pine Knoll Shores or Emerald Isle, including Saturday ferry trip to Core Banks

Nov 18-20, 1994 **Shell Show, Winter Meeting and Banquet** in Wilmington NC

Sept 3-9, 1995 12th International Malacological Congress in Vigo Spain

Our Losses

Indiana member **Marion Magee**, who died the day before Christmas. She drove all the way from Indiana for a few years to bring excellent exhibits to our shell shows.

The husband of our Maryland member **Nancy Gilfillan**. Nancy also brought us superb exhibits from another state.

The father of longtime member **Janet Truckner**.

Glory, Glory, Gloriamaris !

First Notice: A prize shell, Conus gloria-
maris, has sprung from the sea, has done a
double somersault in the pike position with
a one-and-a-half twist, and has made a
clean entry into our waiting hands.

Donated by one of our members, it will be
used to raise money for our next shell show.
Chances will be sold at \$5 thruout the year
with the shell awarded to a winner of a
drawing at the November banquet.

The shell lacks an operculum and has a minor
repaired flaw but has all the data and is
101mm long. If you're not bilingual, that's
about four inches.

The Glory-of-the-seas cone will be on dis-
play at our meetings, and we expect to have
a photo of it in our next newsletter. We
think that you will find it magnificent !

From the President's Pad

The November weekend surpassed our very high
expectations. The hero was the Shell Show
Chairman, **John Timmerman**, who performed a
difficult task superbly and led us success-
fully to a new location and new dates for
the show. The Wilmington Cape Fear Museum
has already invited us back for next year.

The quieter and more scientific atmosphere
of the Museum won universal approval from
exhibitors and club members. **Carl Truckner**
took slides of the show and photographs of
the weekend, a lot of which are in this
newsletter.

Betsy Roberts, Lillian Roberts and Janet
Durand faithfully womanned the club's table.
Mary Mobley, Charlotte Dexter and Emily
Ezzell created a tasty and relaxing break-
fast/brunch. Our thanks go to all the peop-
le named above, to the exhibitors and to
others who made the weekend so special.

The new officers and member-at-large are
named in the newsletter heading. They may
be a little dim-witted for taking the jobs,
but they are a courageous/dauntless crew.

Address List Changes

Add: Carol Baxley, 2544 E Forest Dr, Newport NC 28570; tel 1-919/223-3096

Change: David Tanner to PO Box 16382, Greensboro NC 27416; tel 1-910/279-5188

Change: Sara Mitchener to Jim & Sally Mitchener

Change: Frank & Betty Peterson's address to 835 Bill Sutton Road

Change: Shirley Schoelkopf's telephone number to 1-919/928-4662

Delete: the Bergmans

Delete: Marion Magee



says the residents are "like my sons".

Ruth is a Durham native, graduating from Durham High School. She attended Catawba College in Salisbury, NC. She has been widowed for many years. She has two sons and two "wonderful" granddaughters.

Ruth is an avid shell collector. Her collection includes shells from all over the world. This hobby has taken her snorkeling off both coasts of the United States, Pacific Islands of Guam, The Philippines, Palau, Costa Rica, Grenada, Puerto Penasco, Mexico, Belize, Bahamas, Adriatic Sea at Grado, Italy, Cosumel, Alaska, Egypt, and the Red Sea. Other hobbies include mountain climbing with her son in the North Carolina and Virginia mountains. She is a wild flower enthusiast and amateur photographer. She enjoys travel, having recently returned from a cruise with the NC Zoological Society to Alaska.

Ruth is very active in her church and teaches an adult Sunday School class.

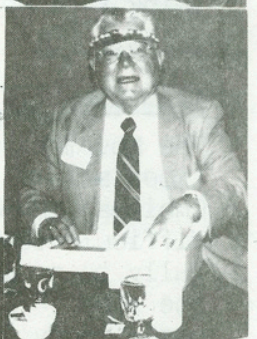
Perhaps the most amazing thing about Ruth is that she is 79 years old, in perfect health, and has no immediate plans for retirement. When asked what she might like to do when she does retire, Ruth said she would like to serve her church in a missionary capacity.

