



NORTH CAROLINA SHELL CLUB



Welcome to our 41st Year

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The first meeting of the year will be MARCH 12th and MARCH 13th

We will meet at the Roanoke Island Festival Park in MANTEO

(Directions: At Roanoke Island, turn left at the 3rd or 4th traffic light, than left at Queen Elizabeth Street.) (Or from beach area: Once on Roanoke island via Rt. 64, proceed through three traffic lights toward Manteo. Turn right at the 4th or 5th traffic light, than left at Queen Elizabeth Street.) **Once on Queen Elizabeth Street**, make a right at the next intersection, crossing a small bridge to Roanoke Island Festival Park/Elizabeth II. Park in the 1st or 2nd parking bay and enter the center section of the complex via the circular pathway. Festival Park...(252) 475-1500 This is a new facility with many art & craft exhibits.

Friday, March 12th Registration begins at 6:00pm.

7:00 Our Main speaker will be **Mr. Frank Hudgins**, Husbandry Curator for the N. C. Aquarium at Manteo. His topic is COLLECTION OF ANIMALS AND HUSBANDRY TECHNIQUES AT THE N. C. AQUARIUM. *Frank says that sometimes when folks hear he works on husbandry, they think he must be a marriage counselor, but that won't be his topic for the evening!*

Saturday, March 13th Registration begins at 6:00pm. Meeting at 7:00pm

There will be find of the day judging and then a Business meeting. **Mark Johnson**, past president of the N.C. Shell Club will speak on SHELLING IN PUERTO RICO.

Coffee and soft drinks will be provided. Since there are not many members in the area, members are asked to bring some snacks, brownies etc... to the meeting for refreshments.

No special field trip is planned. Several good shelling beaches in the area will be discussed at the meeting Friday evening.

Remember it can still get mighty cold in March. So be prepared.

PLACES TO STAY

Tranquil House Hotel

(walk to park)

\$119.00 per night [Waterfront]

\$ 99.00 ' ' [non Waterfront]

(252)473-1404

Elizabethan Inn / Restaurant

(Ten blocks away)

\$49.00 per night

(252)473-2175

Duke of Dare Motor Lodge

\$35.00 (includes tax) 1 queen/ 1 person

\$40.15 " 1 queen/2 persons

\$46.20 " 2 queen

(252) 473-2175

White Doe Inn

[Bed & Breakfast]

\$120-\$170 per night

(252)473-2175

This letter was sent from *Steve Coker* on behalf of the COA. Who asked that this be included in the newsletter, and discussed at our next meeting.

One of the most significant challenges facing shell clubs in the U S today is how to provide meaningful and interesting shell programs for our meetings. This problem was voiced and repeated by most of the thirty clubs represented at the Shell Club Rep's meeting at the COA convention this summer in Orlando. In an effort to provide a solution to this omnipresent problem, a committee was formed to canvas the COA member clubs for programs that members would be willing to share with other clubs.

The programs can cover any topic pertaining to shells or shelling. It could be a shell trip report, my favorite shell or family of shells, craft ideas with shells, how to find shells, clean shells or trade shells, how to curate a shell collection, etc. The possibilities are endless. If you don't have a shell program yourself, then think back to the best shell programs that you have seen recently and

encourage the owners to share them with others.

One suggestion for sharing that one-of-a-kind program that is not practical to mail, would be for clubs to begin videotaping their programs and then listing the tape.

COA will not take possession of the shell programs but rather assemble the information into a list of available programs with contact information. This list will be made available to all COA member clubs in printed form and as an addition to the Web page.

([Http://coa.acnat.org/conchnet/](http://coa.acnat.org/conchnet/))

The form is attached. If you have any questions, please contact :

Steve Coker

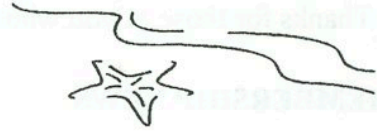
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From the President...



Fellow Shellers;

It's the start of a new year - the time to make new year resolutions. And I hope you remembered the North Carolina Shell Club in making yours. This year your officers and your club will need your help more than ever. We need your suggestions, your comments, and your talents. Which activities of the club have you particularly enjoyed in the past? Which haven't you liked? Tell us what you would like to do in this, the last year of the millennium. This club doesn't belong to just the officers. It belongs to all the members equally. Please help us make belonging to the North Carolina Shell Club a worthwhile experience for each and every one of you.

