

Crab Shells - S.P.M.
Saltwater Path



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WELCOME TO THE SHELL CLUB'S 41st YEAR

MEETING DATES: March 20 - March 21, 1998

LOCATION: Emerald Isle, NC

MEETING PLACE: Emerald Isle Town Hall
7500 Emerald Dr.

[Rt 58 to Emerald Dr.]

SCHEDULE: Friay March 20th.

7:00 pm: Registration

8:00 pm: **BOOK SIGNING!** Hugh Porter will introduce and autograph copies of his long awaited, totally revised edition of "SEASHELLS OF NORTH CAROLINA" (Proceeds from the sale will go to the club)

8:15 pm: Program: "SHELL SHOWMANSHIP: WINNING WAYS EXHIBITING SEASHELLS" by John Timmerman, Cape Fear Museum.

Saturday March 21st.

7:00 pm: Registration

7:30 pm Social Time and Find of the day Judging

8:00 pm: Mostly for beginners: Say it right! (or How do you say Crepidula?) by Dr. R. Tucker Abbott (on tape), assisted by Doug Wolfe

8:15 pm: Business meeting

8:30 pm: Program by Dean & Dottie Weber: "BONNETS AND BABOONS: THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA."

SATURDAY, March 21: FIELD TRIP TO Shackleford Banks
Meet at Harkers Island Fishing Center.
Boats will leave at 9:30. (Maybe different, depending on low tide. Please verify time at Friday meeting!!!)
Return trips are scheduled at 1:00 and 4:00.
Reservations are not required. Cost is \$10.00 per person [round trip]

Please bring necessities: food, water, sunscreen, bug repellent etc.

PLACES TO STAY...mention the North Carolina Shell Club.

Holiday Inn:
Atlantic Beach
1-800-733-7888
1-919-726-5818

\$79.00 - \$69.00
10% Senior Discount

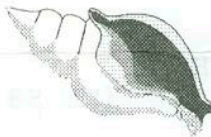
Parker Inn:
Near Emerald Isle
1-800-393-9709 ???

\$52.00 + Tax
\$58.00 + Tax

Island Motor Inn
Emerald isle
1-800-354-3464

\$55.00 + Tax

Ramada Inn
Atlantic Beach
1-919-636-3637 (verify location)
\$71.00 + Tax



A MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER:

1998 Dues are now due, please send them in or you may pay them at the next meeting, make sure that you have not already paid before sending in your check.

THANK YOU! Janet Durand

INDIVIDUAL DUES: \$10.00 per year
FAMILY DUES: \$12.00 per year

The President's Message

Hello everyone, welcome to the 41st year of the North Carolina Shell Club. The planning meeting was held in early February and went well. Once again, we are planning on Emerald Isle, Ocracoke and Ocean Isle as meeting locations in 1998. Tentatively, the 1998 Shell Show will be held at the aquarium at Fort Fisher in September; a change from the last few years! This will hopefully give the show greater visibility to the public as well as offer the club a quality atmosphere for our exhibit. I encourage all of you to exhibit, even if only a case or two. It's fun and well worth the effort required. The club will be offering "loaner" cases for those who don't have any, as well as a program for proper labeling. So start thinking of ideas!

As the year progresses, I hope that everyone will continue to support the club with ideas and suggestions in making this a quality club to be enjoyed by its members and the public alike in the years to come. I look forward to seeing everyone in Emerald Isle in March!

Happy Shelling

Mark



PS...We need a volunteer(s) to be our Field Trip Coordinator. There are several trips we would like to set up throughout the year and it would be this person's job to get the necessary information about things like availability, cost, departure and arrival time for ferry, etc. They would also be responsible for reserving space when needed for the club members. This would be a good project for one or two persons and would really help our busy president and vice-president.

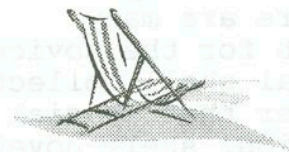
Some trips being considered: Castle Hayne and/or Aurora for Fossils, Goodland flats in Florida, Cumberland Island in Georgia, Folly Beach, or Masonborough Island, Raccoon Key, and Cape Lookout are also

possibilities.

We have a lot of knowledgeable members that would be willing to share information to help you get started.

The North Carolina Shell Club has a new shell to raffle off. It is a very large Glory of the Sea. The cost is \$5.00 per ticket. A nice addition to your collection?

There are still some shell books available through the club.



TRIPS

March 14: Bulls Island. You are invited to join the South Brunswick Shell Study Group. Limited to the first 38 persons. The boat will leave Moore's Landing at 7:30 am and return around 1:00. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Send money to Doreen Pragle. 545 Great Oak Circle, Sunset Beach, NC 28468. We need at least 20 persons to sign up, so contact Doreen as soon as possible. The tide will be low at about 10:30. NO LIVE SAND DOLLARS OR WHELKS MAY BE TAKING AND EACH PERSON IS LIMITED TO ONE SHOPPING BAG OF SHELLS.

