

48th North Carolina Shell Show

May 1-3, 2026

Science Division Prospectus



*“In nature’s infinite book of secrecy,
a little I can read.”*

William Shakespeare
from “Anthony and Cleopatra”

2026 North Carolina Shell Show

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Crystal Coast Civic Center
3505 Arendell St
Morehead City, North Carolina 28557
USA

Welcome to the North Carolina Shell Show prospectus. I learn new things every year. In the following pages you will find new features for the show in 2026. Some are obvious. Others subtle.

The Shell Club has a great team working on the 48th Show and for this I am honored to be in a leadership role. The show is arguably a highpoint of the North Carolina Shell Club Year. Participation in the show whether by exhibiting, volunteering or simply viewing it is a rewarding part of the club's enterprise for public outreach.

"In nature's book of secrecy a little I can read." is relevant to our pursuit of the mollusk kingdom. We do not know everything about shells, thus one of the inspirations that drive our interest. The show is our opportunity to expand on the 2026 theme for the show.

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Gold-mouthed Tun

Tonna luteostoma (Küster, 1857)

Trawled by fishermen, south China Sea, 2009

169mm

“In nature’s infinite book of secrecy, a little I can read.”

William Shakespeare, from “Anthony and Cleopatra”

In the Shakespeare play “Anthony and Cleopatra” a prophet qualifies that his ability to foretell the future for Cleopatra is limited by the immensity of nature’s mysteries or secrets. In hundreds of years of study of shell and mollusks we have unlocked some of those secrets but there remains many more to be explain or discovered. The shell show is our opportunity to share those secrets and excite the imagination in those we have yet to answer.

The bold ribs of the tun shell please our eye and make it a prized find on the beach. The ribs yield a strong shell per amount of calcium carbonate the mollusk needed to make it. It’s an economy of material in creating a ridged shell. Recognizing the secret strength of ribbed shell is one aspect we unlocked. A would-be predator might have difficulty holding onto the shell while attempting to break in order to make a meal of the mollusk within. Why are there color markings on the shell? The tun mollusk does not to our knowledge utilize visual display the way birds and insects do to communicate with one another and or warn other predators to not fool with them. 🐚





2026 North Carolina Shell Show Science Division Important Data

Entry Deadline Scientific Division: March 20, 2026

Entries may be mailed, emailed or hand delivered to the Show Co-Chair, John Timmerman.
Entries must be received by the deadline.

Show Location: Crystal Coast Civic Center
3505 Arendell St. Morehead City NC 28557

Dealers Setup: Thursday, April 30, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Exhibitors Setup: Thursday, April 30, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Judging: Thursday, April 30, 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Show Hours: Friday, May 1, 9:00 AM—5:00 PM
Saturday, May 2, 9:00 AM – 5:00PM
Sunday, May 3, 9:00 AM – 3:00PM

Banquet: Saturday, May 2, 6:30 PM (provisional, see below)

Show Strike: Sunday, May 3, 3:00PM – 7:00PM

Exhibitors will receive an instruction and orientation packet prior to the show including directions to
Crystal Coast Civic Center and where/how to unload their exhibits.

No Shell Show exhibitor or associated person will be allowed entry to the exhibit hall before 9 AM on Thursday.

All exhibits must be set up by 1:00 PM, Thursday, April 30, 2026.

No exhibitor will be allowed to remain in the exhibit hall during judging.

Members of all shell clubs are encouraged to enter The North Carolina Shell Show. The show is open to the public during
the hours listed above on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

All exhibits, club tables, and dealers displays must remain for the duration of the show. Strike begins no sooner than 3PM
on Sunday.

Awards will be given at the time of judging and will be in place with exhibits for the opening of the show Friday at 9 AM.

Fragrance Free Shell Show

Recognizing that visitors and staff at our show may have a sensitivity and/or allergic reactions to various
fragrant products, North Carolina Shell Show should be a fragrance-free event. While personal fragrant
products are certainly allowed (fragrances, colognes, lotions, powders and other similar products) it
should not be perceptible to show staff, our guests at the show and/or the banquet.

Eligibility

Entries are open to anyone associated with a shell club who submits an application. There is no entry fee.

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3505 Arendell St
Morehead City, North Carolina 28557



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Exhibitor setup is Thursday. All exhibits must be completely set up and all exhibitors must exit the Exhibit Hall by 1 PM Thursday. Judging will begin after 1:00 PM. Dealers arrive between 9 AM and 5 PM and set up their displays during the day. **Bring a cart to be sure you have one if/when you need it!**

Absolutely No one will be allowed to preview either the show or the dealers' wares until Friday at 9 AM when the Shell Show opens.