But enough preaching. Let's have some fun instead. The first meeting of the year will be in Manteo, a shelling destination to which the club has not journeyed for a long time. I hope that going to Manteo in March will be a rewarding experience in several ways. The prices should be lower because the season hasn't started yet. The wealth of historical and cultural activities in the area should contribute greatly to making the long trip (for most of us) worth the effort. And let's not forget the shelling. We should find more shells from the northern fauna provinces on the beaches, as the coast is influenced not by the warm Gulf Stream that bathes our more southerly shores, but the frigid Labrador current.

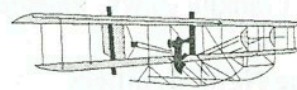
Let me also mention a special project the club would like to undertake. We are looking for memorabilia of past shell club meetings and events. We would particularly like slides as they are easy to incorporate into a program. But photographs, meeting notices, written stories (particularly of the tall tale variety) or anything else of interest is welcome. Please search your files. You can send your memories to me, I will have them copied and returned to you.

Remember to come one, come all to Manteo. It's the **WRIGHT** thing to do!

Sincerely,

Ann Buddenhagen.

President, 1999



Let's welcome our new president Ann Buddenhagen and help make her job easier by volunteering to help on a committee and/or sharing your ideas for the club, for trips, etc.

Mark Johnson is going to be our new trip chairman. So let him know when you learn of a place the club members might like to visit.

If you have any news of members, or any articles to write or stories to tell send them to yours truly, the editor. Thanks for those of you who have been contributing articles. They are very much appreciated.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Wishing Alta Van Landingham a speedy recovery, heard she has been having heart problems.

Mary Louise Spain is recovering she can finally wear shoes again and is getting around fairly well.

From: Payne & Shirley Daniel

Payne underwent quadruple heart bypass surgery on January 22nd. He is well on his way to a full recovery.

Shirley retired October 1st and so was able to give him her undivided attention. Things are improving now and they hope to make some of the meetings this year.

Keep these folks in your prayers. We are happy to hear they are doing well and hope for full recovered very soon.

Add to Membership List:

Philadelphia Shell Club / E. Ruggeri
Academy of Natural Sciences
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Please Welcome New Members

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Beaverfield, OH 45431
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Christiansburg, VA 24073
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DATES TO REMEMBER:

NC Shell Club Meetings

May 14th & 15th Emerald Isle

Sept 17th 18th 19th Ft. Fisher (Shell Show)

Nov. 5th & 6th Ocean Isle (Auction)

1999 Annual COA Convention

June 27th - July 1st. Louisville, Kentucky
(Chairman...Gene Everson)
Website... coa.acnatsci.org/conchnet

The following **books** are available through the club.

Fabulous Florida Shells

\$15.95 + \$3.00 shipping

North Carolina Shells by Hugh porter

\$12.00 + \$3.00 shipping

Worlds most beautiful Seashells

\$32.95 + \$4.15 shipping

Gary Rosenberg;s Encyclopedia of Seashells #25.00 + \$3.75 shipping

If you interested in Shell Calendars, year 2000.
Mention it to Janet Durand.

North Carolina Shell Club pins are available for \$4.00 (plus shipping cost if mailed).

Conchologists of America

Shell Program Information Sheet

Title of program: _____

Synopsis of program: _____

Program Owner: _____

Owner Address: _____

Owner Phone: _____

Owner Email: _____

Format: ☐ 35mm slides ☐ VHS tape ☐ Transparencies ☐ Other

If other format, please specify. _____

Is written script available? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Approximate length of program. _____ minutes

It is understood that borrowing club will be responsible for postage (both ways). If known please estimate postage (one way). \$ _____

Will there be other fees? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Amount of additional fees \$ _____

Is owner available to give program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, will there be a speaker fee? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Amount of speaker fee \$ _____

Driving Directions [Print](#)

Time	Instruction	Road	Dir	For (mi)	Toward
0:00	Depart Wilmington, North Carolina	US-17	E	129.7	Jacksonville
2:39	At Old Ford, bear right onto	SR-171	NE	17.2	
3:09	Turn right onto	US-64	E	71.4	
4:36	Arrive Manteo, North Carolina				

