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***** WELCOME TO THE SHELL CLUB'S 40TH YEAR *****

MEETING DATES: June 7-8, 1996

LOCATION: Raleigh, NC

MEETING PLACE: North Carolina Museum of Natural History
Wilmington & Jones (Parking entrance on Jones St.)

SCHEDULE: Friday, June 7th.

7:00 pm Registration at 7:00 pm

8:00 pm: Mostly for beginners: ???

8:15 pm: Ann Buddenhagen will speak on "Underwater Photography by amateurs in the Bahamas". Ann has just returned from a trip to Eleuthra and has new pictures to share with us.

Saturday June 8, Luncheon at Holiday Inn Downtown
 (See information below)

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7:00 pm: Registration at 7:00 pm

7:30 pm: Social Time, Find of the day judging.

8:00 pm: Business Meeting

8:15 pm: Vicky Wall will be our speaker. The topic is "1995 North Carolina Shell Show - a retrospective".

Saturday June 8th: There will be a luncheon at the Holiday Inn downtown, 20th floor, (State Capital 320 Hillsborough St.) If you plan to attend, you may let Peggy Privette know at the Friday night meeting. If you will not be at that meeting but wish to attend the luncheon, call or send a postcard.

Bob Wright, a member of the Scotch Bonnet Shell Club will be the speaker.

You will have your choice of: Charleston Chicken Salad.....\$6.95
Santa Fe Chicken Salad.....\$6.95
Turkey & Swiss Croissant.....\$6.25
Traditional Reuben.....\$6.25

All salads are served in a crisp flour tortilla with warm bread and butter. All sandwiches are accompanied by your choice of Beef Vegetable soup or French Fries. A 15% Service Charge will be added to all checks.

Peggy Privette
5313 Dean Ave.
Raleigh, NC 27604
91-872-1076

There are a lot of things to see and do in Raleigh, so come along and enjoy this fine City.

SOME PLACES TO STAY

Ramada Inn Crabtree (Intersection
of I-440 & Hwy 70 West)
919-782-7525 or 800-441-4712

\$53.00 - \$68.00 Per night
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Holiday Inn Crabtree
4100 Glenwood Ave.
919-782-8600

\$59.00 - \$79.00 (\$6.00 extra per
person)
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Days Inn - North
2805 Highwoods Blvd.
919-852-3700

\$49.99 - \$59.99 (\$6.00 extra per
person)

Continental Breakfast

Courtyard by Marriott-North Raleigh
1041 Wake Town Drive
919-821-3400

\$48.60 - \$77.00 per night
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Holiday Inn (State Capital)
320 Hillsborough St.
919-832-0501

\$68.00 - \$99.00 (\$6.00 extra per
person)
Full Breakfast
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There are lots of Motels to choose
from in the Raleigh Area. Most of
the ones chosen are around the
perimeter of the Beltline. This
should give easy access to the
downtown meeting place

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings. looking forward to our meeting in Raleigh and hope to see many of you there.

If you didn't join us, for any of the spring shell trips, you missed some good times..and good shelling. You can read about most in this bulletin. Thanks to those who did join us and to those who planned them. I was glad to be able to attend one night of the April meeting at Ft. Caswell with a friend. It was good to see Bert Cherry out again after his illness. Hope you enjoyed this new meeting place.

Thanks for all the cards, phone calls, visits, kind deeds and thoughtfulness during my recent stay in the hospital and current recuperation period. It's nice to have friends.

Happy Shelling,

Betty Muirhead



The next meeting will be in Emerald Isle , NC. Please plan to attend. Start thinking about donations for the auction as it is our major fundraiser for the year.

MEETING DATES:

10/11 - 10/12 Emerald Isle (AUCTION)

11/14 - 11/17 Wilmington (SHELL SHOW) Please note this has been changed due to conflict of schedule at the museum.

COA CONVENTION: July 15 - 19, 1996

St. Petersburg Florida, Trade Winds Resort, 1-800-808-9832.

At the Shell Show banquet last year, Cary Suter of Richmond, VA, won the Conus gloria-maris, Glory-of-the-seas cone in our raffle. He was recently contacted again, and very graciously asked that the shell be raffled off again. I'm sure that everyone in this club joins me in saying "Thank You" to the Suters for this most generous gesture. It's getting to be a habit with this shell! You may recall that Mark Johnson of Wilmington won the shell at the 1994 banquet and asked that it be returned to the club to be raffled off again. So far, the shell has made \$405.00 for our Treasury. Many thanks to both Mark and Cary.

Janet Durand, Treasurer

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

We are saddened by the death of member Neal Schey.
Most know that our president Betty Muirhead is recuperating from a sudden illness. We all hope for a speedy return to good health for Betty.