Access

Exhibitors and dealers will receive a detailed map showing the location of the Crystal Coast Civic Center, public parking and exhibitor parking approximately two weeks before the show. **Exhibitor and dealer access is via the main entrance at the front of the Civic Center and/or a loading dock at the rear.**

Setup

Shell Show Committee members and volunteers who wish to help with set up should contact either of the show chairs ahead of the date to ascertain need. No exhibitor will be allowed to bring in and/or begin setup before 9:00 AM on Thursday. Dealers may begin to load their exhibits into the Exhibit Hall starting at 9:00 AM Thursday.

Admission

The Shell Show charges an admission.

Show exhibitors, vendors and volunteers will be provided with complimentary admission to the Show.

Exhibiting Space

It is the policy of the North Carolina Shell Show to not limit space for any exhibit. We have on occasion needed to work with an applicant to reduce exhibit size when requested space was no longer available. If you have a large exhibit we strongly recommend entering the show early to ensure space can be provided.

We have a limited number of very long straight runs. As the show fills the ability to accommodate large exhibits without a switch-back may become impossible.

Exhibit tables are 30" deep.

There are no walls to back your exhibit up to. All back-boards and posters must be free standing. Back-boards and posters are limited to 36" height and must fit on the tables. Keep the reverse side of backboards neat so as to not distract from exhibits that may back up to yours. If the backs of backboards are cluttered or unattractive the exhibitor may be requested to remedy it before the show opens.

For floor standing displays you must check for availability of space before entering! 🚫



2025 North Carolina Shell Show at Crystal Coast Civic Center



Entry Deadline: 20 March 2026 (All Divisions)

Applications must be in the hands of the Shell Show Co-Chair by this date.

Entry Deadline: Will be Enforced!

No late entries accepted

The deadline for entry to the show will be adhered to. We have to submit a floor plan to the Civic Center and county Fire Marshall well in advance of the show dates. Once a plan is approved by the Fire Marshall we are locked into it and cannot change without repeating the review and permitting process, at the risk of not gaining approval in time to set up and open the show!

Important! The show may fill before the deadline. The deadline is the last date at which we accept applications. The deadline is superseded if the show fills prior to that date. In 2025 the show filled prior to the published entry deadline.

In the event of the show filling before the published deadline, we notify the entrant with the option of being placed on a waiting list. If there is a cancellation, standbys will be notified in the order in which they were added to the wait list. We have no way of knowing if or when a cancellation might occur. There have been cancellations at the last second where hopeful participants were not able to change alternate plans to be in the show. It is best not to risk being a standby and or depending on a cancellation. Submit application(s) early to avoid disappointment or inconvenience! 🍀

A Note on Conservation

North Carolina Shell Club emphasizes that reasonable and responsible collecting should be our goal in order to minimize the environmental impact of our studies and preserve natural habitat and mollusks for future generations to enjoy and learn from. It is acceptable to include shells that became species of concern such as listed as CITES I & II as there remain many specimens in collections collected before the listings. Shells already collected should not go to waste as there remains much we can learn from them. Including the date of collection on the label especially when prior to a conservation listing is helpful to understanding the goal of conservation. 🍀

For an essay on the ethics of responsible shell collecting, see the North Carolina Shell Club web page at: www.ncshellclub.com/Collect.htm

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Repeat Exhibits

An exhibit that has won a Blue Ribbon in a previous NC Shell Show can qualify for a different award if reentered in a different category, as long as it is applicable to the entry. An unchanged exhibit cannot win the same club awards, “COA Award” or “Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia Award” more than once unless it is changed by a minimum of 50% via the addition of new specimens, graphics and labels. An exhibit that is changed by 50% is considered a new exhibit and would be eligible for any applicable award(s). This rule does not apply to the “People’s Choice Award” which can be received by any exhibit in a North Carolina Shell Show multiple times.

New exhibits documenting the exploration of shells enhances the excitement of the shell show and is a key parameter in this adventure we share with our audience, the viewing public.

The Master’s Award provides us a chance to enjoy exhibits that have demonstrated superior performance, often at distant shell shows. When an exhibit is entered in the Masters Award Category it can compete for no other award offered by the show. No one exhibit can receive this coveted award more than once. (see page for Masters Award rules) However, the exhibit can compete for the “People’s Choice Award.”