PLACES TO STAY; Mt Pleasant...

Masters Inn [803-884-2814]
Russell Sweeney - Manager
\$55.95 2 dbl beds
We have a block reserved so
Mention Shell Club

Ramada Inn [803-884-1411]
\$90.99 2 dbl beds

Days Inn [803-881-1800]
\$79.95 (Group rate)

Georgetown (20 Min. to Moores Landing)

Georgetown (20 minutes)

Hampton Inn [803-545-5000]
\$55.00 w/contintal
breakfast at 6 AM

Days Inn [803-546-8441]

Econo Lodge [803-546-5111]
\$45.00
\$42.00 5 or more rooms

March 23-27. The Shell Bells will be going on their annual trip to Core Banks.

March 27-29: The club will again be going on the Cape Lookout Shell Study trip. This is usually a good collecting trip as we get there before the tourists. (Live collecting not permitted) The overnight area is semi-primitive, inside a solar heated building with cots, [you bring your bedding], shared bath facilities. Food cost and preparation is shared. Have fun and learn more about the natural world. There is room for 15 people. Call Vicky Wall for details [910-427-3610] Cost \$80.00-\$100.00, depending on how many people sign up.

OTHER TRIPS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER;

MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR:

May 2-3: Next Meeting

Ocracoke 14-16 ?

September 18-20 ??? Wilmington, NC
SHELL SHOW & Banquet.

The Shell Show is not going to be at the Cape Fear Museum this year. We hope to announce date and place at the next meeting. Now is the time to start working on an exhibit for the show. Please plan to enter this year, there are many catagories both for the novice and the professional shell collector. So plan to enter that special shell, collection, shell novelty or shell art. You can get some useful ideas on how to exhibit from John

Timmerman at the March meeting. If you need to borrow a case for your exhibit, talk to Mark Johnson. There is a good chance that he can help you.

Reminder; Tim Blades builds cases to your specifications and he will line them for you. The prices are moderate and he does a fine job.

November 13-15: Ocean Isle Beach
[AUCTION - Mostly Shell and Shell related items. So think about how you can participate]

July 19-July 23, 1998...27th annual
COA Convention at the Hotel Royal
Plaza, Lake Buena Vista, Florida.
Call Linda Koestel (407-880-1176)

Membership News

It is with sadness that we note the passing of long time member Herman F. "Rusty" Spain, of Raleigh. Sincere condolences are offered to Mary Louise Spain and family. Rusty Spain was a graduate of NC State University with a degree in electrical engineering. He served several tours of duty in the United States Navy and worked in

We would like to welcome the following **NEW MEMBERS**;

Rita Russ & Family
230 Bermuda Dr.
Wilmington, 28401
910-251-1444

Noni Simmons
2218 Chestnut Street
Wilmington, NC 28405
910-762-5005

Buck & Betsy Lineberger
5459 Bunky Way
Dunwoody GA 3338
770-394-5436
Ocean Isle Beach..Spring & Fall
910-579-2412

Shell of the month: Murex or rock shells, (family Muricidae)

Murex are carnivorous snails found worldwide. Since there is a great diversity in the form of shells in this family they are not always well defined. Their normal prey is on live bivalves or freshly killed sea animals. They have a strong outer lip and often use strong foot suction to pry open the clams which they then use their radulae [usually three toothed] to tear into the fleshy part.

The Murex operculum is horny, brown and rather thick in most species. Their eggs are encased in small capsules and usually found in clumps or balls in shallow water

Washington DC in the Department of the Navy. Most of his career was spent as an instrumental engineer with the Strategic Systems Projects office. He was an active member of several clubs as well as the North Carolina Shell Club.

Also former member Helen Lock Blackmore passed away in late November. She was a member back in the seventies when she lived in the Beaufort area. Helen Blackmore was a nurse and had taught nursing in Turkey through the Peace Corp. She was 95 years old.