Remember to save pictures of field trips, meetings, etc. for Betsy Roberts. For those of you looking for someone who will make shell cases, you can contact *Tim Blades*. He is a former member who has returned to the Wilmington area and hopefully will be joining again.

Contact: Tim Blades
1076 Grissom Rd.
Wilmington, NC 28409
(910) 792-1248

We had a request for advertising in our newsletter from Pelagic Environmental services, North Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. (604) 987-4757. They specialize in shell collecting trips. 1996 rates \$250.00 per day. They recommend a trip of 4 days and 3 nights.



If you have any news about our members, please notify:

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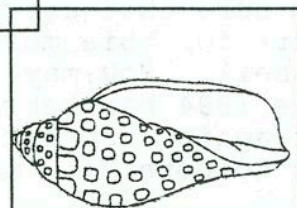
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From Doreen Prugel.....

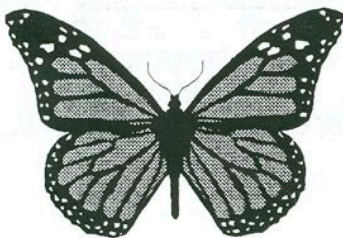
Trip to South Carolina Beaches
February 7-10

Nine adventurers started out, but we ended up with seven shellers, except for the Bull Island trip where we were joined by many day-trippers.

Thursday...it was early rising for the trip to Edisto Beach, from here a small boat ferried us across to Otter Island. *Sand Dollars* were plentiful at low tide. *False Angel Wings* and *mussels* were also plentiful. Shelling at Edisto Island that afternoon brought some nice wentletraps, both *angulate* & *multi striatum*. The weather was beautiful..a fantastic day!

Friday...on to Hunting Beach State Park. Several climbed to the top of the lighthouse. Dean found a couple of special shells - *Melanella Jamaicaen* & *Creteocina candii*. Prizes were given by Dean for finds of the day, yours truly won two, *Epitonium rupicola* & *Turbanilla Rice Olive*.

Saturday , another beautiful shelling day, slightly wet mucky landing, but good shelling as usual. ALL in ALL a very satisfying trip.



I heard the trip to Cape Lookout Coast Guard Station yielded the best shelling of all. Maybe next newsletter we will have a report for you.

From Betty Muirhead.....

Trip to Cumberland Island
February 17

There were seven members of our club: Carol Jones, Ann Dodge, Marguarite Thomas, Valerie Blanchard, Teresa Klein, Gail Moore, and myself plus 12 members from The Palmetto Club in South Carolina (we joined them) on the trip to Cumberland Island.

There were few shells to be found, there were some sand dollars. It was a bitter cold windy day. The Island was beautiful though. We spent the evening shopping at WalMart. I'd like to go again when the weather was nicer.



Vicky Wall was the winner of the quiz Doug Wolfe gave at the April meeting. Congratulations Vicky!

Most of us got an F or F-. He did not make it easy. Do we have a lot to learn?

These are excerpts of an article that appeared in THE SHELBY STAR, March 27, 1996

Native shell collector shares collection with local museum.

Collecting seashells has been an avid hobby of Rutherfordton native Ruth Hood. She's a retired nurse who loves nothing better than grabbing a tin bucket and heading to the nearest beach.

Ruth and husband Bill have lived many places, including the Marshall Islands where Bill worked at a missile site, giving her the opportunity to collect shells from many tropical shores. They recently returned to Rutherfordton, purchasing a home just three blocks from the hospital where she trained as a nurse and graduated in 1948.

Recently, Ruth gave her collection of priceless seashells to the Rutherford County Museum, located at 2 Main Street in Forest City. The exhibit includes hundreds of species from beaches in North Carolina, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina as well as some from the Marshall Islands. "I really am glad I could give something back to the Place where I grew up" Ruth told the reporter while working on the exhibit.

"This is truly a nice and educational addition to the museum that will indeed benefit all museum goers in the area," said Matthew McEnnery, museum director. "We are lucky to get this collection."

Ruth continues to collect shells at her home in Sunset Beach and has also donated shells to the Ocean Isle Museum at the coast. She is a member of the South Brunswick Island Shell Club and a member of the North Carolina Shell Club, a group that numbers near 300 members from across the state. She has shown her collection in Florida at the Sanibel Island Shell Fair near Fort Myers.

"We shell lovers enjoy our hobby and collecting so much because it is a way of getting close to the natural beauty of the earth." Ruth Hood said.

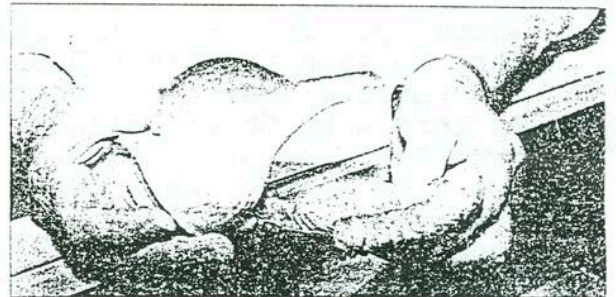
¹Editor notes.