The “People’s Choice Science Award” may be received by any exhibit in the Science Division in a North Carolina Shell Show. This includes entries that may no longer qualify for some awards due to being repeated without the needed scope of change to be considered and new outing. 🐚

Good Sportsmanship

Suggestions or complaints concerning the show must be directed to the North Carolina Shell Show Co-Chairs and or Club President only. Unsportsmanlike conduct on the part of any exhibitor will be reported to the officers of North Carolina Shell Club. The incident will be discussed at the next meeting of officers and may result in prohibition of entry in the North Carolina Shell show for a minimum of one year or longer. 🐚

Remember, Important Date

Deadline for Scientific Division Entries: March 20, 2026



Submit to:

Co-Chair John Timmerman
206 Quail Ridge Rd
Wilmington, NC 28409 2637
ncshellclub@gmail.com



Suggested Lodging

North Carolina Shell Club recommends Hampton Inn which is nearby to the show. The price includes a complimentary hot continental breakfast.

Hampton Inn Morehead City

4035 Arendell St

Morehead City, NC 28557

PHONE: 1-866-238-4218 or Hotel direct #252-240-2300

Note

The club has arranged a special show discount rate at this location.

The rate is \$169/night for 1 king or two double beds.

The group code is: CHH90F

If you think you may be attending the show, consider making your reservations as soon as possible. The month of May in the Morehead City area is a busy with events.



The Hampton is not the official guest residence for the show but in past years many participants in the show stay there, providing an added opportunity to share breakfast and or cross paths with friends during the weekend. 🍷

Banquet

A highlight of the shell show for exhibitors and club members is the banquet, held Saturday evening. The banquet is at the Civic Center. It is a great opportunity to share time together, especially with friends visiting from out of town. The scientific judge is the keynote speaker. Another anticipated event is the announcement of the winners of the two “People’s Choice” awards. 🍷

Bar Opens at 6:00 PM Beer \$3, Wine \$5

Dinner at 6:30 PM Tickets: \$45/per person

Buffet Menu

Chicken Picata

Slice beef loin with light au jus

Vegetarian Entrée: Baked Ziti

Home Style Smashed Potatoes

Green Beans

Garden Salad

Yeast Roles

Lemon pound Cake

Iced Chocolate Cake

Sweet Tea, Unsweetened Tea, Water

Banquet Reservation deadline: Wednesday April 23, 2026

Submit complete reservation and payment to:

Karlynn Morgan, North Carolina Shell Club Treasurer
3098 Shannon Dr.

Winston-Salem, NC 27106

The reservation form is at the end of this Prospectus

It's a buffet. You do not need to designate a preference for menu ahead of time.



Inspection

The inspection by the Fire Marshall is a critical step for safe operations of the show. Much of the safety planning is largely invisible. Egress, ADA guidelines and other regulations for the show are adhered to.

Exhibitors must not move tables or otherwise rearrange the gallery without first consulting with the show chairs. During set up, remain vigilant for safety such as not blocking fire escapes.


The rules will be enforced by the Shell Club prior to and after inspection by the Fire Marshall.

Lighting and Electricity

Electricity is an area all exhibitors can have a direct role in safe operation. Before the show opens to the public all electric application is subject to approval by the Carteret County Fire Marshall. The Fire Marshall can exercise the option to return to the show at a random time for additional and or follow up inspection(s). In 2024 several electrical violations were identified. It's very reasonable to conclude that for 2026 if the same problems are present the show risks failing inspection. Aside from the serious risks for injury caused by incorrect application of electricity, the Fire Marshall has the option to close the show until violations are corrected.

If you need electricity be sure to indicate it by checking the appropriate box on your application. This will greatly aid us in ensuring minimal

complications or delay at set up. The Civic Center staff will install power feeds where we indicate the need ahead of the show set up date.


If you need an extension cord, bring one. The club may have a few to loan but we cannot guarantee there will be enough to fulfill all requests. Extension cords must be the type with a (grounded) three prong plug. Two pronged extension cords are not allowed. The casing (insulation) must be undamaged. Electric tape mended damage is not allowed. The male end must have all three prongs intact and undamaged. A replaced plug end, male or female is allowed. Heavy duty three pronged extension cords can be purchased inexpensively. Write your name on the cord. A minimum 25' cord length is recommended. 

No Ganging of Extension Cords!

We most notably failed inspection in 2024 for plugging multiple extension cords into one another. This is against the law. If you want an explanation that might put you to sleep contact me, and I will share the why of it. In a nutshell, ganging cords can result in fire or electrocution.

Unfortunately a power strip, despite often including a breaker fuse, is classified as an extension cord. It is illegal to plug a power strip into another power strip much less multiple strips in a series, commonly termed "ganging." The same dangers that render a combination of regular extension cords plugged into each other is true for power strips. A power strip must be plugged into a receptacle that is part of the

building. They cannot be plugged into an extension cord. Though LED lighting draws considerably less energy than incandescent lighting, the law accounts for a scenario whereby all available outlets in ganged extension cords/power strips will have something plugged in and running simultaneously, greatly elevating the risk of an overload.

