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

MEETING DATES: October 11-12, 1996

LOCATION: Emerald Isle, NC

MEETING PLACE: Emerald Isle Town Hall Highway 58

SCHEDULE: Friday, October 11 AUCTION...AUCTION....Auction

7:00 pm: Registration

7:30 - 8:00 pm: Silent Auction Bids.

8:15 pm: AUCTION BEGINS

Saturday October 12 at Emerald Isle Recreation Center

7:00 pm: Registration

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

8:00 pm: Mostly for beginners...Valerie Blanchard will speak on Scallops.

8:15 pm: The topic will be "Shelling, etcetera, in Alaska" by Doug Wolfe

**PLEASE BRING ITEMS FOR THE AUCTION AND SILENT AUCTION,
 THIS IS OUR ONE FUND RAISER OF THE YEAR.**

FIELD TRIP: Saturday, October 12 will be to Shackleford Banks.
The boat leaves Beaufort (Front Street across from
the Maritime Museum) starting at 9:00 am.
COST \$12.00

For Reservation: Send money to Kathy Kakos-see form.

SATURDAY NIGHT: *McCall's Bar-B-Que & Seafood Buffet* (next to
Parkerton Inn) has been suggested for dinner. Regular menu is
also available. Prices moderate.

PLACES TO STAY:

*Parkerton Inn ...Highway 58, Cape Carteret 1-800-393-9909
\$40.00-\$55.00 [Senior rates for over 60]

