



NORTH CAROLINA SHELL CLUB



Welcome to our 41st Year

September, 1999

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1999 North Carolina Shell Show

Friday 10-5 Saturday 9-5 Sunday 9-2 at North Carolina Aquarium, Pine Knoll Shores

Our meeting dates are September 10 - 12, 1999 - LOCATION: Emerald Isle, NC

Friday, September 10 Registration begins at 7:00pm.
Emerald Isle Community Center, Emerald Drive,

8:00 Mostly for beginners: To be determined???

8:15 Program "Diving and Exploring 'Isla de Pascua' (Easter island) and Tahiti too" *is the intended topic, Subject to change, to 'Phillippine island tangle net fisheries and shells'.*
The speaker will be Chris K. Takahashi, a well-known dealer and collector from Hawaii.
Either topic will be informative and interesting.

Saturday, September 11

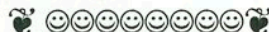
Awards Banquet. Royal Pavilion Resort
Send in for reservation by September 8th

The speaker at the banquet will be Dr. Harry Lee, our judge from Florida, His topic is "C. S. Rafinesque, odd oracle of the Ohio." This talk will deal with the life and scientific contributions of Constantine Samuel Rafinesque (1783-1840). Rafinesque was an eccentric pioneer naturalist with broad tastes, prodigious knowledge, and a knack for leaping from one project to the next before satisfying his scientific audience. His work with the naiads of the Ohio River and its tributaries was sentinel, and he was decades ahead of his contemporaries in conceptualizing relationships within that group of freshwater clams.

As usual, no special trip is planned for Saturday, so that members and guests may visit the shell show.



The King Mackerel Tournament is the same weekend as the shell show.



PLACES TO STAY

Ramada...Pine Knoll Shores
on Salter Path Road
\$87.00 per night (2 dbl or 1 king)
1-800-338-1533 / 252-247-4155

Royal Pavilion...Pine Knoll Shores
on Salter Path Rd
\$110.00 per night "weekend" Ocean Front
\$95.00 reg (2 dbl or king) "pool side"
(252)726-5168 / 800-682-7057

Oceanana Motel...on Ft Macon Rd
Atlantic Beach
\$69.76 For 2 persons
(252) 726-4111
(free fishing on their pier)

Comfort Inn...beside Morehead Plaza
3100 Arendell St., Morehead City
\$70.00 for 2 dbl / king "plus 9% tax"
242-240-3434 / 800-288-5150

Hampton Inn...Bogue Sound
4035 Arendell St, Morehead City
\$78.00 Ocean side 2dbl/king "Weekend"
\$68.00 Street side "Weekend"
252-240-2300 / 800-467-9375

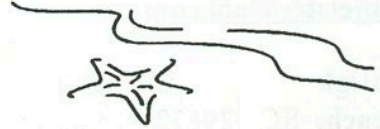
Days Inn...Atlantic Beach
Salter Path Rd
\$62.92 king or 2 dbl. "+9% tax"
72 hour cancellation notice
Continental Breakfast

Crystal Coast Inn (formerly the Holiday Inn)
Atlantic Beach on Salter Path Rd.
\$72 plus 9% tax "Ocean Front or Ocean View rooms"
Continental Breakfast Buffet
252-726-2544

Parkerton Inn
Cape Carteret on Rt. 58 N
\$67 or \$68 "plus 9% room tax"
1-800-393-9909 / 252-393-9000



From the President...



Hello Fellow Shellers:

Are you going through withdrawal pains from not having had much shelling lately? If so, I invite you to attend our annual Shell Show September 10th through the 12th. The show this year will be held in the NC Aquarium at Salter Path. Not all entries are in yet (I hope!), but those in so far promise a very nice show.

Both the Friday night program and the Saturday banquet program should also be very interesting. We have been fortunate to get two very knowledgeable and entertaining speakers in Chris Takahashi and Dr. Harry Lee. Remember to send your reservations in for the banquet as early as possible so we can give an accurate count to the hotel.