An extension cord with a factory installed splitter, it is to say you can plug more than one thing into it simultaneously, is allowed. An add-on block/splitter is not allowed. As with power strips which have multiple places to plug things in, adding another extension cord or power strip is not allowed. 



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Rules and Regulations

- 1 A complete, signed application must be submitted for each entry. There is no limit to the number of entries any one person may submit.
A Parent or Legal Guardian is required to complete a Youth Application for entrants below the age of 18.
- 2 Entries can be made in as many categories as desired. Content of each exhibit must be for that one entry only. For example, an entry in the Category 5, “Worldwide Self-collected” cannot be considered as part of Category 19, “Educational Collection.” Exceptions to this rule are awards for Best Single Shell Any Source, Best Self-collected Shell and Photography.
- 3 Content of the exhibit must be solely the property of the exhibitor and may not be for sale during the show.
- 4 No exhibitor shall be allowed in the Civic Center while judging is in process.
- 5 Exhibits which have won First Place in a North Carolina Shell Show, excluding single shells, must be reworked a minimum of 50% via addition of new labeling or specimens to compete within the same category. If unchanged it must be entered in a different and appropriate category. Exception is the people’s Choice Award in Science
- 6 A shell that has won either the “Single Best Self-Collected Shell” or “Best Shell of Show Any Source” in a North Carolina Shell Show cannot qualify for either award a second time at the NC Shell Show.
We maintain of record of past winners!
- 7 The name(s) or nickname(s) of the exhibitor must not show on any part of the exhibit until judging is complete (this prohibition includes a picture of the exhibitor on a backboard). **Note:** In the event the exhibitor’s name is listed as an author in an exhibited scientific article/presentation and may request this beforehand with the shell show committee for approval on a case by case basis.
- 8 Awards will be assigned only if the judges deem the exhibit(s) worthy of receiving them. The judge’s decisions are final. The COA guidelines of sound judging are used as a guide.
- 9 Exhibit length cannot be greater than 48 feet without a switchback. Width (front to back) is limited to 30 inches. Electricity is available upon request. The reverse side of posters, maps, easels, etc. must be neat and pleasing to the eye so as not to detract from exhibits on the opposite side of the table. All backboards must be free standing. Backboard height limit is 36 inches. Exhibits must fit on the tables.
- 10 Exhibits must be contained in a covered box or case. This is for the safety of the collections. An exception is made for very large shells which may be displayed uncovered at the owner’s risk. All effort is made by the show committee to ensure the safety of exhibits but uncovered exhibits are tempting to touch which can happen too quickly even when we are looking.
- 11 Exhibits must remain in place for the duration of the show. Early removal may cause loss of eligibility for future shows.
No substituting an early removed exhibit with a similar item.



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Rules and Regulations

- 12 Failure to bring an entry to the show may result in a charge for table space and/or loss of future eligibility for the show.
- 13 No advertising or selling of merchandise will be allowed in or around the show other than by dealers at their tables, who have submitted a completed dealer application.
The North Carolina Shell Club sales are dealers.
- 14 The North Carolina Shell Club and/or Crystal Coast Civic Center will not be responsible for damage or theft of any exhibit.
However, appropriate security measures are exercised.
- 15 Entries for the Masters Award may compete only for this one award in the show with the exception of the People's Choice Science Award.
- 16 ★ In categories other than those which must only contain self-collected shells, a red star should be placed on the shell's label in order for it to be eligible for the "Self-collected Shell of the Show" Award. If photography included in the exhibit is by the exhibitor include a credit that reads "Photography by exhibitor" in bold print. If all shells in an exhibit are self collected this must be boldly indicated on the exhibits introduction or backboard.
- Exhibits must be no deeper than 30 inches front to back.
- 17 Exhibits fitting on tables are guaranteed space in the show excepting for the event of the show filling up.
Heavy exhibits, for example Tridacna valves, may be declined for inclusion on the tables. See rule 18 for heavy and or displays that will not fit on the tables.
- Exhibits must be no deeper than 30 inches front to back.
- 18 Space may be available for exhibits that do not fit on the tables. Contact the show chair to learn of availability before entering.
If space for non-table exhibits is available, it will be placed directly on the gallery floor.
The exhibitor must provide a riser, pedestal or easel, if needed.



Awards

Awarding at North Carolina Shell Show

To promote highest quality of the shell show, all Awards except “Peoples Choice” will only be made if the judges determine an entry has been made deserving a given award by quality and content. For example an exhibit entered as the sole contender within a given category must fulfill the parameters of a high quality exhibit in order to earn a first place award in that category.

Awards including trophies will not be made if no exhibit has earned or meets the parameters defined for them.