*Waterway Inn ...Swansboro
\$40.00 1 Queen Bed - \$50.00 2 Queen Beds

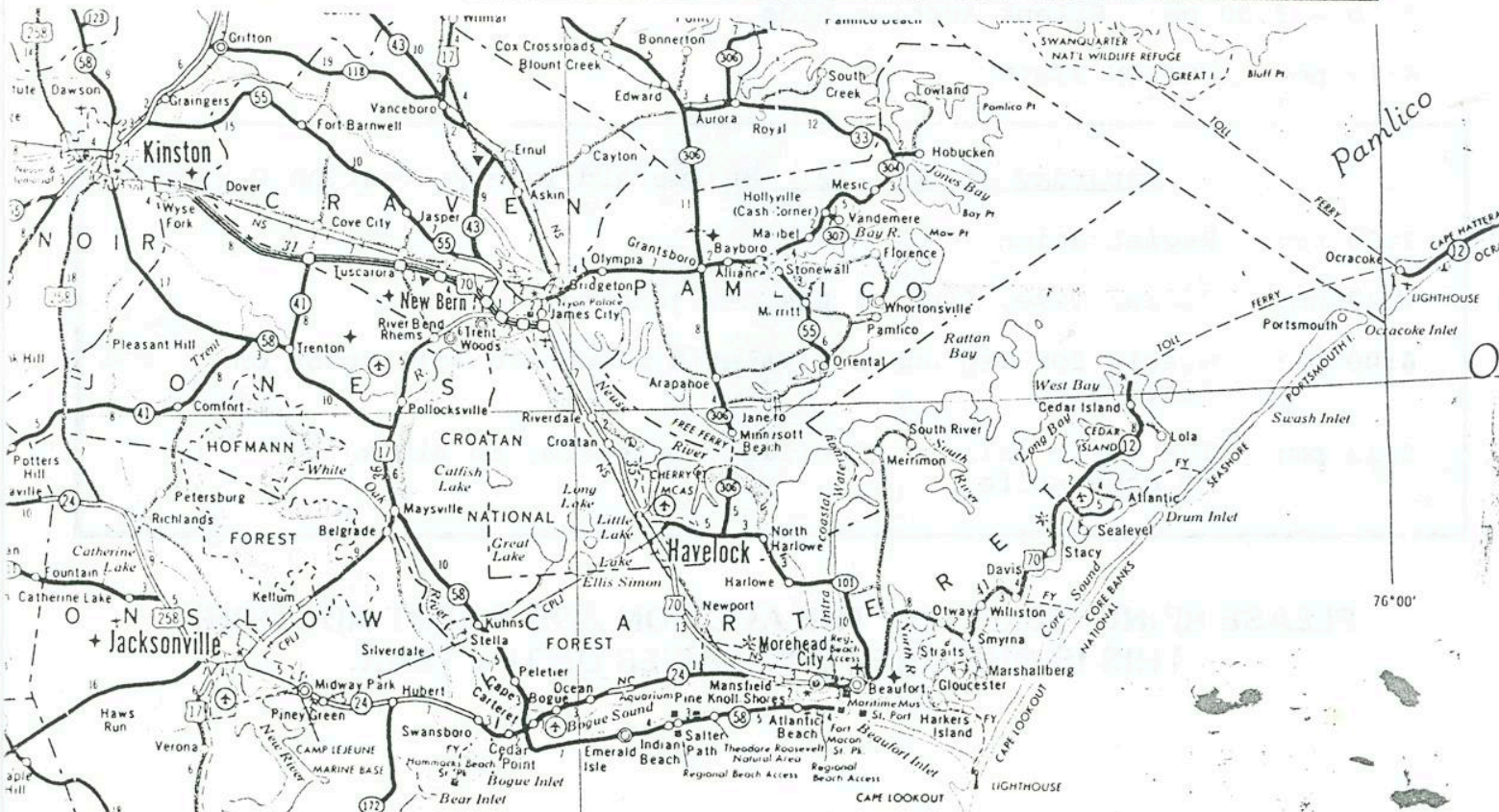
Islander...Emerald Isle
\$43.00

Ramada Inn...Pine Knoll Shores 800-338-1533
\$69.00 Ocean Front

Holiday Inn...Atlantic Beach 800-733-7888

Comfort Inn...Morehead City 800-221-2222

Budget Inn...Atlantic Beach 800-636-3780



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings. I hope that no one suffered great damage from "Bertha" or "Fran". Two major storms in one season is two too many!! If you know of any members who have been affected adversely by the storm, please let us know and maybe we can help in some way.

Now that the hot summer is about gone, it's time to do some serious shelling. Don't forget Friday is the auction. It should be a good meeting and we look forward to a great turnout at Emerald Isle. Hope you can join us.



Happy Shelling,

Betty Muirhead

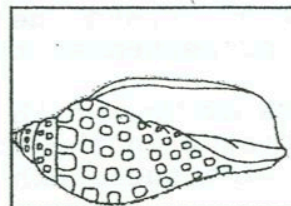
Betty Muirhead

MEETING DATES:

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

November 16, 1996...NORTH CAROLINA SHELL SHOW BANQUET
It will be at the Shell Island Resort/Hotel,
Wrightsville Beach. More about it in the next
newsletter.

A member of the "Down East" Cateret Co., Gillikin family called Janet Durand to see if anyone might be interested in her parents collection. They collected them from the N C and Florida coastline for many years. Both are now deceased and the family has no interest in the collection. IT IS NOT AN ORGANIZED COLLECTION...but may be interesting. (Lots of Scotch Bonnets and Junonia's were mentioned. If interested, call Janet and she will give you the phone number.



Junonia

WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE:

Vicky Wall...She was chosen "Teacher of the year" at her school. Keep up the good work Vicky, our youth need you.

Remember to save pictures of field trips, etc. for Betsy Roberts.

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

- or -

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Terry Morris
3308 Glen Henry Drive

The Grand Strand Shell Club has announced its first Shell Show, to be presented at the Inlet Square Mall on October 18-20, 1996.

Members of The North Carolina Shell Club have been invited to participate in the show. They will be displaying both local and world wide shell exhibits and other shell related entities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call or write...Bud Lanning, President
The Grand Strand Shell Club, 717 8th Avenue S., Surfside Beach,
SC 29575, (803)238-5242. *We hope the show is a great success.*

CAPE LOOKOUT "CAMPING" TRIP

by Theresa Klein

The weekend of March 29th through 31st of '96 will be one that we will never forget. I wouldn't say our accommodations were as good as the Marriott but those of us on this weekend will not mention the lack of power between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. as a negative factor of the weekend. We stayed in the old Coast Guard quarters on the island. The bedrooms were in one building and the kitchen was in a separate building. We used the kitchen as our meeting place. I have done quite a bit of back-packing so I was used to roughing it. I know that for some on this trip, it was their first adventure without conveniences such as hot rollers.