Driving Directions

Time	Instruction	Road	Dir	For (mi)	Toward
0:00	Depart Raleigh, North Carolina	US-64	E	64.5	Rocky Mount
1:06	Go onto	US-258	E	0.6	
1:08	Go onto	US-64	E	11.9	
1:23	At Bethel, go onto	US-13	E	18.4	Virginia
1:45	Turn right onto	US-64	S	81.2	
3:23	At Manns Harbor, bear left onto	US-264	NE	10.5	
3:36	Arrive Manteo, North Carolina				

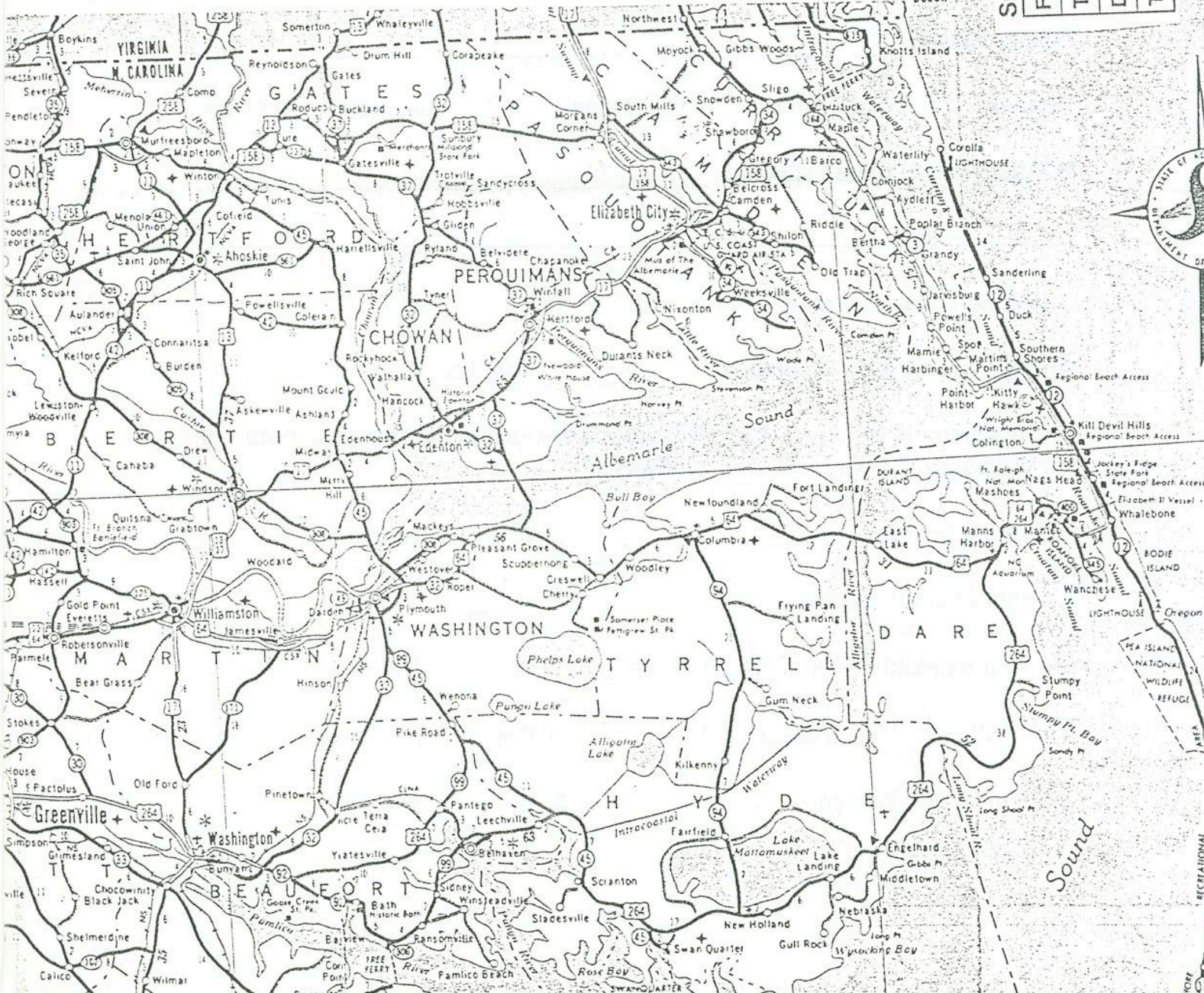
Summary

From: Raleigh, North Carolina

To: Manteo, North Carolina

Driving Distance: 187.3 miles

Time: 0 day(s) 3 hour(s) 36 minute(s)