2026 One Retired, One Introduced

The DuPont Trophy is no longer offered at shell shows. 2025 was the final year for the respected award. Beginning in 2026 a new award is introduced filling the vacancy of this prestigious and coveted trophy.

“The Academy of Natural Sciences Philadelphia Award” is now being offered at shell shows. Details of the parameters of the new award are included on page where the award is profiled. 🐚

Novice Award

The show does not have a Novice Category.

It does offer a trophy for exhibitors entering a shell show for the first time with at least one case including multiple shells. To enter as Novice be sure to check “Yes” to the question on the Science Division application. An entry must be submitted with a “yes” to the question to be considered for the Novice Award.

Judges will consider the exhibit within the category in which it is submitted along with all entries within the category. While it is the goal to win First Place it is possible to place Second in a category and earn the Novice Trophy. 🐚



Youth Categories

For either of the two Youth Categories 25 or 26, a Youth Application” must submitted. Youth submitting any other application will be declined for inclusion in the show! 🐚



2024 at Crystal Coast Civic Center



2025 at Crystal Coast Civic Center

2026 North Carolina Shell Show Science Division Judging Guidelines

Judging of North Carolina Shell Show exhibits follows the guidelines of sound judging set forth by The Conchologists of America.

GUIDELINES FOR THE CONCHOLOGISTS OF AMERICA AWARD

(ADDENDUM I)

SOUND JUDGING PROCESS

Sound and unbiased judging is central to a good shell show. The following are suggested guidelines aimed at achieving this goal for scientific exhibits.

- A. For each show, there shall preferably be two or more suitably qualified judges working as a panel.
- B. All judges should have a good knowledge of conchology. At least one member of the judging panel, acting as senior judge, should have superior knowledge in judging shell shows
- C. All judges should be thoroughly familiar with the rules of the shows they are judging.
- D. The show sponsor should provide for a suitable environment in which the judging is to take place. There should be adequate lighting; and the process, free from unnecessary interruptions.
- E. The show sponsor should assign one or more clerks to assist in the judging process. The clerks should be thoroughly familiar with the show rules. A copy of the shell show rules should be made available during the judging process for quick reference.
- F. The clerk(s) should not be competing exhibitor(s) at the show.
- G. The judging process should be conducted free from outside influence, including prejudicial comments or suggestions from the clerk(s). The judges should have the right to privacy for free and uninhibited discussions among themselves.
- H. Exhibits to be judged should be identified anonymously; a common accepted practice is to identify each exhibit numerically. Text or graphics depicting the exhibitor should be covered up.
- I. Where there is a conflict of interest, the particular judge involved, should remove himself (herself) from the discussion on that one exhibit.
- J. Judges should withhold awards (including the COA Award) when no exhibit is found to measure up to the standards deserving such honor.
- K. Post-judging critique of any exhibit by a judge, when asked for, is deemed as a healthy process and should be encouraged.
- L. Judges' decisions are final.

COA Executive Board Approval, July 9, 1990.





2026 North Carolina Shell Show Science Division Categories

- 1. Masters:** entrants in this category can compete for no other award except the People's Choice.
 - 2. North Carolina Collection:** all specimens must be self-collected from North Carolina; includes salt, fresh water, land and/or fossil mollusks.
 - 3. Regional Self-Collected:** 100% Self-collected
 - 4. Regional Collection Any Source:**
 - 5. World-wide Self-collected:** 100% self-collected
 - 6. World-wide Any Source:**
 - 7. Fresh Water Collection:** self-collected or any source
 - 8. Land Snails:** self-collected or any source
 - 9. Fossil Mollusks:** self-collected or any source
 - 10. Specialized Collection:** freaks, albinos, growth series, variations, color forms, etc.
 - 11. Single Shell Self-collected:** the shell must be collected by the entrant. Note: If a shell has won this category in the past at a North Carolina Shell Show, it is not eligible to win again.
 - 12. Single Shell Any Source:** purchased, traded, inherited, as a gift, etc. Note: If a shell has won this category in the past at a North Carolina Shell Show, it is not eligible to win again.
- New Category for 2026 !**
- 13. My Favorite North Carolina Shell, Self-collected:** Can be a single or multiple shells in a single case no larger than 3 feet length. Modern marine, land and or fossils. All shells must have been collected in North Carolina.
- New Category for 2026 !**
- 14. My Favorite North Carolina Shell, Any Source:** Can be a single or multiple shells in a single case no larger than 3 feet length. Modern marine, land and or fossils. All shells must have been collected in North Carolina. The category allows us a chance to see shells even if not personally collected by the exhibitor!
- 15. One Large Family:** Cypraeidae, Volutidae, Pectinidae, Conidae, Strombidae, Muricidae or Veneridae.
- 16. One Small Family:** Includes all families not listed under Category 13.
- 17. One Genus/Subgenus**
- 18. Miniature Collection:** species that at maturity measure 20 millimeters in length or less.
- 19. Educational Collection:** though the majority of scientific exhibits cannot help but be educational the primary emphasis in this category is to effectively teach about mollusks.



