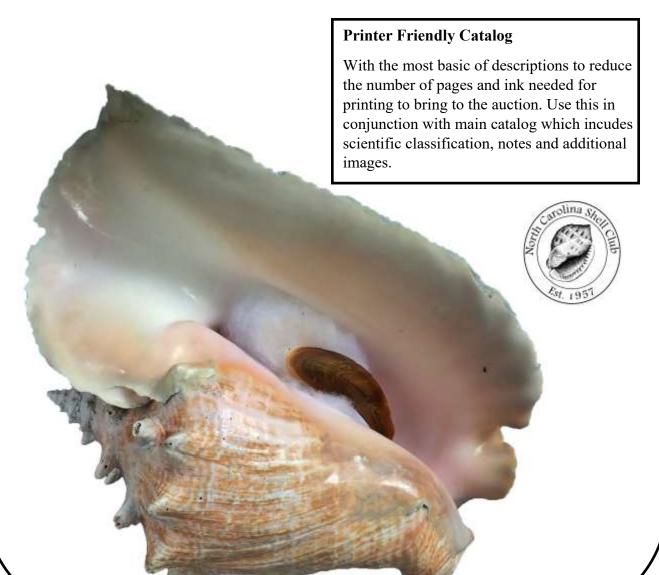
North Carolina Shell Club Oral Auction

20 September 2025 07:00 PM

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The annual fall auction is scheduled at the September meeting in 2025. Troublesome tropical storm systems the past two years, prevented the club from a much-anticipated trip to Shackleford Banks thus we are trying a reverse of the schedule. The November meeting this year will feature the Shackleford Banks trip.

Not to jinx the plans I hesitate to even explain why we are scheduling the big fall auction early this year. It has been several years since North Carolina has been impacted by a large tropical cyclone. We moved the shell show to May for the same reason as the auction reschedule and all has worked well.

The offerings profiled in the catalog feature many well-known and some lesser familiar species.

What makes the auction possible?

The shell club is blessed by the generosity of many friends who provide donations of shells and related material that make the auctions possible. This auction includes specimens donated by Randy Allamand, Carnegie Mellon University, Elan Long and Douglas Watt (no relation to Everett Long), the family of Carl and Janet Truckner, Rich Stratton, and Dave and Jody Watts, in addition to shells from the huge collection amassed by club member Everett Long (deceased).

After Evertt Long passed away the North Carolina Shell Club had opportunity to purchase the entirety of his shell collection from his family. Credit as to donor is modified from the normal model to reflect that the shell club did pay money for the shells, all be it at a very low rate. The collection included many rare species. Everett self-collected, exchanged and purchased shells. This auction features many of those shells, often providing unique opportunities for shells that will become the centerpiece of one's collection. Credit for shells from Everett's collection is as follows:

Courtesy North Carolina Shell Club, Everett Long collection

Photography, Color, Condition, Etc.

I have done my best to represent the shells accurately. There may be glitches in color, rendering and contrast. Computer screens may change the rendering of the specimen.

I try to note any defects observed. However, I am not infallible in this respect. Damage and or forgeries via "shell doctoring" sometimes escapes me. The club recommends attendance at the viewing prior to the auction to confirm what I have communicated in the catalog.

Science

In the instance where no collecting/source or data is included with the specimen I record it as "No Data." It is followed by the general known range that it is from. While not useful for scientific study, the specimens remain attractive and desirable.

A few references consulted for the catalog

Compendium of Seashells, R. Tucker Abbott & S. Peter Dance

An invaluable first stop at identifying shells and finding popular names.

WoRMS: www.marinespecies.org

Molluscabase; www.molluscabase.org

Convention for the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)

Shells that are governed in trade by CITES are species of concern and noted as such. There are few restrictions on the trade of such specimens already within USA.

Imports and exports of species listed as CITES II or III are restricted. Most people do not bother wading through the myriad rules concerning trade to learn if by permit, it can take place. Specimens marked as CITES II or CITES III thus are likely only available via existing collections that were imported into USA before the listings.

The auction does not include any shells or specimens listed under CITES I.

Additionally, there may be laws governing the export of specimens from individual countries that may be reflected in availability in our auctions. As with CITES II or III if a shell was already in USA via an older collection for example, there are no regulations concerning internal USA trade.

Minimum Bid Increments

\$1 to \$50 = \$1 \$50 to \$100 = \$5 \$100 to \$300 = \$10 \$300 and up = \$25

Bid increments higher than the minimum accepted

Even dollar increments within the ranges defined only

For lots of estimated high dollar value we may begin bidding greater than \$1.

Payment is due at close of the auction.

If you cannot make it to the auction, consider arranging for a friend to proxy in your behalf. The shell club does not offer proxy bidding service at this time.