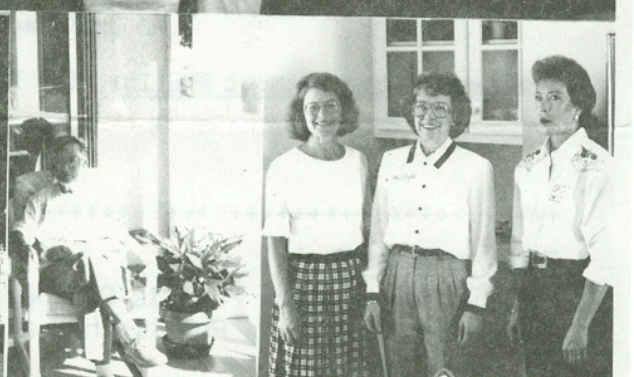
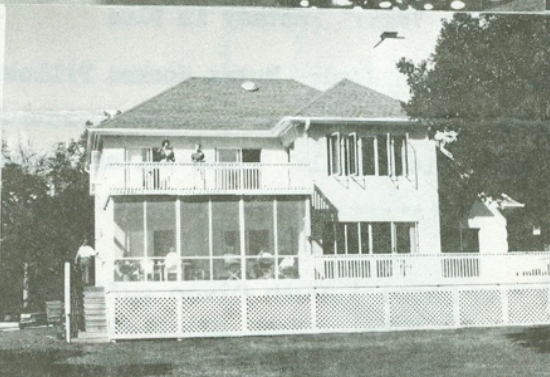
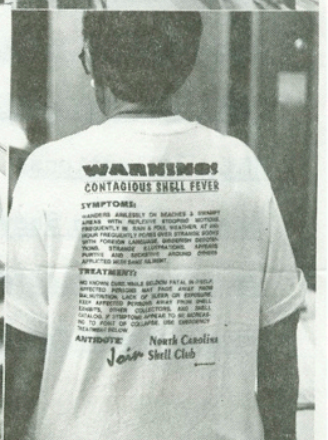
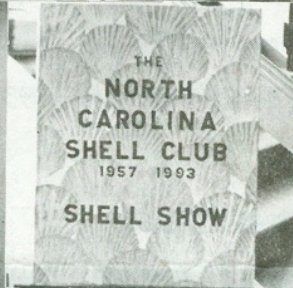
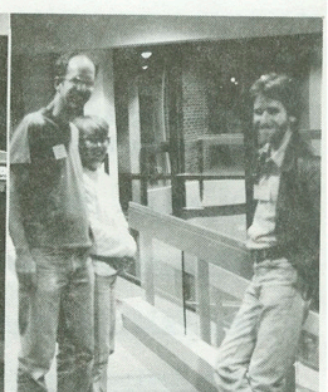
(from "The Communicator" of the Duke Medical Center)

We are grateful for the contributions of those leaving office, specially retiring President **Dorothy Weber**, whose warmth and informality made the last two years such a delight !

Now, what will the new year bring ??? Will Thomasina's ninth marriage end like the others ? Will Monte's arrest for forgery result in a conviction ? How will Candace's affair with Stoney affect Glenn, Melissa and Blanche ? Is Mervin's amnesia the real reason for the bigamy charges ? Will Irma's long-lost twin sister, Allison, break up her plans for Zack ? Is Antonio involved in the kidnapping and bombing ?

Keep tuning in, and come to the next meeting in case new developments are revealed.





SHELL SHOW 1993

Following are the categories and winners of this year's show held at the Cape Fear Museum in Wilmington, N.C.

COA Award: Mark Johnson: Self-Collected Shells of the S.E. United States

DuPont Award: Dean and Dottie Weber: Where Shells Live

Best Self-Collected Exhibit: Mark Johnson

Best Novice Exhibit: Mark Johnson

Worldwide Self-Collected: 1st Place: Dean and Dottie Weber

Best N.C. Collection: Vicky Wall: The Great Storm of 1993

N.C. Collections: 1st Place: Vicky Wall

Best Shell in Show: John Downing: Cypraea valentia

Best Self-Collected Shell in Show: Virginia Loester: Volutarius typus (fossil)

Single Shell Category: 1st Place: Kathy Kakos: Urosalpinx stimpsoni (fossil)

2nd Place: Louise Mason: Cancellaria triganostoma betsi (fossil)

3rd Place: Karlynn Morgan: Conus geographus

Regional Self-Collected: 1st Place: Payne Daniel: Shells from Eleuthera

Sealife: 1st Place: Lillian Roberts: Seastars

Scallop Dump Shells: 1st Place: Janet Durand: Junonias

Specialized Collection: 1st Place: Ann Buddenhagen: Busycon contrarium growth series

2nd Place: Ruth Hood: Busycon carica (left and right specimens)

Best of Arts and Crafts: Ruth Hood: Murex Hooked Pillow

Arts and Crafts with Shells: 1st Place: Adelene Broadnax: The Haunted Circle

2nd Place: Millie Pensmith: Christmas in Pink

3rd Place: Fran Vogt: Fantasy in Blue

Arts and Crafts without Shells: 1st Place: Ruth Hood: Murex Hooked Pillow

2nd Place: Roberta Tyler: Limpets Painting

3rd Place: Vicky Wall: Cross-stitch Banded Tulip

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Did You Know That

We have new members Phyllis Geringer and Carol Baxley in Newport ? Phyllis has a special interest in crafts.

Herman Lindsey was operated on in October in connection with a brown recluse spider bite received eleven months earlier ?!

Betsy and Lillian Roberts will be wrangling drinks at each of our meetings ?

Food for the March meeting will be prepared and donated by the local club, The Beachcombers ?

Mark Johnson has just completed a shelling trip to the Florida Keys ?

Ruth Dixon suffered a broken leg and other injuries caused by a "friendly" neighborhood dog ? For about 3 months she will be at the Hillcrest Convalescent Center, Room 301, 1417 W Pettigrew, Durham NC 27705; tel 1-919/286-7705.

Karlynn Morgan is leading a trip to Eleuthera on May 19-26 and two trips to Egypt and the Red Sea July 3-15 and Sept 6-18 ? She operates as Shell Quest.

Mike Tove of Raleigh is contemplating a trip to the Philippines in December ? More in the next newsletter.