SHELL EDUCATION

From an on line encyclopedia

Mollusk, common name for members of a phylum of soft-bodied animals, usually with a hard external shell. Some familiar mollusks are the clam, snail, and squid. The phylum is the second largest in the animal kingdom, after the arthropods. Mollusks exist in nearly all habitats. Giant squid, the largest invertebrates, weigh up to 2000 kg (4400 lb), but most mollusks are about 1 to 20 cm (about 0.4 to 8 in) long. The first mollusk fossils appear in early Cambrian period rocks, about 600 million years old.

II General Characteristics

All mollusks may be treated as variants on a common theme (not to be confused with a common ancestor). A theoretical, idealized mollusk would crawl on a single muscular foot, and the body would have at least a suggestion of a head at one end and an anus at the other. Above the body would be an external shell mounted on a hump containing internal organs. The body's *posterior* (back) end would have a space called the mantle cavity, with gills and with openings to kidneys and reproductive structures. Generally the molluscan gut has jaws and a radula, a structure with teeth. It also has a stomach and digestive glands. Around the gut is a ring of nerves and structures

that usually develop into a brain with various sense organs. The heart sends blood into an open system forming the main body cavity.

III Behavior

Although most mollusks have poor vision, cephalopods such as squid have eyes remarkably like those of vertebrates. Some gastropods have a well-developed sense of smell and can locate food in the water at a considerable distance.

IV Reproduction

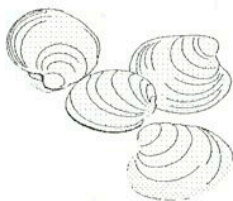
The basic mollusk pattern of reproduction is to have separate sexes, which deposit sperm and eggs into the water where fertilization occurs. In most mollusks a larval stage follows, in which the larvae swim about, finally settling on the bottom to mature.

V Ecology and Importance

Mollusks are abundant and important in food chains in many habitats. Many are herbivores or grazers. Many gastropods are carnivorous, preying on slow-moving or attached animals. Numerous mollusks are important food sources for humans. Scientific classification: Mollusks make up the phylum Mollusca.

Quote: *"If you continue to do what you have always done. You will continue to get what you have always got."*

Unknown author



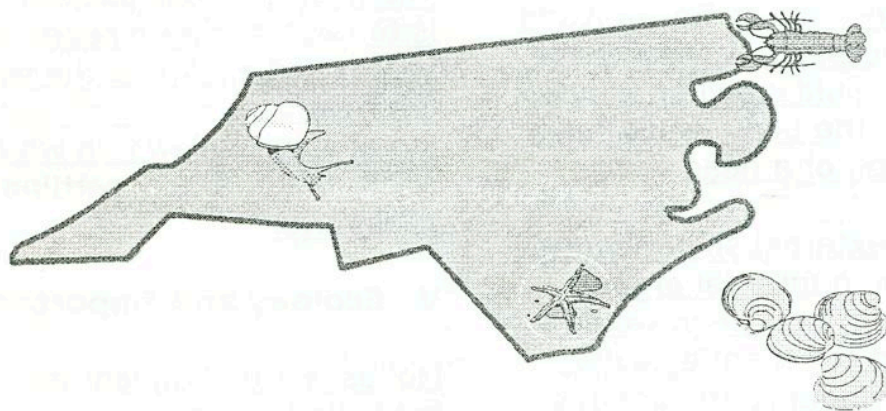
Interested in hiking? Our Dr. Doug Wolfe will present a slide presentation on hiking the Appalachian Trail at 11 am Monday March 2 at the North Carolina maritime museum. in Carteret County. He has hiked more than 1,700 miles of the trail's 2,159-mile length.



From the Treasurer Janet Durand:

Just a reminder that dues are due by April.

The annual cost is \$12.00 for a family
\$10.00 for an Individual



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