Dean Webber was in charge of getting our excursion together and a fine job he did. Our guide, from the North Carolina Maritime Museum, was Keith Rittmaster, along with Lynn and Chris. These three were most knowledgeable about the shells and wildlife of the area. They made the weekend lots of fun and an unforgettable experience.

We were met at the dock by our counselors and our transportation for most of the weekend, a tractor and a flatbed trailer. It was great having transportation on Cape Lookout so we could shell in different areas. I think we covered every part of the island that had any shells to offer. Sometimes we went out in the 4-wheel drive vehicle that had been donated to the museum and was used in Desert Storm.

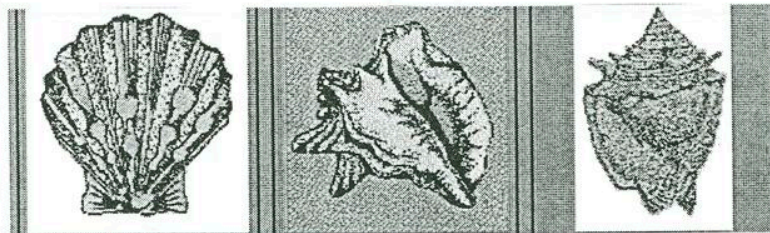
The shelling was great. We shelled on Cape Lookout and went by boat on Saturday to Shackleford Banks. Shackleford was very prolific with black lettered olives and most everybody got something special. I found a baby helmet that is a treasure.

The experiences of the weekend made the "roughing it" a great deal of fun. I know we had the light house as a "night-lite" for our room. Some of us took way too many clothes and in some rooms getting to sleep was an adventure with all the snoring. We also found out that some of us talk in our sleep. But it gave us something to joke about during our beach combing. Going to the bathroom at night was also quite tricky. We had to go down steep narrow stairs by flashlight since the generated and solar power was off between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.

The museum staff bought the food and we all helped prepare it and clean up afterwards. The food was great, especially the grilled fresh fish and shrimp on Saturday night. The programs at night about dolphins and whales and sea turtles were very enlightening and interesting. There was also a telescope set up so we could view the comet.

The "counselors" of our camp were up for anything. Lynn even took some of us out night shelling the first night. Even though this little excursion didn't prove very profitable (we quit because the wind was so strong and cold) we enjoyed the camaraderie.

We enjoyed our trip so much that we all signed up that very weekend to go back the Spring of 97. This was the first weekend of the season at the old Coast Guard quarters and the counselors didn't know quite what to expect from us. I think they thought we would go out shelling a couple of times and sleep and lie around a lot. They commented on what a great group we were and how they enjoyed watching us enjoy the island. We kept them hopping. It wasn't a slow weekend.



THERE IS STILL TIME TO TAKE A CHANCE ON THE GLORY-OF-THE SEA.

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## HOW IS THIS FOR LUCK!

From THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
Friday July 5, 1996

### MUSEUM SNARES SHARK TEETH

Raleigh, NC....The State Museum of Natural Sciences has acquired 25 beautifully preserved teeth from a 4-million-year-old precursor of the great white shark.

The teeth belonged to a *Charcharodon megalodon*, or "megatooth shark" the largest marine predator known in the fossil record. The prehistoric shark was 42 feet long, weighed several tons and had jaws that stretched 6 feet wide and 7 feet high.

The museum purchased the teeth for \$25,000 from Rebecca Hyne of Greenville, NC, an amateur fossil hunter. She had received higher offers from private collectors.

Hyne found the teeth at Aurora phosphate mine where the rich collection of marine fossils dates back 15 million years. Hyne was leading a group of fossil-seekers when she spied something brown and sharp poking out of a pile of rock and clay. The edge was so sharp she cut herself when she touched it.

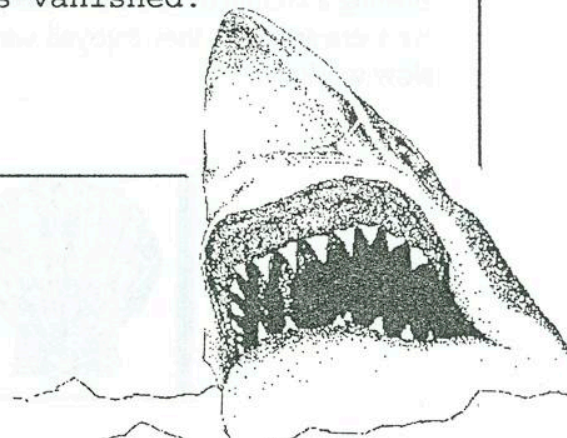
The set of teeth will provide researchers with a valuable tool for studying sharks.

