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1998 NORTH CAROLINA SHELL CLUB...Auction

MEETING DATES: November 13, 14th.

LOCATION: Museum of Coastal Carolina, 21 E Second St.
Ocean Isle Beach, NC

SCHEDULE: Friday November 13th

Tonight we have the annual AUCTION...[Bring items to auction
and be prepared to make some nice purchases.]

Registration at 7:00
Auction starts at 8:00

Doug Wolfe and Mark Johnson will be the auctioneers.

Saturday November 14th

7:30 Registration

7:45 Find of the day Judging

8:00 Business Meeting

8:15 Mostly for beginners by Doug Wolfe. The topic is Augers.

8:30 The speaker will Mark Johnson, "SHELLING IN PUERTO RICO".

Refreshments will be served.

Saturday will be a free morning to visit one of the area beaches

TRIPS: Any planned will be discussed at the meeting.

PLACES TO STAY;

Ocean Isle Beach

Ocean Isle Inn
35 West 1st Street
1-800-352-5988
\$45.00 + tax

Continental Breakfast

Causeway Motel
12 Causeway Drive
1-910-9001
\$50.00 +tax

The Islander Inn
57 West First Street
1-888-325-4753
\$59.00 Ocean Front +tax
\$49.00 Sound +tax
Continental Breakfast

The President Message,

I was extremely pleased with the outcome of the 1998 North Carolina Shell show. Once again, John Timmerman did a great job in getting things set up and seeing that they ran smoothly. Thanks John for a job well done, and thanks to those who worked with him also. The attendance was good and we had some very attractive displays. Congratulations to all those who won special awards, ribbons and merits, your support helps to make this show a success year after year. Hope to see you at the November auction and meeting.

Mark Johnson

There are still some North Carolina shell books available.

We hope to have those beautiful shell calendars also.

Those attending Beau Rivage Plantation for the banquet seemed to enjoy it very much.

We extend well wishes to Betty Muirhead's husband who just came home from the hospital after surgery.

We want to wish Alta Van Landingham a speedy recovery from her recent illness.

Also Dues are past due, so if you haven't paid them, please do so now so you won't be dropped from the mailing list.

A FEW CHANGES

Barbara McIntyre,
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Membership News

Janet Durand has new North Carolina Shell club pins. They are available for \$4.00 + \$.75 if Mailed.

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There were a few interesting e-mails with questions about the club. You can find some interesting websites concerning shells, some very scientific, others for information and fun.

Conchologists of America website is
<http://coa.acnatsci.org/conchnet>

The COA convention is in Louisville, Kentucky June 27 - July 1, 1999. If you haven't made other plans, you might want to consider this convention. There will be lots to see and do at the convention and in and around this interesting area.

The Glory of the Sea was won by Gene Everson, the speaker on Saturday. He also showed slides of the area the convention is being held.

HOW I BECAME INVOLVED IN SHELL COLLECTING....By Herman Lindsey

After completing 21 years in the Marine Corps and landing a nice job as a Loan Officer with DOD Credit Union on the Island of Okinawa, I and my three sons decided to hunt for shells as a hobby.

On a nice sunny day we decided to patrol the various beaches on this beautiful Island in the South Pacific. While strolling at the water's edge near the fisherman's boats at Amber beach, one of my sons spotted the tip of a shell protruding from the sand. As he began to dig deeper, the brilliant colors of a trident trumpet appeared. Once it was removed and polished off, it turned out to be a beautiful shell, the start of our

collection which has lasted 28 years. I still have it.

The Pacific Ocean with its' warm climate and moderate water temperature is the ideal place to hunt shells. On one side of Okinawa is the Pacific Ocean and on the other side is the beautiful crystal clear South China sea. On this particular side is a vast Coral bed that houses many beautiful cowrie shells as well as many other species. During those 4 wonderful years on Okinawa, we were able to accumulate a vast amount of gorgeous shells. Unfortunately, while we were going through Customs in Hawaii, the four boxes of shells were confiscated by Customs Agents. Even though I had them all cleaned and cleared through the Agriculture Department and customs of Okinawa, it did not pass through Hawaiian Customs. My belief was and still is that they were members of the Hawaiian Malachological Society.

We continued our collecting upon the return to the U.S. As normal, when my sons became teenagers, shells were of no interest to them.