I'm sorry the President's message is so short this time. I do have an additional message from the Shell Show Chairman, however. She says "*Let's all Come Out and support the show, the NC Aquarium, and your club.*"

See you in Salter Path.

Ann Buddenhagen
President
(and Shell Show Chairman)

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

Please Welcome New Members

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

NC Shell Club Meetings

Nov. 5th & 6th Ocean Isle (Auction)
It's not too soon to start gathering shell related things for this fine annual fundraiser

The following books are available :

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).

Some things from the internet

Century-Old Turtle Rescued in New York [Discovery Channel]

**who rescued it as weighing about August 11, 1999 --
An ancient sea turtle, estimated to be 100 years old, was rescued from an area near the**

Verrazano Narrows in New York Harbor on Tuesday.
The huge turtle was described by the Coast Guard officers 600 pounds (270 kg) and being half the size of a steer.

The Atlantic Green turtle, one of the largest sea-going turtles and an endangered species, was discovered during an inspection of a ship moored in the harbor. It had become tangled in a line to a lobster cage and it was weakened from struggling to stay afloat.

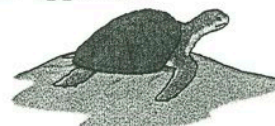
The rescuers released the reptile back into the sea rather than taking it to a local aquarium. "This is an unusual case," said Coast Guard officer Don Wagner. "It has been doing well for a hundred years, so it was better to let it go."

Morehead City, North Carolina September 1999

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High Tide:	Fri 1999-09-10	8:51 AM EDT	3.28
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High Tide:	Fri 1999-09-10	9:13 PM EDT	3.35
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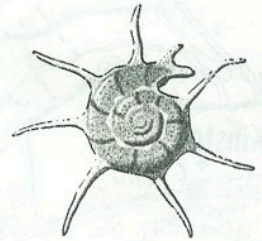
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The 1999 Conchologist of America Convention by Vicky Wall