"These are the best set of over-5-inch teeth that have ever been found," said Vince Schneider, curator of paleontology at the museum.

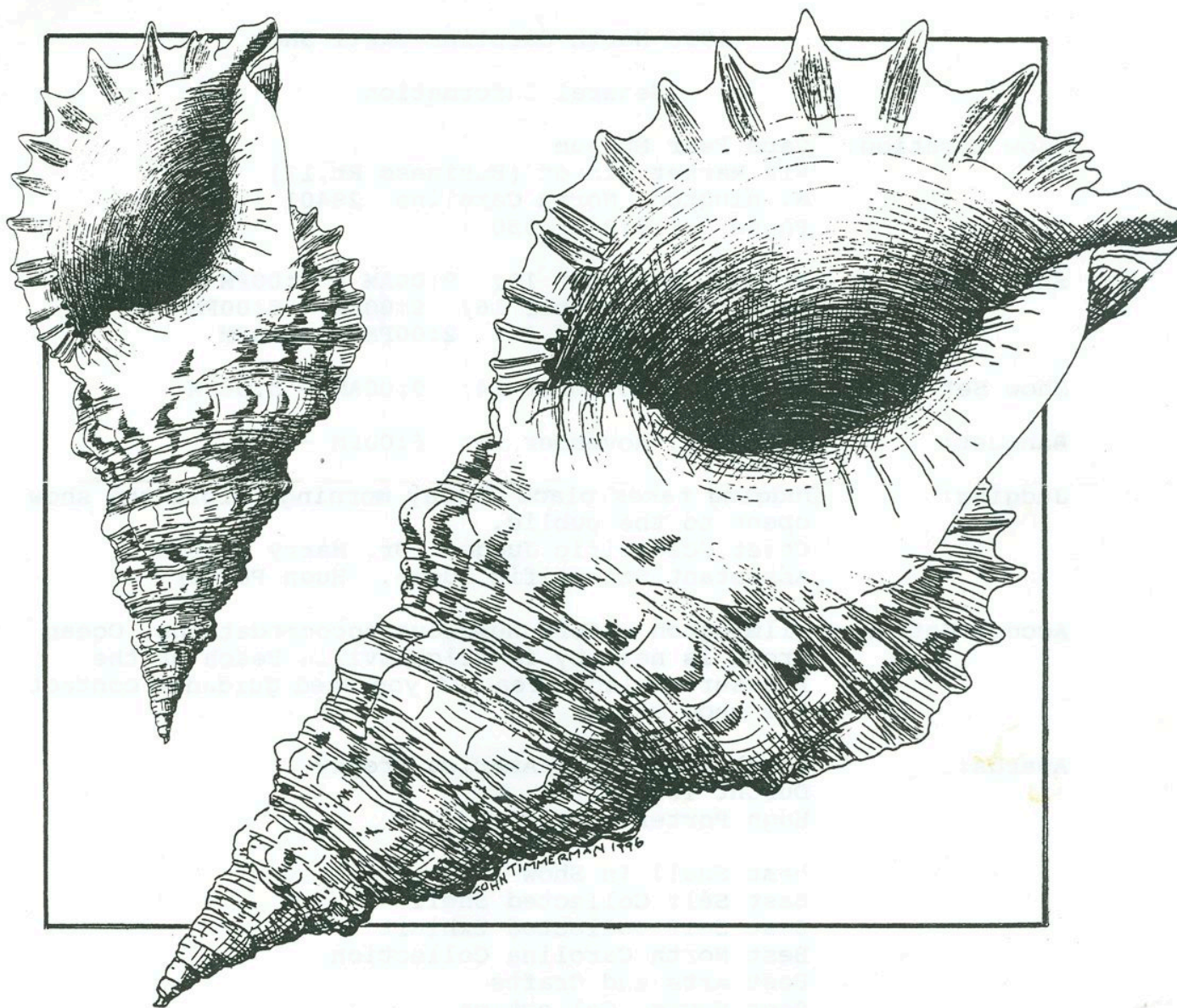
The teeth will go on display in the museum's new building due to open in 1999. The teeth will be reconstructed to form a jaw, and visitors will be able to punch a button and project the whole shark bearing down on them.