We have always enjoyed entering in Shell Shows to exhibit what we have acquired. My sons have competed against one of the judges, Linda Sunderland.

I have continued my collecting and will continue far into the future. I have acquired my vast collection through bartering, swaps and by any other legal means.

It was very unfortunate for me this past May, when a neighbor next door to me broke into my shell storage building and stole 15 of my beautiful Fusners Shells. Thanks to a good neighbor, who called the police, she was caught in the act. But only 4 shells were recovered.

I have made arrangements with Sam Bland, the Park Superintendent of Hammocks Beach to donate some of my collection, to become a permanent display in the new Reception Center, which is or will be under construction sometime during 1999.

Shelling has been wonderful on Bear Island after Bonnie cleaned the area. Several Horse Conch, Common Nutmeg's, True Tulips,

North Carolina Shell Expo 1998

Award Winners

Conchologists of America Award	"David and Goliath" by Gene Everson
duPont Award	"Boring" by Douglas Wolfe
Hugh Porter Award	"Seashells of Offshore Cape Fear" by Mark Johnson

North Carolina Shell Club Trophy Winners

Best North Carolina Collection	"Seashells of Offshore Cape Fear" by Mark Johnson
Best Self-Collected Exhibit	"Mitriform Mollusks" by Gene Everson
Best Self-Collected Shell	<i>Vexillum citrinum</i> Gene Everson
Best Shell of Show	<i>Conus armiger</i> Gene Everson
Best Art Depicting Shells	Stitched cushion by Marie Bailey
Best Art Using Shells	Sheller's Christmas by Camilla Wise
Best Photography	<i>Cypraea cervus</i> by Vicky Wall

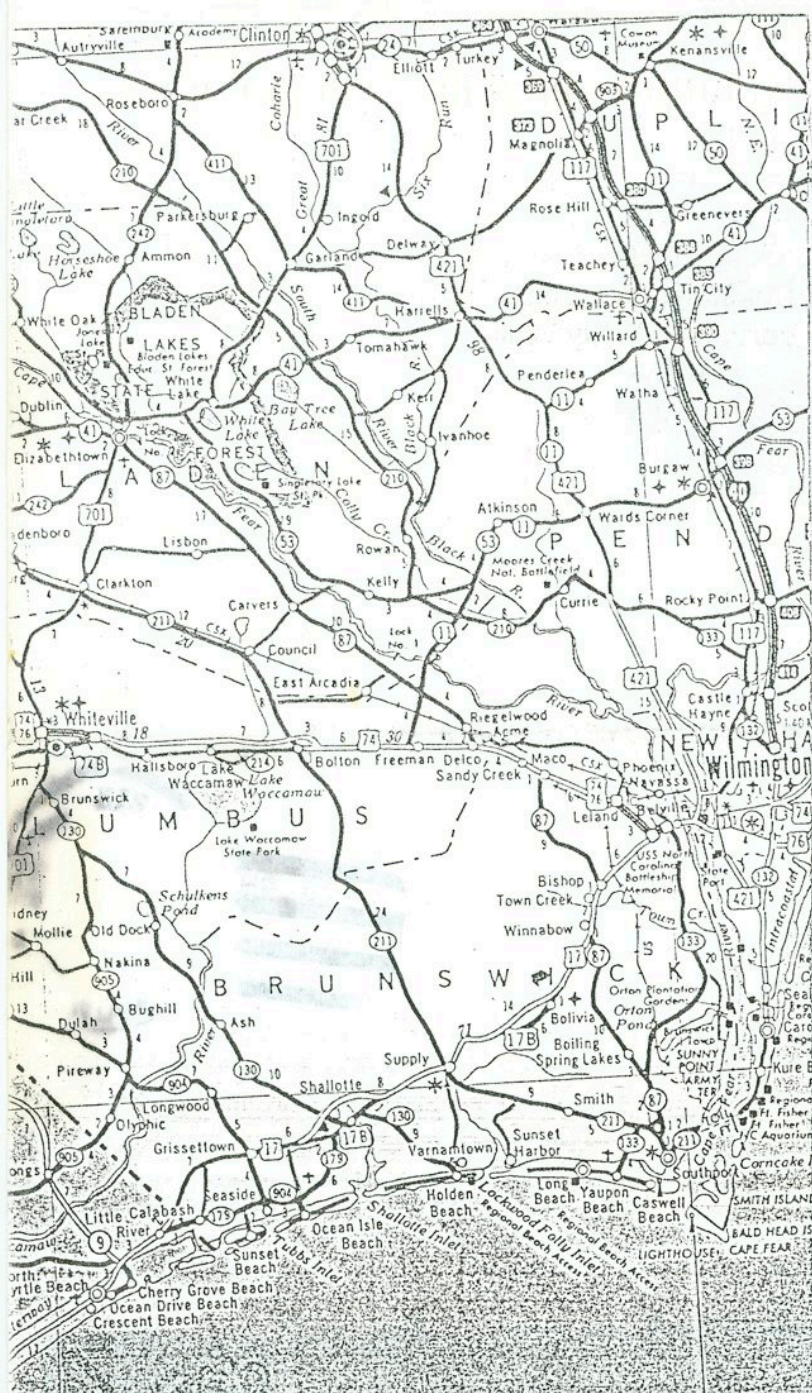
First Place Winners by Shell Expo Category