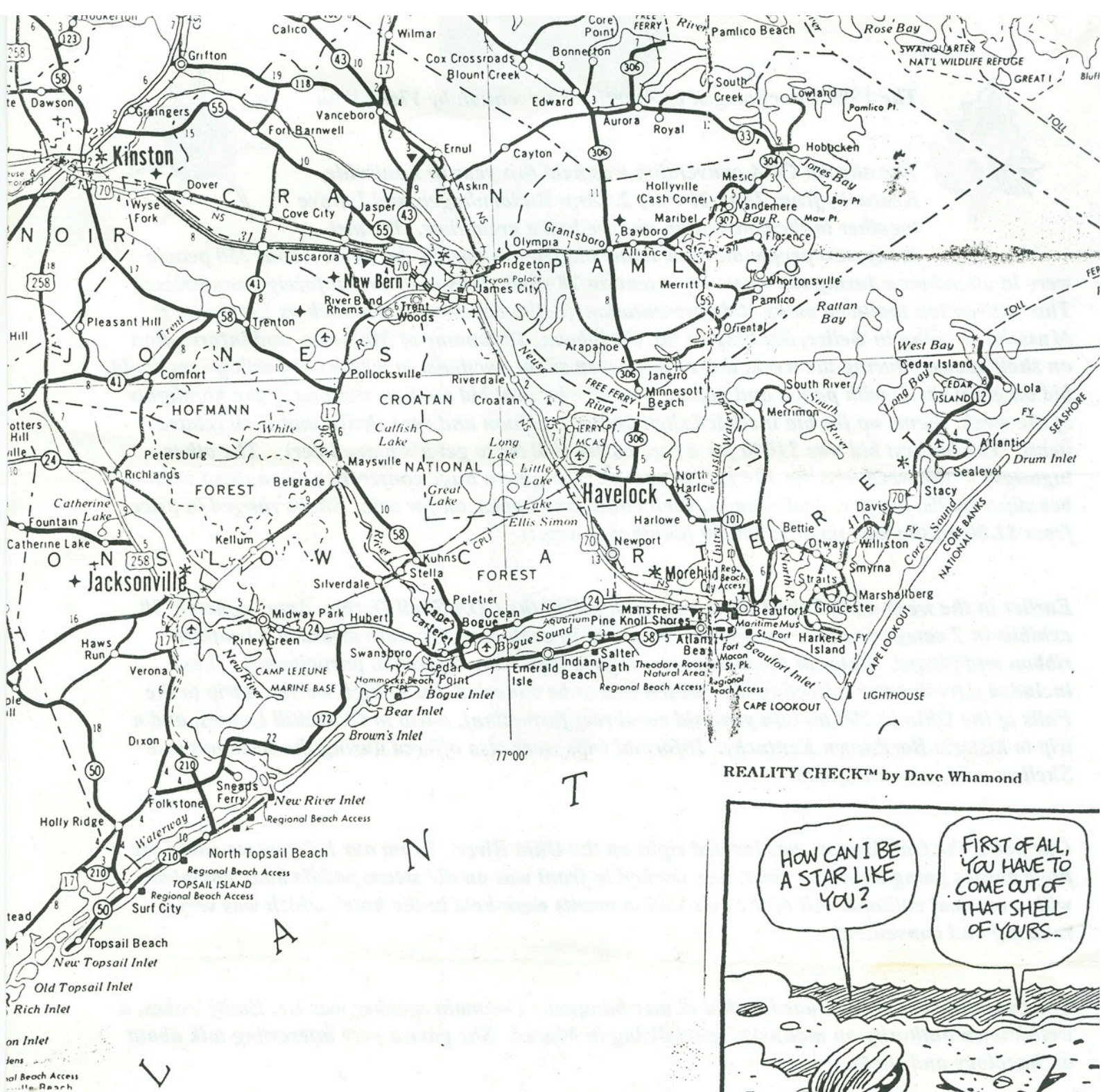
The annual COA convention was held this year in Louisville, Kentucky from June 26-July 2. Ann Buddenhagen and I drove together to the convention and we had a great time. We met many new people and saw many old friends during the week. About 250 people were in attendance during the week, representing 28 shell clubs and several foreign countries. This convention included many slide presentations(daily) covering topics such as Freshwater Mussels, Shelling in Belize, Shelling in the Caribbean, Taxonomy of Mollusks, and information on shell books. During the week, there were seven silent auctions, in which the participants could bid on great shells with pencil and paper. The 66+ lot oral bid auction was one of the highlights of the week. Items up for bid included shell books, common and rare shells, and shell related items. The highest bid was \$1000 for a rare cowry (I'll try to get it's name later) . The other highlight of the week was the 30+ dealer bourse. Imagine a huge conference room filled with beautiful shells, jewelry, shell stamps, shell coins, and books, all for sale. Shells ranged in price from \$1.00 all the way up to \$5500.00 (another cowry!!).

Earlier in the week a mini shell show was held, called the COA Shell Derby. Approximately 30 exhibits in 7 categories were on display. Winners in each category were awarded a beautiful ribbon and plaque. Later in the week, several field trips were offered to participants. These included a freshwater collecting trip (which had to be canceled due to high water), a trip to the Falls of the Ohio (a 200 million year old coral reef formation), a trip to Churchill Downs, and a trip to historic Bardstown Kentucky. Informal trips were also offered during the week to those Shellers who were antiquers!