Finding such a set is rare and means the shark died, and was buried on the ocean floor instead of being scavenged. Sharks lose teeth continuously and so single teeth finds are much more common.

The *Charcharodon megalodon* hunted in the deep waters over Aurora, back when it was covered by the Atlantic Ocean. Its earliest ancestors swam in the primitive oceans 100 million years before the dinosaurs even appeared, and its descendants have persisted long after the great land reptiles vanished.







1996 NORTH CAROLINA SHELL SHOW

YEAR OF THE TRITON

November 15 - 17, 1996

Sponsored by the North Carolina Shell Club



## NORTH CAROLINA SHELL SHOW 1996

For all club members who have been or were looking for the prospectus I'm sorry it was so late this year. I rewrote major portions of it. The idea of rewriting it were daunting enough that it was easy to defer to other tasks such as cleaning up hurricane debris, working or drawing a seal skeleton for a publication to be released next year. None the less it should have been published by the time this hits print.

The weekend of the show is one week sooner than last year due to a scheduling conflict at Cape Fear Museum. They were not prepared to allow us to use the space for the entire weekend the following week.

This years feature shell is the Triton. It is an arbitrary decision on my part. Any member wishing to see a particular shell featured in the future may submit a written proposal for future consideration. Up to now I have selected shells that are well represented in my collection so I can write a good press release and guarantee them to be on display at the show.

Mark Johnson is been working very hard at lining up more shell dealers for this years show. He has one firm commitment a two others that have not said "no" so we are hopeful there will be more dealers at this years show than in recent years.

Mark as well as Ann Buddenhagen have been hard at work developing the new trophy the "Hugh Porter Award". This will be given to an exhibit that merits high recognition in exhibitry of shells from Western Atlantic provinces including the Boreal, Virginian, Carolinian and Caribbean. It will be an annual award on par with the COA or DuPont awards.

The Friday evening meeting of the shell club will take place at Cape Fear Museum. I have reserved the learning center/class room on the first floor of the museum for the program.

Mary Ann Adkins has arranged for the clubs annual banquet at Shell Island Resort/Hotel, the north end of Shell Island (Wrightsville Beach). It will be Saturday evening. (see enclosed information about that event).

Any person interested in entering the show give me a call or drop a line and I will send the complete prospectus to you.

John Timmerman  
206 Quail Ridge Rd.  
Wilmington NC 28409-2637

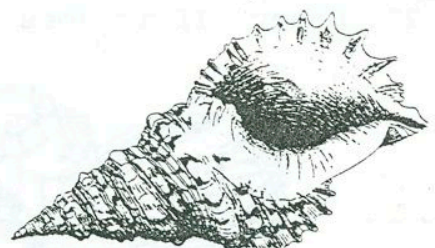
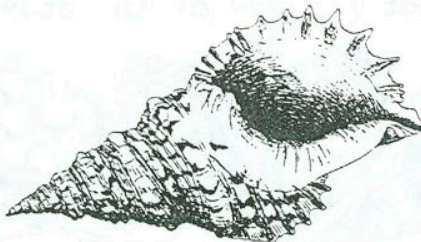
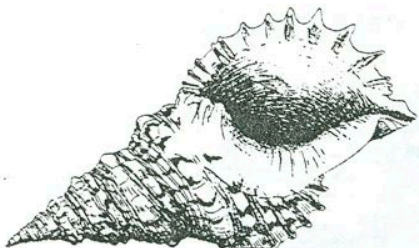
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## 1996 North Carolina Shell Show