¹ Not only did Ruth donate the shells, she labeled them (with a little computer help from your editor), and helped to set up the display. This is a fine example of turning your hobby into an educational experience and then sharing it with the community. Ruth also was very involved in helping to set up the collection of North Carolina shells in the Ocean Isle Museum. She still volunteers her time there when she is able. I'm sure Ruth is appreciated in Rutherfordton as much as we appreciate her here.

Ruth Hood (right) has given hundreds of her 20-year shell collection to the Rutherford County Museum. Hood shows a channelled whelk shell (below), native to the East Coast, and a whelk egg case, where mollusk shells lay eggs and swim out into the ocean.



Star photo by Judi Auer

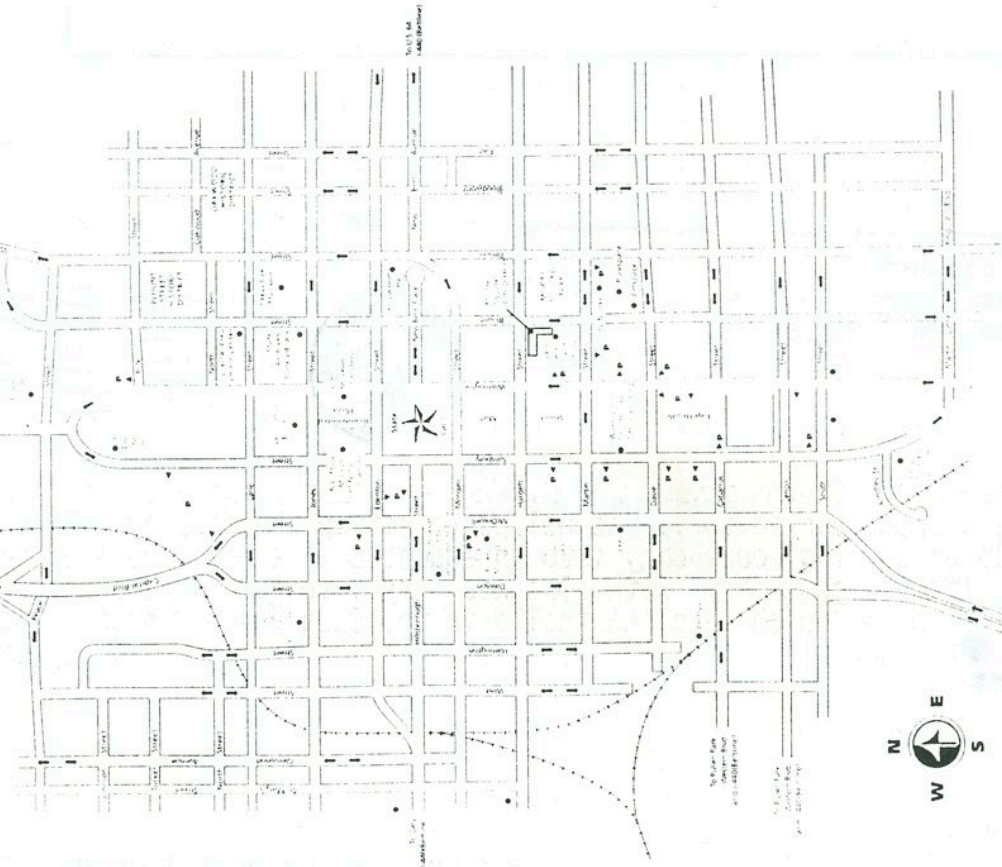


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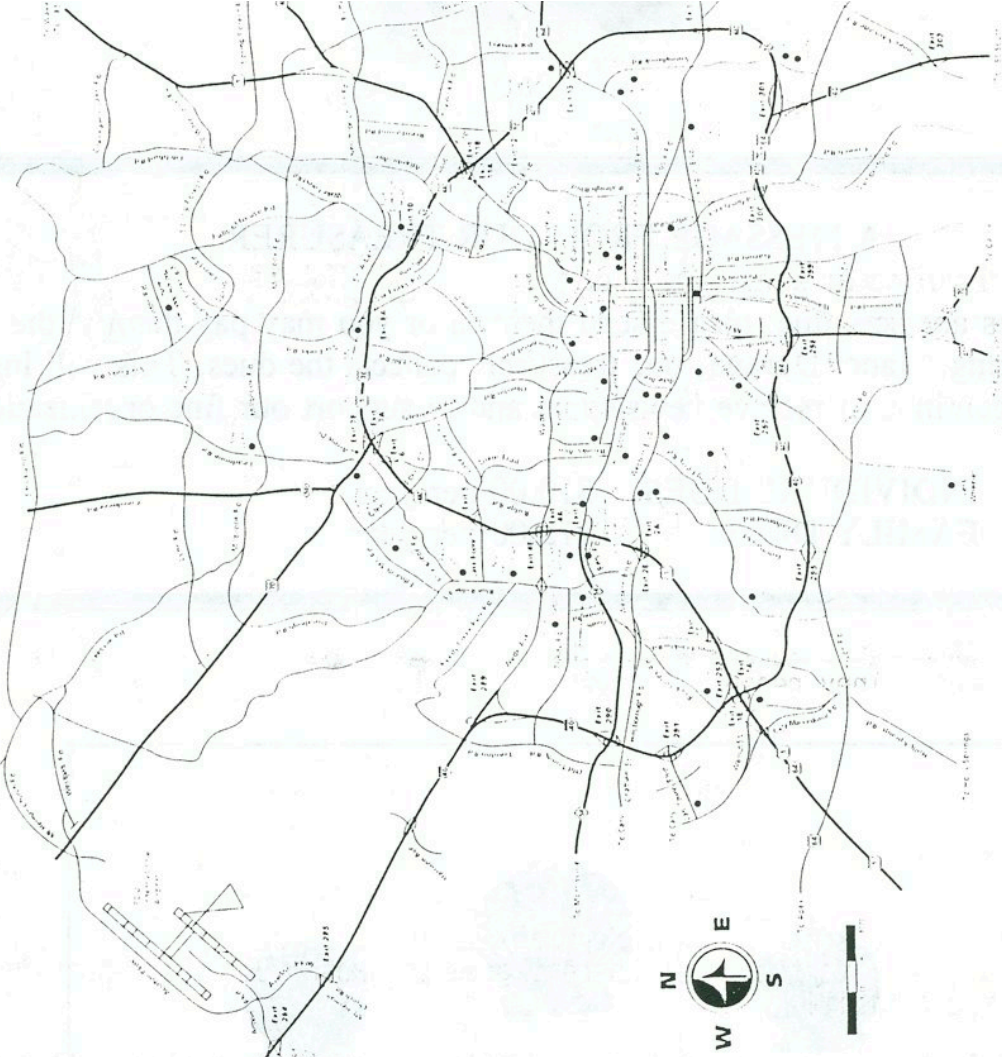
