



NORTH CAROLINA SHELL CLUB



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Welcome to North Carolina Shell Club 2000 (42nd Year)

Meeting dates are May 19-20th - LOCATION: Roanoke Island Festival Park in Manteo, NC

(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.

Friday, May 19th Registration begins at 6:15pm.

Please note earlier time!

7:00 Mostly for beginners: "**Dangerous Mollusks**", by Vicky Wall.

7:30 Program: "**A trip to the Philippine Islands**" Doug and Nancy Wolfe.

Saturday, May 20th Registration begins at 6:15pm.

Please note earlier time!

7:00 Business meeting

7:30 Show and Tell Night. Everybody should bring an item to talk about (for 1-5 minutes): a favorite shell, a beautiful shell, an ugly shell, a piece of fine shellcraft or shell art; photos, or anything else that has a special place in your heart (and a little story to go with it). There will be a projector available, if anyone wants to show a slide or two (or more). *Please come and share your treasures with the club!*

PLEASE NOTE: We have not scheduled a field trip. Everyone is encouraged to visit the new aquarium.



PLACES TO STAY

Tranquil House Hotel

(walk to park)

\$119.00 per night [Waterfront]

\$ 99.00 ' ' [non Waterfront]

(252)473-1404
Queen Elizabeth Ave

Elizabethan Inn /restaurant

(Ten blocks away)

\$49.00 per night

(252)473-~~2175~~ 210 /
814 Hwy 64

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~~ 985 /
319 Sir Walter Raleigh St.

From the Internet: (Not sure of distance to Roanoke Island Festival Park)

Roanoke Island Inn Manteo Waterfront, Manteo. (252) 473-5511; (877) 473-5511. Box 1891T, Manteo, NC 27954. 8 guest rooms. Rate: \$88 - 128 dbl. occ. Linens provided, private baths & outside entrances.

Island Motel & Guest House Manteo Manteo. (252) 473-2434. Email: islandmo@interpath.com. 12 rooms, 2 effs. Rates: \$50 -60; \$35 - 40 (off-season). bikes, microwaves & refrigs. in most rooms

Scarborough House Inn

Phil and Sally created the inn with each room individually styled and displaying beautiful antique furnishings. A porch with rockers overlooks the fish pond, swing set and yard. Bikes are provided, and the Manteo waterfront is only two blocks away. In-room continental breakfast.

Rates: All Occupancy Rates are subject to change

- State and Local taxes may apply
- There are 5 guest accommodations (5 with private bathrooms)
- The rate for double occupancy is between \$55.00 and \$65.00



Scarborough House Inn Box 1310 Highway 64/264 PO Box 1310 Manteo, NC 27954-1310 USA Voice 1-919-473-3849 Innkeeper(s): Sally & Phil Scarborough Rates: \$55 - \$65 Scarborough House Inn General Information Phil and Sally created the inn with each room.

From the President...

Greetings Fellow Shellers:

Our next meeting will be in Manteo. I know you have probably read all about it on the first page, so I won't go over the details of our meeting here. I would like to explain, however, why we choose to go back to Manteo this year, and at this particular time of year.

In 1999, we had our March meeting in Manteo, and were privileged to have a representative from the North Carolina Aquarium speak to us about the renovations already underway to the facility there. Well, the renovations are now complete, and the official ribbon cutting ceremony will take place at 10:00am on Friday, May 19th. The planning committee thought it would be nice to show our support of the new Aquarium by participating in the ceremonies planned for the opening weekend.

The North Carolina Aquariums have been very helpful to our club over the years by hosting our shell shows for three years (1998 in Fort Fisher and 1999 and 2000 at Pine Knoll Shores), and we thought it would be very appropriate for us to support the Manteo Aquarium on opening weekend. I encourage everyone who can get there early to go to the opening ceremonies on Friday and let it be known that you represent the North Carolina Shell Club. I hope to have additional information about the opening for the Friday night meeting.

And speaking of opening ceremonies, my thanks to everyone who participated in the opening ceremonies of the new Museum of Science here in Raleigh. I was only able to attend for an hour or so (busy season, you know!), but from what I saw everything was a huge success. The traveling cases of shells were displayed very well, and the shell necklace activity for "kids" was a big hit -- with their parents as well!