### General Information

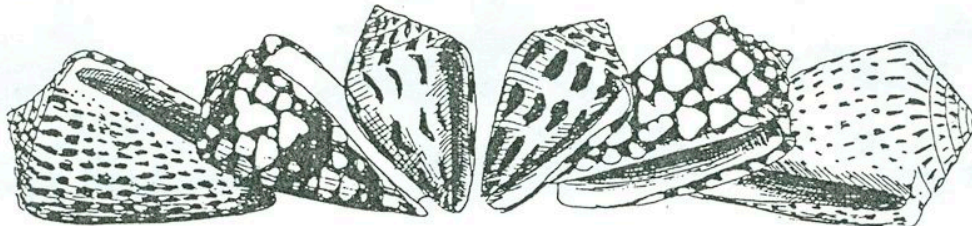
- Show Location: Cape Fear Museum  
814 Market Street (Business Rt.17)  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28401  
Phone (910)341-4350
- Show Hours: Friday, November 15; 9:00AM - 5:00PM  
Saturday, November 16; 9:00AM - 5:00PM  
Sunday, November 17; 2:00PM - 5:00PM
- Show Set Up: Thursday, November 14; 9:00AM - 5:00PM
- Banquet: Saturday, November 16; 6:00PM -
- Judging: Judging takes place Friday morning before the show opens to the public.  
Chief Scientific Judge, Dr. Harry G. Lee  
Assistant Scientific Judge, Hugh Porter
- Accommodations: Wilmington offers numerous accommodations. Ocean front is near by in Wrightsville Beach or the Pleasure Island area. If you need guidance contact the show chair.
- Awards: Conchologists of America Trophy  
DuPont Trophy  
Hugh Porter Award\*
- Best Shell In Show  
Best Self Collected Shell  
Best Self Collected Exhibit  
Best North Carolina Collection  
Best Arts and Crafts  
Best Novice Collection
- Eligibility: Any person who is a member of a shell club or organization or individual with related interests.
- Entry Deadline: October 31, 1996 (10-31-96)
- Chairman: John Timmerman  
206 Quail Ridge Road  
Wilmington, North Carolina 28409-2637  
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(910) 341-4350 day





## 1996 NORTH CAROLINA SHELL SHOW CATEGORIES

1. North Carolina Collection; All specimens must be self collected.  
Includes: Salt and Fresh water, Land, and Fossil Mollusks.
2. Regional Self - Collected. 100% self collected
3. Regional Collection. Any Source.
4. Worldwide Self Collected. 100% self collected.
5. World Wide Any Source.
6. Freshwater Collection. Any Source.
7. Land Snails. Any source.
8. Fossil Mollusks. Any source.
9. Specialized Collection. Freaks, Albinos, Growth Series, Variations, Color forms, etc.
10. A Single Shell. If self collected, note on label.
11. Family or Genus Collection. Super Family, Family or Genus.
12. Miniature Collection. Shells 20 millimeters length or less.
13. Educational Collection. Prime object is to teach.
14. Junior Collection. Entrants ages 15 years and below.
15. Novice Collection. Entrants who have never exhibited in a shell show.
16. Scallop Dump Shells. Scallop dump shells may only be entered in this category
17. Marine life exhibits. Specimens related to the sea such as coral, and crabs. Also includes non molluskan fossils.
18. Shell Photography. Photographs, slides, etc. Made only by the exhibitor.
19. Art and Craft using Actual Shells. Floral arrangements, mirrors, lamps, jewelry, pictures, Sailor's valentines, etc.
20. Art and Craft Depicting but not using Shells. Paintings, sculpture, fabric art, etc.
21. Other. If it does not fit any of the above categories.