David & Isabel Day
13816 Lawyers Rd.
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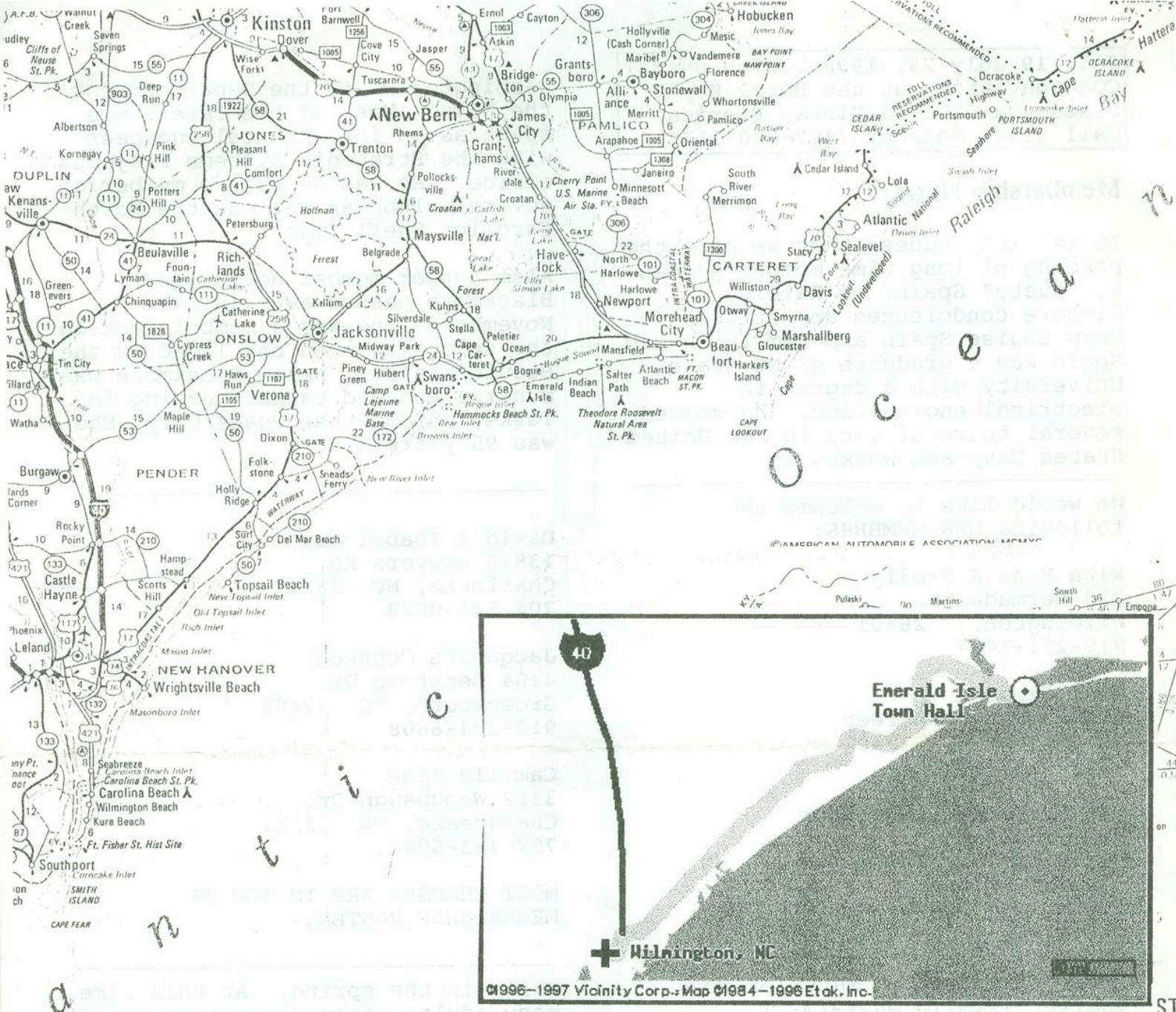
Camilla Wise
3312 Woodbaugh Dr.
Chesapeake, VA 23321
757-483-6026.

MOST CHANGES ARE IN THE 98 MEMBERSHIP ROSTER.

early in the spring. At this time many adults often congregate in one area in shallow waters.

Many species produce a yellowish fluid that turns purple when exposed to sunlight. This has been used in the past as a dye for ceremonial robes.

Several species can be found in our area, although they are more common in the warmer waters off Florida or in the Caribbean. Fossil species have also been found in this area. The most common would be 'Giant Atlantic Murex' (*Hexaplex ulvenscens* Sowerby), 'Apple Murex' (*Phyllonotus* Gmelin), or Rose Murex (*Murex rubidus* F.C. Baker)

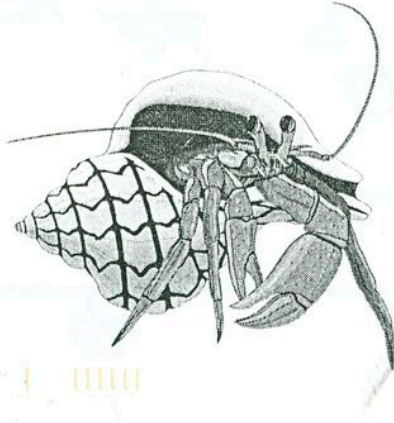


These are the Textual Directions to your destination (you can also try [Detailed Directions](#)):

	Directions	miles
1	Starting at Wilmington, NC , begin on WRIGHTSVILLE heading east for 1.0 miles	0.0
2	Turn left on HWY 132 heading northeast for 2.6 miles	1.0
3	Turn right on HWY 17 heading northeast for 30.1 miles	3.6
4	Bear right on HWY 172 heading northeast for 24.6 miles	33.7
5	Turn right on HWY 24 heading east for 9.8 miles	58.3
6	Turn right on HWY 58 heading east for 3.7 miles to Emerald Isle Town Hall	68.1

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