Auctioneers

Bill Bennight Mark Johnson Dr. Daniel Minor John Timmerman

Enjoy the adventure in shells and collecting while browsing the following pages. There is likely something that will be a centerpiece in your cabinet so save your pennies for the auction!

John Timmerman

Chair, North Carolina Shell Club Oral Auctions

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Cover: Lot #82, Pink Conch, Pg.9



Lot 1 **Golden Cowrie**

Callistocypraea aurantium (Gmelin, 1791)

87.5mm



Lot 2 Wilvilli's Bonnet

Echinophora wyvillei (R. B. Watson, 1886)



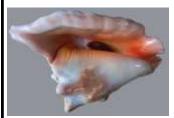
Lot 3 Legacy Book



Lot 4 **Peruvian Conch**

Lobatus peruvianus (Swainson, 1823)

w/op., 162.8mm



Lot 5 **Princely Cone**

Conus aulicus Linnaeus, 1758 135.3mm



Lot 6 **Dominican Cone**

Conus dominicanus Hwass, 1792

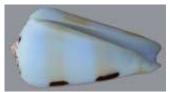
54.6mm very large



Lot 7 **Governor Cone**

Conus gubernator laehmani Motte, 1979 variant of Conus gubernator Hwass, 1792

59mm



Lot 8

Melvil's Cone, 3 shells

Conus melvilli G. B. Sowerby III, 1879

23.2-28mm



Lot 9 Vidua Cone, 3 shells Conus vidua Reeve, 1843 2-w/op., 31.2-44.4mm



Lot 10 Teuleri's Cowrie

Barycypraea teulerei (Cazenavette, 1846)

47.3mm



Lot 11

Babylonia Collection 5 species



Lot 12 Ranzani's Triton

Cymatium ranzanii (Bianconi, 1850)

w/op. 181mm

Lot 13 **Angular Triton**

Cymatium femorale (Linnaeus, 1758)

w/op., 167mm



Lot 14

Three West Central American Murex

Phyllonotus erythrostomus (Swainson, 1831)

Hexaplex brassica (Lamarck, 1822) Phyllonotus regius (Swainson, 1821)







Lot 15 Regal Murex

Phyllonotus regius (Swainson, 1821)

145.5mm



Lot 16 Brown Stem Coral

Pocillopora verrucosa (Ellis & Solander, 1786)

228mm (long/tall)



Lot 17

Brown Stem Coral

Pocillopora verrucosa (Ellis & Solander, 1786)

162mm (average dimension)



Lot 18 Table Coral

Acropora clathrata (Brook, 1891) 210mm (across the largest dimension of the top)



Lot 19

Red Organ Pipe Coral

Tubipora musica Linnaeus, 1758

182mm (largest dimension)



Lot 20

Purple Barnacle

Megabalanus tintinnabulum (Linnaeus, 1758)

210mm (tall)



Lot 21

Chambered Nautilus

Polished

Nautilus pompilius Linnaeus,1758

137.5mm



Lot 22

Fossils, Denovian Period, 419-358 million years old,

Four Specimens

Mucrospirifer Grabau, 1931 sp



Lot 23

Pink Conch, 2 shells *Aliger gigas* (Linnaeus, 1758)

170mm and 224mm



Lot 24

Gold-mouth Volute

Cymbiola chrysostoma (Swainson, 1824)

74.2mm



Lot 25

Gold-mouth Volute

Cymbiola chrysostoma (Swainson, 1824)

70.3mm



Lot 26

Book

Seashells of Southern Florida, Bivalves, Mikkelsen & Bieler, 2008



Lot 27

Poulson's Dwarf Triton, 2 Shells *Roperia poulsoni* (P. P. Carpenter, 1864)

w/op., 43.6 - 44mm

Lot 28

Knobbed Whelk, 2 shells *Austrofusus glans* (Röding, 1798)

43.2-44mm





Lot 29

Hawaii Major Harp

Harpa conoidalis Lamarck, 1822

51.4mm

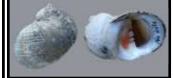


Lot 30

Bleeding Tooth Nerite, 2 shells

Nerita peloronta Linnaeus, 1758

43.1mm and 31.8mm



Lot 31

Arabian Tibia

Tibia insulaechorab Röding, 1798

180mm





Lot 32

Miter Collection,

5 Species

collected in Hawaii



Lot 33

Nodular Scallop or Hawaiian Sunrise Shell

Bractechlamys langfordi (Dall, Bartsch & Rehder, 1938)

19_{mm}



Lot 34

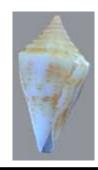
Cymatium Collection 7 Species



Lot 35

Conus gibsonsmithorum Petuch, 1986

23.5mm



Lot 36

Sennott's Cone Conus sennottorum Rehder & Abbott, 1951

25.6mm



Lot 37

Austin's Cone Conus cancellatus Hwass, 1792, Syn. Conus atractus austini Rehder &