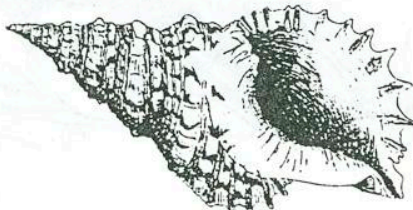




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## Rules and Regulations

1. A complete, signed application must be submitted for each entry.
2. Entries can be made in as many categories as desired. Content of each exhibit must be for that one entry only. For example: Category # 9. Specialized Collection, could not be considered as part of a Category 5. entry.
3. Contents of the exhibit must be property of the exhibitor and may not be for sale during the show.
4. Any exhibit which has won first place in another North Carolina Shell show must be reworked at least 50%, ie. new/or additional labeling and specimens.
5. The name of the exhibitor must not show on any part of the exhibit until after judging is complete. The club will supply name cards for each exhibit after judging.
6. Awards and trophies will be given only if Judges deem exhibits worthy of receiving them. Judges decisions are final.
7. Exhibits may be as large as the entrant wants. Width is limited to 30 inches. Electricity is available. Backs of posters, maps, easels, etc should be well finished so as not to be unsightly to exhibits on other side of the isle. All such apparatus must be free standing.
8. Exhibits must be contained in some sort of covered box or case. This is for the safety of the collections. Very large shells may be displayed uncovered.
9. Exhibits must remain in place for the duration of the show. Early removal may cause loss of eligibility for future shows.
10. Failure to bring an entry to the show may result in charge for table space and loss of future eligibility for the show.
11. No advertising or selling of merchandise will be allowed in or around the show other than dealers who have filed a complete application.
12. Content of the arts and crafts exhibits must be the sole creation of the entrant, excluding support apparatus such as cases, pedestals, frames, easels, etc.
13. All judges decisions are final. Exhibitors may discuss their display(s) with the judges after awards are given. They are asked to confine discussion to their own display.
14. Suggestions or complaints concerning the show must be directed to the North Carolina Shell Club, Board of Directors. People doing so to any other party risk expulsion from the show.





notes: NORTH CAROLINA SHELL SHOW 1996

The following features of entries will figure strongly to the judges.

1. Arrangement, attractiveness and originality
2. Accuracy of labeling and scientific facts.
3. Quality and choice of Specimens.

The "Best Shell In The Show" and "Best Self-Collected Shell In The Show" awards can be awarded to any shell, in any exhibit category in the show. They are an exception to rule # 2. Winners do not necessarily have to be entered in the single shell category. If the entrant wishes a self collected shell be considered for the latter of the two awards, be sure to make it clear on the label that it is self collected if the category it is entered in is not a "self collected" one.

The "Best Arts and Crafts" Trophy may be awarded to any one entry from categories 18, 19 or 20.

"Scallop Dump Shells" is a category because some truly beautiful shells are found in these sources but locality is sketchy, at best, thus not in keeping with a mission of the show to promote thorough scientific documentation.

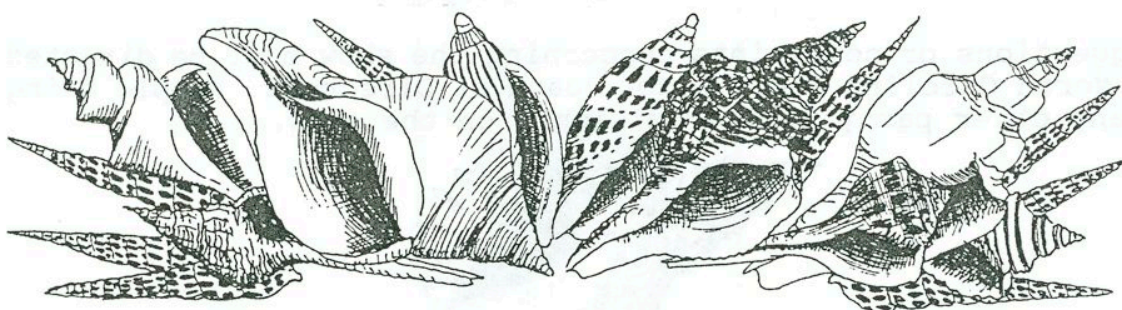
Set up will take place during regular Cape Fear Museum hours. The museum has a loading dock, rolling carts and a freight elevator for large loads. A passenger elevator is also available for carrying exhibits to the second floor exhibit area. Though the museum has an admission charge, exhibitors and visitors seeing the show only, will not be charged to enter.

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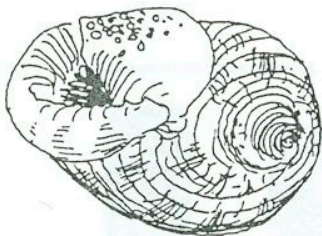
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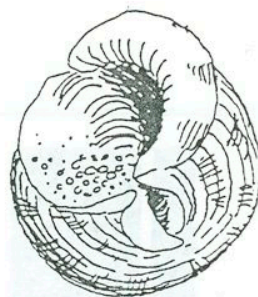
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\* Hugh Porter Award

The North Carolina Shell Club is proud to announce the creation of a new award in honor long time member and professional, Hugh Porter. Hugh Porter, a retired faculty member of the University of North Carolina Institute of Marine Sciences has worked for the University for 41 years. He authored Sea Shells of North Carolina (soon to be released in a new updated and expanded volume).