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Map of Downtown Raleigh, North Carolina. The map shows the downtown area with street names and landmarks. A compass rose is located in the upper right corner of the map area.

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Downtown Raleigh



Map of the Greater Raleigh area. The map shows the Capital Area Visitor Center and the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. A compass rose is located in the upper right corner of the map area.

SHOPPING CENTERS

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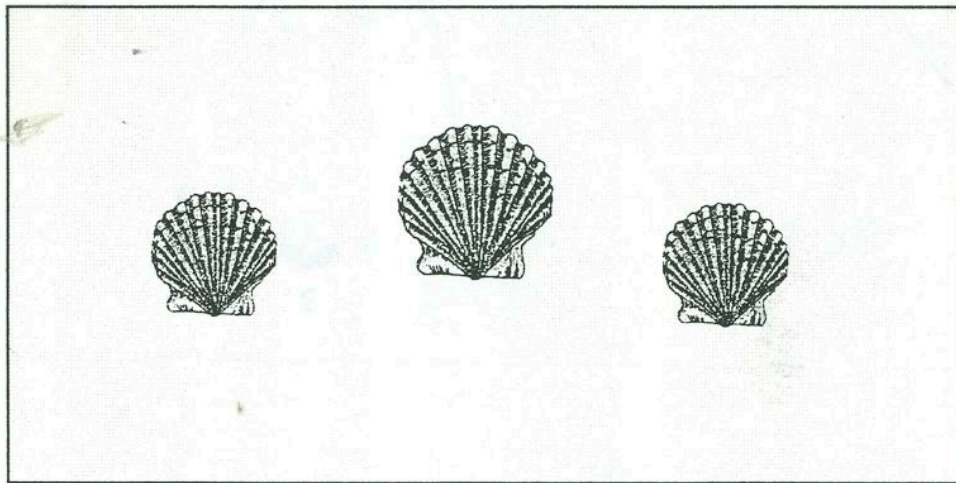
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A MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER:

1996 Dues are now due, please send them in or you may pay them at the next meeting. Janet Durand, our treasurer, collects the dues. This will insure that you continue to receive newsletters and to support our fine organization.

INDIVIDUAL DUES: \$10.00 per year

FAMILY DUES: \$12.00 per year



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