Abbott, 1951

37.9mm



Lot 38

Austin's Cone

Conus cancellatus **Hwass 1792**

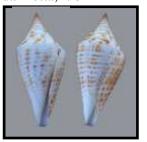
w/op. 32.3mm



Lot 39

Garcia's Cone

Conus garciai da Motta, 1982



Lot 40

Garcia's Cone

Conus garciai da Motta, 1982

54.1mm

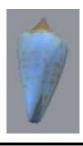


Lot 41

Sunderland's Cone

Conus sunderlandi **Petuch**, 1987

17.3mm



Lot 42

Conus granarius Kiener, 1847 Syn. Conus panamicus Petuch, 1990

37.2mm



Lot 43

Conasprella mindana (Hwass, 1792)

20.4mm



Lot 44

Vellipin's Cone

Conus villepini P. Fisher & Bernardi 1857



Lot 45

Publication

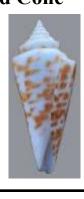
Danker L. N. Vink's The Conidae of the Western Atlantic, John R. Tucker

The Cone Collector Special issue #14A, 2010



Lot 46 Gradated Cone

Conus gradatus W. Wood, 1828



Lot 47 Thomas' Rapa Whelk

Rapana venosa (Valenciennes, 1846)

112.1mm



Lot 48 Three Fig Shell

Four species



Lot 49 Lightning Volute

Ericusa fulgetrum (G. B. Sowerby I, 1825) 110.2mm



Lot 50

Noble Volute, Sub-adult

Cymbiola nobilis ([Lightfoot], 1786)

139.6mm



Lot 51 Clover's Volute

Lyria cloveriana C. S. Weaver, 1963

83.9mm



Lot 52

Radiate Turban

Turbo radiatus Gmelin, 1791

w/op., 68.7mm



Lot 53

Bat Volute, 5 shells

Cymbiola vespertilio (Linnaeus, 1758)

69.9-81.8mm



Lot 54

Zanzibar Vase

Tudivasum zanzibaricum (Abbott, 1958)

w/op., 60.3mm



Lot 55

Frog Shell Collection, 8 species



Lot 56

Southwest Pacific Spindle Selection 3 Species



Lot 57

West Central American Spindles, Selection 1

Four Species



Lot 58

West Central American Spindles, Selection 2







Lot 59

Western Atlantic Spindles
Four Species



Lot 60

Spindles, 2 species





Lot 61

Oman Spindles from the Bosch family

Five Species



Lot 62

Giant Philippine Cockle

Maoricardium pseudolima (Lamarck, 1819)

138.6mm



Lot 63
Poorman's Cone

Conus poormani S. S. Berry, 1986 55.4mm



Lot 64 Braille Hooks

~ Mid-20th Century



Lot 65

Texas Longhorn,

Bryozoa

Hippoporidra edax (Busk, 1859)

56.3-59.9mm



Lot 66

Sentis Scallop, 12 shells

Caribachlamys sentis (Reeve, 1853)

22.6-34.8mm



Lot 67

Lion's Paw Scallop, 8 shells

Nodipecten fragosus (Conrad, 1849)

21.9-39.4mm



Lot 68

Semipallium flavicans (Linnaeus, 1758)

47.2mm



Lot 69

Mimachlamys punctata (Gmelin, 1791)

56.9-62.8mm





Lot 70

Plicate Scallop, 2 shells

Decatopecten plica (Linnaeus, 1758) 39.9mm & 35.9mm



Lot 71

Scallop Selection

(No Data)

Four Species



Lot 72

Swift's Scallop

Swiftopecten swifti (Bernard, 1858)

90.3mm



Lot 73

Great Scallop

Pecten maximus (Linnaeus, 1758) 68.5mm

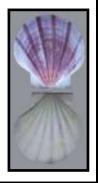


Lot 74

Tasmanian Scallop

Pecten fumatus Reeve, 1852

55.4mm



Lot 75 Two Scallops

Mimachlamys sanguinea (Linnaeus, 1758

Bractechlamys vexillum (Reeve, 1853)



Lot $\overline{76}$

Irregular Scallop, 2 Shells Laevichlamys cuneata (Reeve, 1853)

Japan, 42.7mm, Gaum, 35.9mm



Lot 77 African Fan Scallop

Pecten alessii R. A. Philipps, 1836

41.6mm



Lot 78

White-patch Nautilus

Nautilus stenomphalus G. B. Sowerby II, 1849

61.4mm



Lot 79

West Pacific Ocean Bonnets, 3 Species



Lot 80

West Mexican Crown Conch, 2 shells

Melongena patula (Broderip & G. B. Sowerby I, 1829)