Hope to see everyone in Manteo. Till then -- Happy Shelling!

Ann Buddenhagen

President



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

We would like to congratulate member *Herman Lindsey*, who was married on March 18th. We wish him and his new bride the very best and hope they are happy in there new location.

We are pleased that *Ruth Hood* is improving every day and she hope to be able to join us again soon.

Please Welcome New Members

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

NC Shell Club Meetings

September 8 & 9th. SHELL SHOW to be held at the Pine Knoll Shores Aquarium. The Banquet will be in the same place as last year. So get busy now, planning those displays. Lets make this a truly memorable show.

The November show will be in Raleigh, date and place to be decided.



Long-Distance malacology.

Doug Wolfe recently had a phone call from son Nick in Portland, Oregon, about some interesting slugs found under a brick next to his garden. The slugs, about 2 inches long, had inconspicuous (about one-quarter inch) shells on their rear ends. The little shells were shaped like tiny abalones. A quick check in the library proved these interesting little creatures to be *Testacella haliotidea* Draparnaud, 1801. In the family Testacellidae, these slugs are of western European origin, having been introduced to North America with nursery plants. They are carnivorous, preying on earthworms with their long, sharp, backward-directed radular teeth. Ordinarily these snails are hard to find, despite their association with man in well-manured gardens and rubbish heaps where earthworms abound. Nick preserved a couple of specimens for Doug and provided a picture for us as well. [attachment picture shows two live specimens in which the tiny shell is visible near the large posterior of the animal]



Doug, couldn't load your pictures, so got this off the internet. It doesn't show the shell very well.

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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

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

The North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island

From the internet

Located on 14 acres of property overlooking the Croatan Sound, the North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island features fresh and salt water tanks ranging from 300 to 12,000 gallons. All of the animals housed at the aquarium are native to or seasonal to North Carolina waters.

The Roanoke Island Aquarium, located on Airport Road, three miles north of Manteo, off US 64, is open daily throughout the year. There is a nominal admission charge.

The North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island is one of three state aquariums located along our coast. Visit our other aquariums at Pine Knoll Shores near Morehead City, and at Fort Fisher near Wilmington. Membership in the North Carolina Aquarium Society offers many benefits including free admission year-round to the three aquariums, the North Carolina Zoo, and over 120 other zoos and aquariums around the country.

Exhibits

Exhibits and displays at the North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island focus on the state's diverse aquatic environments.

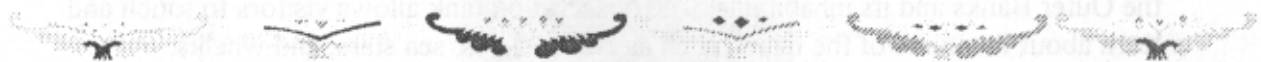
- The award-winning "Secrets of the Salt Marsh" highlights the salt marshes of the Outer Banks and its inhabitants. The observation tank allows visitors to touch and learn about creatures of the marsh such as crabs, clams, sea stars, and whelks.
- The "Mysteries of the Deep Gallery" includes 14 salt water tanks teeming with marine fishes, invertebrates, and reptiles native to the North Carolina coast.
- The aquarium's newest exhibit, "It's the Big One," highlights sportfishing, the activity for which the Outer Banks is world famous.
- Get a bird's eye view of life in an osprey nest at "The Osprey: An Environmental Success Story" exhibit. A video camera located in an active nest on the aquarium grounds gives an up-close look at the American osprey.
- The "Grady-White Shark Gallery" features several species of sharks that are found off the North Carolina coast. Shark jaws and teeth, display panels and graphics, and a continuous-loop videotape tell the story of these creatures of the deep.
- Outside in the aquarium courtyard, the "Coastal Carolina Wetlands" exhibit features alligators, turtles, lizards, snakes, and frogs.
- Other outdoor exhibits include a shoreline boardwalk with observation decks and mounted telescopes overlooking the Croatan Sound, an excavation area where visitors can dig for fossilized shark's teeth, and a nature trail.



England's Queen Elizabeth I issued a charter to Sir Walter Raleigh to establish a colony on Roanoke Island in 1584. An expedition arrived and eventually took two intelligent natives, Manteo and Wanchese, along with promising reports of a new land, back to England. In 1585, another expedition which included artist John White, Thomas Hariot, and others made their way to Roanoke Island. These colonists only lasted through the winter and spring before accepted a ride in June 1586 with Sir Francis Drake who was passing by enroute home from the West Indies.