North Carolina Collection	"Seashells of Offshore Cape Fear" by Mark Johnson
Regional, Self-collected	"Grenada, Isle of Spice Shells" by Vicky Wall
Regional, Any Source	"Shells of Crooked Acklins, Bahamas" by Jim VunKannon
World-wide Self-collected	"Mitriform Mollusks" by Gene Everson
Fossil Mollusks	" <i>Pleuroploca</i> " By Jim VunKannon
Specialized Collection	"David and Goliath" by Gene Everson
A Single Shell	"Giant <i>Pleuroploca gigantea</i> " by Jim VunKannon
Family or Genus	"Family Muricidae" by Tim Blades
Educational	"Boring" by Douglas Wolfe
Other	"Ocean Art" (of bricks) by Marie Bailey

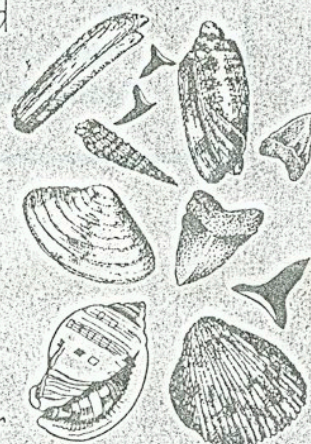
Whelks, Epitonium and several bivalve shells have been found in tidal pools.

Being a competitor in these Shell Shows has taught me a lot about others and their ways and means of Collecting. I truly hope to continue to compete in years to come.

We wish Herman Lindsey many more years of fine shell collecting, and would like to thank him for sharing his story with us. Perhaps this will encourage other members to submit their stories also.



A Beachcomber's Delight—our Shell Room proudly displays an extensive collection of Carolina shells, vividly highlighting their intricate beauty and revealing some surprisingly strange lifestyles of these timeless creatures. Complementing our shell collection, the visitor will encounter a wealth of other seashore surprises—from fossils and whalebones to shark teeth and shark jaws, from sponges and urchins to sea whips and sea stars—all manner of creatures—beautiful and bizarre. Hands on, welcome!



ADMISSION FEES:

Adults—\$3, Children under 12—\$1

HOURS:

Year round—Fri. & Sat. 9-5, Sun. 1-5
Memorial Day through Labor Day
Tues., Wed., Fri. & Sat. 9-5,
Mon. & Thurs. 9-9, Sun. 1-5
Educational Programs for children are
held daily throughout the summer

Gift Shop—Local Artwork

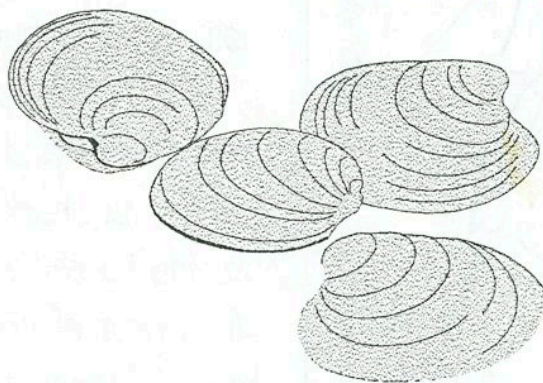
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From The Treasurer;

Dues are due by April. Please send them in if not paid.

Single: \$10.00

Family: \$12.00



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