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20. Mollusk Natural History: the objective of the exhibit is to provide information covering one or combination of subjects concerning mollusk environment, conservation, biology, natural history, etc.

21. “One Case Wonder” : The subject can be any concerning mollusks. The entry is limited to one case of multiple specimens. The entire entry including backboards and case may not exceed 3 feet in length.

22. Beach Collected Shells: All shells must be dead collected on beaches or other shorelines; exhibits in this category cannot include shells from scallop dumps or similar sources.

New Category for 2026 !

23. Roads, Fishing, Weddings and Great-Aunt Susy.: Includes shells found at scallop dumps, “wedding shells,” road aggregate or in attics. All places where the context or original source of occurrence is non-existent or questionable, at best.

24. Marine Life Exhibit: includes specimens related to the sea such as coral and crabs. Also includes non-mollusk fossils such as shark teeth. In our quest for mollusks we sometimes also get some pretty cool lateral finds.

New Split Category for 2026 !

25. Youth Collection I, Ages 12 and Lower: Entrant must be no older than age 12. The applicant must use the Youth Application, Science Division to enter.

New Split Category for 2026 !

26. Youth Collection II, Ages 13—18: Entrants must be no younger than 13. The applicant must use the Youth Application, Science Division to enter.

27. Scientific Shell Photography: Photographs, slides, etc. taken exclusively by the entrant.

28. Other Scientific: A subject that does not fit any of the categories listed. Note: the entry may be subject to review by the Shell Show Committee before judging to verify placement in this category.

29. Science Non-competitive: Any non-competitive science exhibit/installation The high standards for exhibits remain strongly encouraged. The exhibit still qualifies for People’s Choice Award, Science.

What Category to Enter?

If in doubt on the category to enter we recommended you contact the show Chair ahead of submitting an application for suggestions/guidance. Once the show is being set up it is too late to make a category change. It is a hectic time.

Parameters for some of the categories have been modified since 2025. Be sure to reference this prospectus for 2026, not documents of past years. 🐚



2026 North Carolina Shell Show Science Division Awards

New For 2026

The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia Award



The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia Award is given to the most outstanding exhibit of mollusks at a shell show. This award is made to the amateur collector or group of such collectors responsible for the exhibit that in the opinion of the judges will be the most inspiring and instructive for its accurate scientific data, educational value, and attractiveness, and that will contribute most to the success of the shell show. This award may be only awarded to a blue ribbon or first prize winner. It may not be awarded to any exhibit that has previously won it in this or any other shell show, Unless the exhibit has changed by at least 50%. It also may not be awarded to an exhibit by any professional specimen shell dealer, unless the exhibit consists entirely of self-collected shells, or any professional malacologist. The purpose of this award is to advance the cause of amateur malacology by encouraging the entry of exhibits that will stimulate public interest and increase appreciation of the hobby and the scientific study of mollusks. The official judges of the shell show shall determine the winner.

A word about scientific names: The names used in an exhibit are up to the discretion of the exhibitor, so long as they are consistently applied. The author and year that follow a scientific name should make sense in the context of the exhibit. For example, MolluscaBase.org, which tries to capture all names that have ever been applied to Recent and fossil mollusks, makes extensive use of initials to distinguish homonymous authors. George Perry and Louise Perry are presented therein as “G. Perry and “L. Perry.” They worked more a century apart, however, so if one were to write “Perry, 1940” after a scientific name, that would be sufficient to distinguish the authors.

Best Wishes

Gary Rosenberg

2026 North Carolina Shell Show Science Division Awards

The Masters Award

Sponsored by Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum

Process And Guidelines

January 9, 2018 Revision

OBJECTIVE: The Masters Award is established to promote interest in shells and shell collecting by encouraging displays of high quality exhibits that have previously won any of the "broad category" major awards at shell shows.

AWARD ADMINISTRATION: This Award is sponsored by the Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum of Sanibel, Florida. The Shell Museum shall assign a representative to manage this Award. The role of the representative should include managing the finance of the Award, the trophy design and production, the promotion of the Award, selection of shell shows to give out this Award, timely dispatch of the trophy to recipient shell shows and making sure the Award process and guidelines are being adhered to.

AWARD FREQUENCY: The Award representative should determine the number of trophies to be given every year. No shell show may give out this award more than once a year.