Sir Richard Grenville arrived on Roanoke Island a few weeks later, only to find it deserted. He left fifteen of his own men to maintain England's claim to the new land. In 1587, John White returned leading another expedition that was bound for the Chesapeake Bay. With the intention of only stopping by to pick up the men left earlier by Grenville, the settlers were put ashore by a captain intent on returning to a privateering expedition. No trace of the 15 men were ever found, and the colonists soon found themselves without supplies. White agreed to return to England. When he was finally able to return in 1590, these colonists had too disappeared, including his granddaughter Virginia Dare. The only clue to their disappearance was the word "Croatoan" carved on a tree.

Various theories have surfaced throughout the years as to what happened to the Lost Colony, and one by one, they seem to have been discounted. The Jamestown (Virginia) settlers appear to have been the only ones to try and make contact with any living lost colonists. Records of the explorations have been documented, and they seem to have come close on several occasions to actually locating the missing colonists. So, today, over 400 years have passed, and no one really knows their fate - and probably no one ever will.



Today, the Manteo / Roanoke Island area is a focal point of the northern Outer Banks. It is the Dare County seat of government, and Roanoke Island is home to several popular attractions, restaurants, and the fishing village of Wanchese. There are numerous place to walk the beaches, from Kitty Hawk to Pamlico sound along the outer banks. Shelling is usually best in spring and late fall. Occasionally you can find a nice tun shell, helmet, or even the scotch bonnet, our state shell.