137.4-149.7mm



Lot 81 Horned or Yellow Helmet

Cassis cornuta (Linnaeus, 1758)



Lot 82 Pink Conch

Aliger gigas (Linnaeus, 1758)



Lot 83 Harps, 3 Species

Harpa doris Röding, 1798 Harpa articularis Lamarck, 1822 Harpa cabriti P. Fisher, 1860



Lot 84 Rose-branch Murex

Chicoreus palmarosae (Lamarck, 1822)



Lot 85
Sharp-spined Murex
Homalocantha oxyacantha
(Broderip, 1833)



Lot 86

Pacific Lion's Paw

Nodipecten subnodosus
(G. B. Sowerby I, 1835)



Lot 87 Marine Mollusks in Japan,



Lot 88
Seven Murex Species



Lot 89
Springer's Top, 6 shells
Calliostoma springeri
Clench & R. D. Turner, 1960



Lot 90 Superb Gaza

Gaza superba (Dall, 1881)



Lot 91 Barbier's Murex

Haustellum barbieri Houart, 1993



Lot 92 Kuroda's Murex

Haustellum kurodai (Shikama, 1964)



Lot 93 Victor Dan's Murex

Haustellum vicdani Kosuge, 1980



Lot 94 Two Philippines Cones

Conus roseorpum G. Raybaudi & da Motta, 1990 Conus crocatus Lamarck, 1810



Lot 95 Two Cones

Conus ammiralis var. guineensis Gmelin, 1791 Conus textile Linnaeus, 1758 (syn. cholmondeleyi Melvill, 1900)



Lot 96

(Linnaeus, 1758)

Snipe's Bill Murex 3 shells *Haustellum haustellum*

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Lot 97 Common Spider Conch

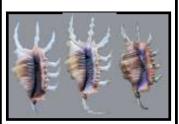
Lambis lambis (Linnaeus, 1758)



Lot 98

Scorpion Conch, 3 shells

Lambis scorpius (Linnaeus, 1758)



Lot 99

Bahamian Seashells, 1161 Species from Abaco, Bahamas, Colin Redfern, (autographed by Author, 2013 First printing



Lot 100

Milk Conch, 2 shells

Macrostrombus costatus (Gmelin, 1791)



Lot 101

Rooster Conch, 2 shells

Aliger gallus (Linnaeus, 1758)



Lot 102

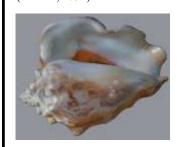
Three Knobbed Conch

Tricornis tricornis ([Lightfoot], 1786)



Lot 103 Bubonian Conch

Thetystrombus latus (Gmelin, 1791)



Lot 104 Scorpion Murex

Homalocantha scorpio (Linnaeus, 1758)



Lot 105

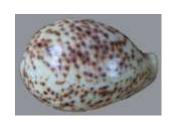
Tiger Cowrie, 3 shells

Cypraea tigris Linnaeus, 1758



Lot 106 Panther Cowrie

Cypraea pantherina [Lightfoot], 1786



Lot 107 Thersites Cowrie

Zoila thersites (Gaskoin, 1849)



Lot 108 Thersites Cowrie,

(Damaged)

Zoila thersites (Gaskoin, 1849)



Lot 109 Arabian Cowrie

Mauritia arabica (Linnaeus, 1758)



Lot 110

Map Cowrie, 3 shells

Leporicypraea mappa (Linnaeus, 1758)



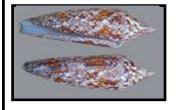
Lot 111 Bengal Cone

Conus bengalensis (Okutani, 1968)



Lot 112 Bengal Cone

Conus bengalensis (Okutani, 1968)



Lot 113 Bubble Cone

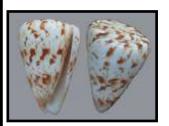
Conus bullatus Linnaeus, 1758



Lot 114

Characteristic Cone

Conus caracteristicus Fischer von Waldheim, 1807



Lot 115 Cock's Comb Cup Coral

Desmophyllum sp. Thysanius corbicula Duncan, 1863 Fossil



Lot 116 Three Tun Shells

Tonna galea (Linnaeus, 1758) Tonna allium (Dillwyn, 1817) Tonna sulcosa (Born, 1778)



Lot 117 Arabian Cowrie

Maurita arabica f. immanis (F. A. Schilder & Schilder, 1939)



Lot 118 Bell Clapper

Campanile symbolicum Iredale, 1917



Lot 119
Three Triton Species

Charonia lampas (Linnaeus, 1758) Charonia variegata (Lamarck, 1816) Charonia sauliae (Reeve, 1844)



Lot 120

Pacific Trumpet Triton Charonia tritonis (Linnaeus, 1758)