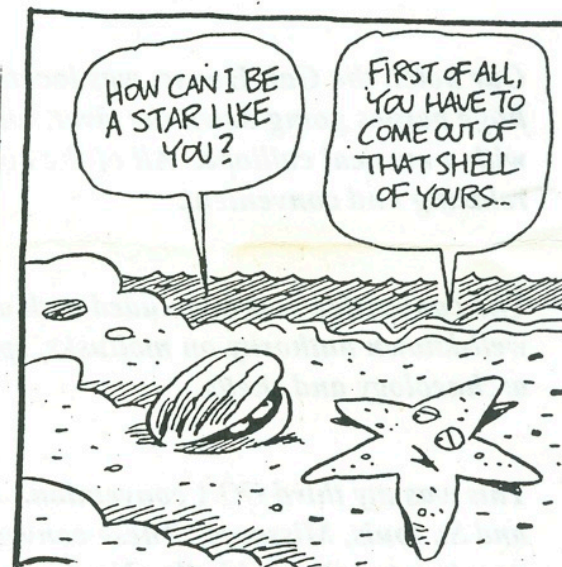
Our hotel, the Galt House, was located right on the Ohio River. From our balcony we could see huge barges going down the river, and docked in front was an old steam paddle boat, complete with a musical calliope. All of the convention events were held in the hotel, which was very relaxing and convenient.

The convention was concluded with a dinner banquet. The main speaker was Dr. Emily Vokes, a well-known authority on mollusks, specializing in Murex. She gave a very interesting talk about archaeology and shells.

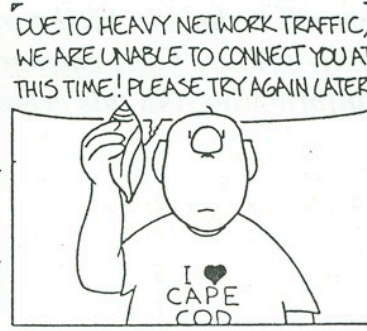
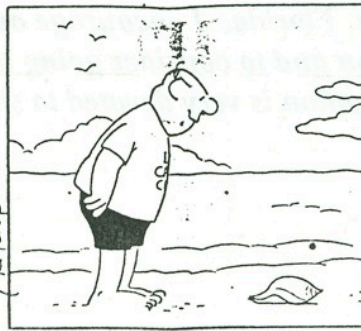
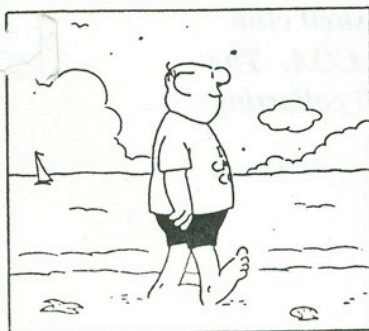
This was my third COA convention. Previously I attended conventions in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida and St. Louis, Missouri. These conventions are a lot of fun and it's great to meet so many other people interested in shells. Next year's convention will be held June 22-26, 2000 in Houston, Texas. The 2001 convention will be held in Melbourne, Florida. I encourage our shell club members to consider attending a future COA convention and to consider going the COA. The quarterly magazine is very informative and this organization is very devoted to shell collecting interest and conservation.



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AWARDS DINNER, Saturday, September 11, 1999

Barbados Room - Royal Pavilion Resort

(Ocean Side on Salter Path Road in Pine Knoll Shores)

Cocktail Hour - 6:00 p.m.

Dinner Hour - 6:45 p.m.

Menu Choices:

Caribbean Mahi with Pineapple Banana Salsa - served with rice ... \$19.75

Chicken Breast with Pecan and Peach Stuffing with Champagne Sauce
- served with candied yams.... \$17.50

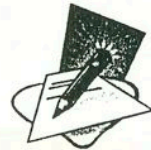
All meals served with House Salad ... Ranch or Vinaigrette Dressing,
Mixed seasonal Vegetables,
Apple Dumpling with Brandy Vanilla Sauce,
Rolls, Iced Tea and Coffee.

We need to let them know by September 8th , how many will want Fish or how many want chicken.

Please send reservation to Janet Durand

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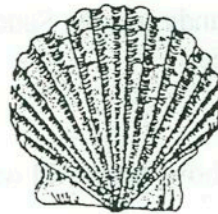
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Number in Party: _____

Choice(s) Caribbean Mahi.._____ Chicken Breast.._____

A MESSAGE FOR OUR TREASURER:

A special THANK YOU for doing such a fine job. You are an asset to the North Carolina Shell Club. We appreciate your cheerful willingness to be treasurer. A job well done...Thanks!



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