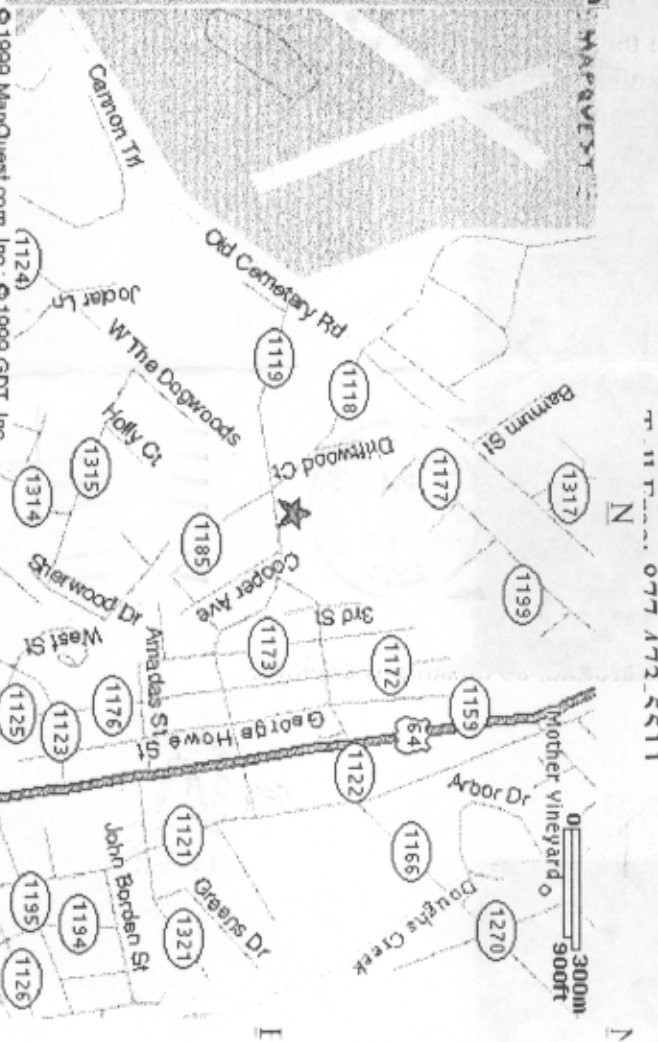
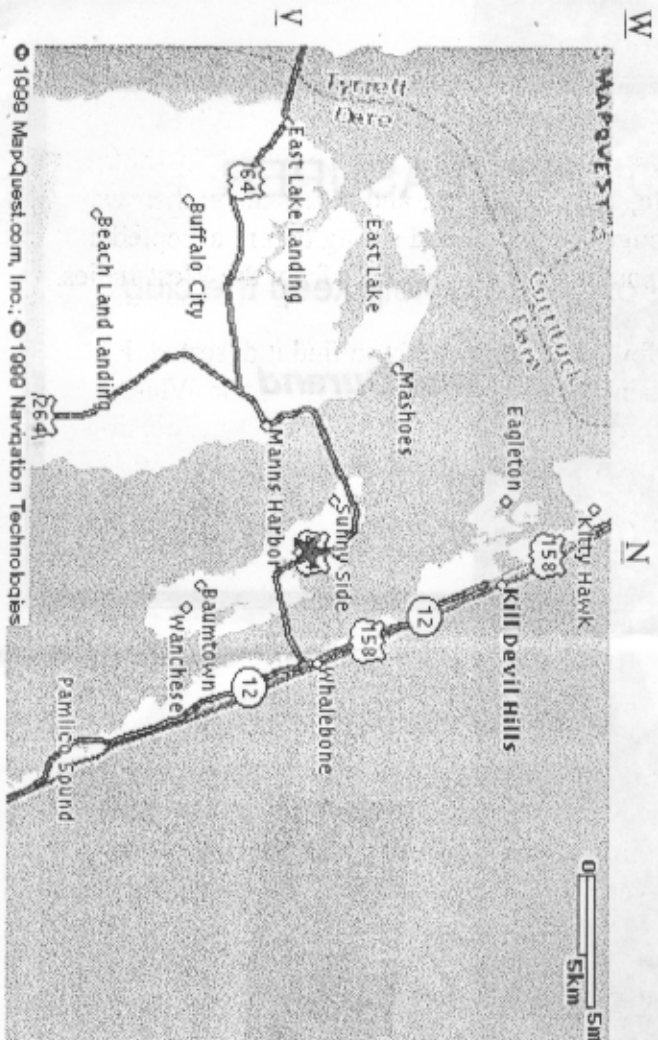
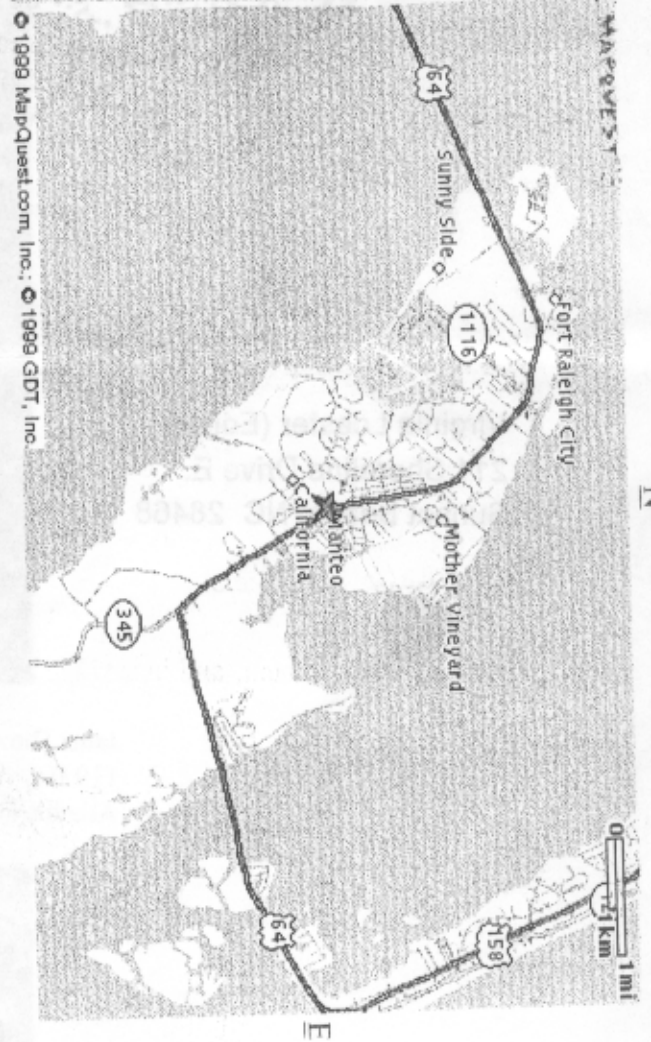
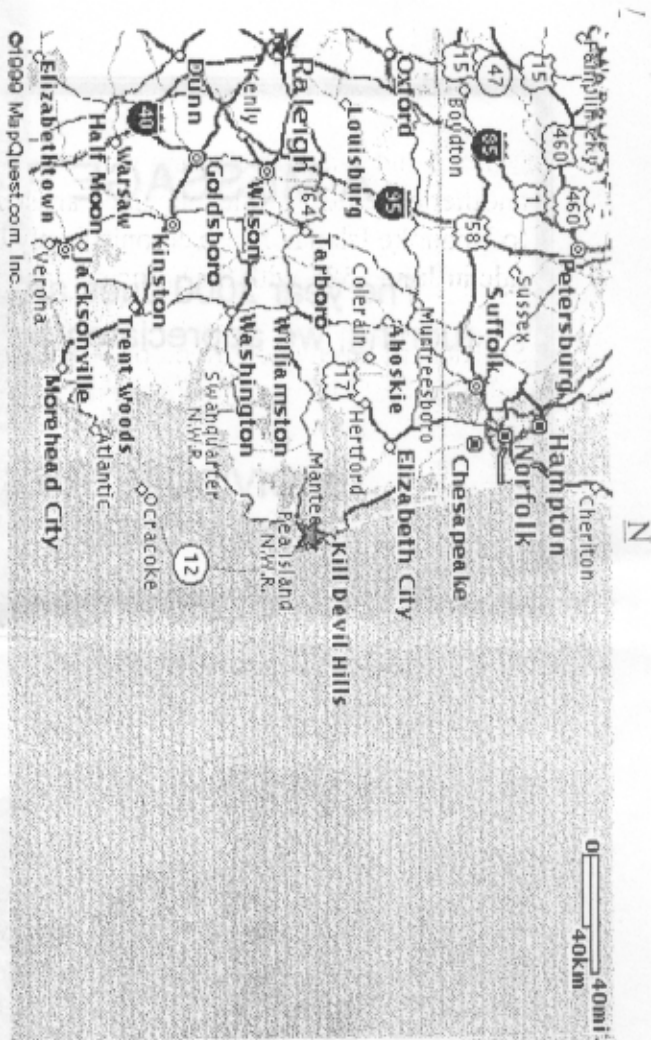
Paul Green's Lost Colony --the first outdoor drama in the US-- is located on the island. The majestic Elizabethan Gardens are also here.