SHELL SHOW ELIGIBILITY: The following criteria should be used in the selection of shell shows to give out this Award.

- A) Shell shows that promote open participation by all exhibitors without restrictions.
- B) Shell shows that have established history of attracting substantial audience.
- C) Shell shows that subscribe to sound judging process as per guidelines adopted for the Conchologists of America Award.
- D) Shell shows that provide ample and suitable space for accepting large exhibits. Availability of 500 or more linear feet for scientific displays may be used as a guide.
- E) The selected shell shows should set up a separate and stand alone category for the Masters Award.
- F) The competing exhibit entry should not compete for other awards. As an exception, eligibility for the "People's Choice" type award may be given to Masters Award entries.
- G) A show sponsor may bestow additional honor to the winner of this award if desired.

EXHIBIT ELIGIBILITY: All exhibits that have received any of the major "broad category" awards at a previous shell show are eligible. These awards include: the American Museum of Natural History Award, the Conchologists of America Award, the du Pont Trophy, the R. Tucker Abbott Award (Jacksonville), the Smithsonian Award and The Academy of Natural Sciences at Philadelphia Award.

An eligible exhibit should retain its original format and its contents can not be changed more than 10%. Scientific nomenclature revisions to the original exhibit are allowed. Exhibits that have won other top level awards similar to the Masters Award such as the Best of the Best trophy given at the Broward Shell Show, the Mote Gold Trophy given at the Sarasota Shell Show, the Florida Museum of Natural History Platinum Award given at the St. Petersburg Shell Show and the "The Sanibel Platinum Award" trophy are not eligible. Any exhibit can receive the Masters Award only once.

The Masters Award may be withdrawn from any event, or any exhibit that has not complied with the above guidelines.

DONALD DAN, Masters Award Representative – The Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum

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Conchologists of America Award

Awarded by
Conchologists of America

The Conchologists of America Award, consisting of a trophy and a pin, has been established to encourage open participation by shell collectors at shell shows and to stimulate improvements in shell exhibits. This award based on sound and impartial judging processes, is given at a shell show to a single scientific (vs. artistic) exhibit which best advances the interest in shells and shell collecting. The COA Award may only be given to a blue ribbon or first prize winner and may not be given to:

An exhibit receiving another major award (i.e. duPont, Smithsonian, American Museum of Natural History, etc.) at the same show (meaning the same occasion).

An exhibit which has previously won a COA Award, at any show, unless fifty percent or more of the contents and format has been changed or added.

A shell dealer, unless the exhibit is made entirely of self-collected shells.

A professional malacologist.

There is no limit to the number of times a person may win the COA Award.

The COA Award may be given only at shell shows open to the public and where no restrictions are placed on club or regional affiliation of the exhibitors.

The Award may be given to a shell club for its shell show no more than once a year. It is sent free of charge upon approval of a trophy request.

Sponsoring clubs are advised to incorporate the above guidelines in their respective shell show rules and have them communicated to all prospective exhibitors.

All clubs are encouraged to obtain membership in COA.

The COA Award Committee Chairman shall be responsible for receiving and processing trophy requests in a timely manner and for overseeing that the aforementioned guidelines are adhered to.



The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia Award

Sponsored by Conchologists Of America

The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia Award is given to the most outstanding exhibit of mollusks at a shell show. This award is made to the amateur collector or group of such collectors responsible for the exhibit that in the opinion of the judges will be the most inspiring and instructive for its accurate scientific data, educational value, and attractiveness, and that will contribute most to the success of the shell show.

The award may be only earned by a blue ribbon or first prize winner. The official judges of the shell show shall determine the recipient.

It may not be awarded to any exhibit that has previously won it in this or any other shell show, any professional specimen shell dealer, unless the exhibit consists entirely of self-collected shells, or any professional malacologist.

The purpose of this award is to advance the cause of amateur malacology by encouraging the entry of exhibits that will stimulate public interest and increase appreciation of the hobby and the scientific study of mollusks.

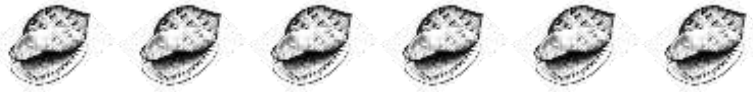




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The du Pont Trophy

The du Pont Trophy was retired at the end of 2025. It is no longer offered at shell shows. Exhibits that earned it in the past still qualify to compete for the Masters Award.



Bosch Citizen Scientist Award

Given In Honor of Dr. Donald and Eloise Bosch

Sponsored by Harold Brown & Mark Johnson

The late Dr. Donald and Eloise Bosch began their studies of mollusks as a hobby during years as a surgeon and teacher in Oman. Their work contributed to the study of malacology of the Eastern Arabian Peninsula.