North Carolina Shell Show categories qualifying for this award include #1, North Carolina Collection, #2, Regional Self Collected, #3, Regional Any Source Collection, #9, Specialized Collection, #11, Family or Genus Collection, #12, Miniature Collection, #13, Educational Collection and #21, Other (if none of these describe the entry that is within the definition of the award.

Exhibits must feature marine mollusks from all or sections of the Western Atlantic including the Boreal, Virginian, Carolinian and Caribbean Provinces. All shells included in this category must have come from these provinces. Species that occur in these provinces but were collected in neighboring provinces do not qualify.

The exhibit will be judged for accuracy of scientific labeling and data. The entry may include the entire region or a specific section of it. Completeness of representative fauna is very important including obscure or "unattractive" species. Accurate locality data is a must. Biological observations and natural history are also a definite plus. Though professionalism is encouraged in all entries to the show it will be particularly important for this category. As with the COA and DuPont awards, if no exhibit qualifies, the award will not be given. An exhibit receiving the Hugh Porter award may





HERE IS THE HAPPY GROUP THAT WENT ON THE TRIP TO CAPE LOOKOUT

|                 |                   |                 |               |
|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Vicky Wall      | Valerie Blanchard | Janet Durant    | Althea Murcko |
|                 | Doreen Prague     | <i>Robert's</i> |               |
| Dean Weber      | Sylvia Sellers    | Betsy Procter   | Theresa Klein |
| Augusta Mylorie | Carol Jones       | Paula Wallace   |               |



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EXHIBITOR'S APPLICATION FOR NORTH CAROLINA SHELL SHOW

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Title of your Exhibit \_\_\_\_\_

Category (you must specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Total length of Exhibit (feet and inches) \_\_\_\_\_ How many cases \_\_\_\_\_

Special requirements, such as electricity, extra width etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Has your exhibit won the du Pont Award? \_\_\_\_\_

Has your exhibit won the COA Award? \_\_\_\_\_

How many times have you won a du Pont Award in your life time? \_\_\_\_\_

note: COA and du Pont awards cannot go to any one exhibit more than once. A person or couple are limited to winning a total of 5 du Pont awards during their life time.

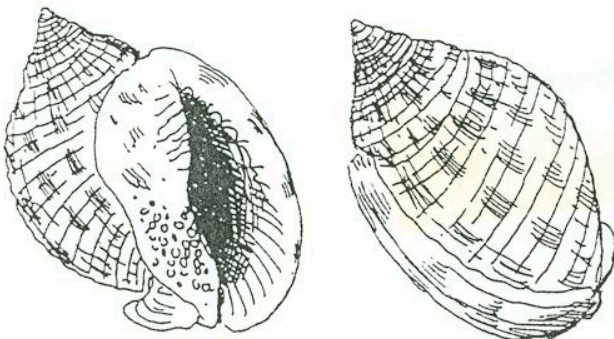
You may enter as many exhibits as you are qualified for. However, for each exhibit we need a complete form. You may copy, type or otherwise reproduce this application. However, it must be complete, with the Hold Harmless Clause and your signature on every application.

Deadline for Applications: October 31, 1996. Send to:  
John Timmerman, 206 Quail Ridge Rd., Wilmington NC 28409-2637

Hold Harmless Clause

The exhibitor agrees to protect, indemnify and save harmless New Hanover County, its officials and employees and North Carolina Shell club and its members from and against all claims, demands and causes of action, in favor of Exhibitors employees or third parties on account of personal injuries or death or on account of property damages arising out of the Exhibitor's use of and resulting from the act or omissions of Exhibitor. its agents, employees, contractors and subcontractors. The provisions of this section shall include indemnification including attorney's fees.

Signature of applicant(s) \_\_\_\_\_



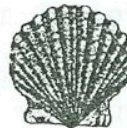


### A MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER:

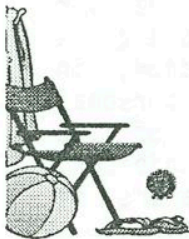
Please send in your dues if you have not paid this year or you may pay them at the next meeting. Janet Durand, our treasurer, collects the dues. This will insure that you continue to receive newsletters and to support our fine organization.

INDIVIDUAL DUES: \$10.00 per year

FAMILY DUES: \$12.00 per year



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