Roanoke Island Festival Park:

Admission to Roanoke Island Festival Park includes the Elizabeth II sailing vessel; the film The Legend of Two Path; the 8500 square foot Exhibit Hall which chronicles 400 years of Outer Banks history through interactive exhibits; and The Settlement Site, where visitors are able to interact with Elizabethan soldiers. Also on site is The Pavilion, a large outdoor theater; a Museum Store with abundant treasures; The Gallery, which features monthly changing exhibits; sound side boardwalks which adjoin the Roanoke Island bike path; and more.

History, entertainment, and incredible beauty are all around, so be sure to explore!





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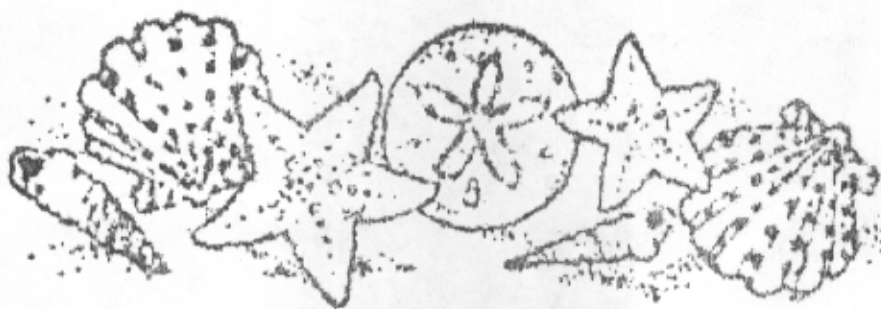
A MESSAGE FROM OUR TREASURER:

The year 2000 dues are due in April. These help keep the club running, we appreciate your prompt remittance

Janet Durand

INDIVIDUAL DUES: \$10.00 per year

FAMILY DUES: \$12.00 per year



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