Donald Bosch exemplified a citizen scientist. He had no formal training in malacology. Museums and other institutions that study mollusks seldom have enough resources to fulfil all of their goals. Contributions by citizen scientists are an important element to the understanding the natural world.

The award is offered exclusively at the North Carolina Shell Show. It is established to encourage and promote a professional approach to science by amateur conchologists.

The qualifying exhibit must feature well documented shells. Extra weight will be considered for investigational presentations such as proposing and testing theory, describing new species, documentation of mollusk habit and or recording range/occurrence of mollusks. Field work including direct observation accompanied with detailed records benefit the exhibit.

Shells in the qualifying exhibit can be self-collected or from any source but require sound scientific data.

The entrant/owner of a qualifying exhibit cannot be a professional scientist employed in the study mollusks or shells at a museum or similar institution.

The award can be earned individually or in conjunction (excepting the Masters Award) with any scientific award including COA and The Academy of Natural Sciences Philadelphia Award, offered at the North Carolina Shell Show.

An exhibit may earn the Award only once unless it has been reworked at least 50 percent via the shells and or content.



Alta VanLandingham Award

Sponsored by Karlynn Morgan

The award is named in honor of Alta VanLandingham 1935 – 2006, passionate shell collector, self-taught naturalist and life member of North Carolina Shell Club. Alta was born and raised on North Carolina's Outer Banks. Surrounded by the wonders of nature it did not take long for her to develop a passion for shells. At Ocracoke, she operated a Shell Shop. The shop provided many collectors a golden opportunity to enlarge their collections with the bonus of getting to know this most generous lady. After moving to Wilmington, North Carolina she operated a shell collecting tour business emphasizing worldwide self-collecting of shells. Always a champion of sharing knowledge about shells she threw all her energy into promoting the shell show and encouraged all North Carolina Shell Club members to support and enter the North Carolina Shell Show.

All specimens including, marine - salt water and fresh water, land or fossil in an exhibit entered in a scientific category must be self-collected. The Award Plaque may be earned along with any other award at the same shell show. There is no life time limit to receiving the award. However, for an exhibit which has earned it once to qualify again it has been reworked at least 50% in content of shells and support media.



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Dean and Dottie Weber Environmental Awareness Award

Sponsored by Greg Curry

The award is named in honor of senior club members Dean and Dorothy (Dottie; deceased 2015) Weber for years of leadership including Shell Show Chair and President. In the course of 30 years of travel they collected shells in 18 of the earth's 20 shell provinces. They self-collected all of the shells never taking a living mollusk. Coupled with detailed notes of the places they went and thorough knowledge of mollusk nomenclature and natural history they earned many national awards including the COA Award.

The Award promotes the awareness and recording of the environment in which mollusks live in addition to detailed records of the mollusks. Successful exhibits utilize information that provides a complete picture of the mollusk(s) and how they fit into their environment. Defining or outlining conservation concerns is a plus. How are mollusks impacted by over collecting, pollution, poor collecting practices, habitat destruction and/or the introduction of exotic species?



Best North Carolina Collection

Sponsored by Linda Sunderland

All specimens including, marine – salt water or fresh water, land or and fossil must be self-collected in North Carolina by the exhibitor. The award may be given to an exhibit earning another major award at the same show.



Best Novice Collection

Sponsored by Dr. Brady Semmel

The award is for an exhibitor entering a shell show for the first time. An exhibit consisting of at least one case including multiple shell specimens is strongly recommended. It may earn it with an entry in any of the scientific categories. The Award may be given to an exhibit earning other major awards at the same shell show including COA or DuPont. An exhibit earning this award must be reworked at least 50% by specimens, text/label content and/or addition of content to requalify for any other award(s) at future NC shows to compete for any additional award if may have earned when it was in the Novice category.



Best Shell of the Show (Any Source)

Sponsored by Doug & Nancy Wolfe

The one shell the judges determine to be the most remarkable and/or striking that inspires the pursuit of the best and/or unusual. The Award is made to the best shell whether part of an exhibit entry or as a single specimen. The honor may be given to an exhibit earning any other award(s) including "Best Self-collected Shell" at the same shell show. A shell can receive this award only once in any North Carolina Shell Show.



Best Shell of the Show (Self-collected)

Sponsored by Vicky Wall

This is the one self-collected shell in the show that the judges determine to be most noteworthy by species, quality inspiring others to the pursuit of excellence. The specimen can be entered as single standalone shell or as part of a larger scientific exhibit. The honor may be given to an exhibit earning any other award(s) at the same shell show including "Best Shell In Show." A shell may receive the Award only once in any North Carolina Shell Show.



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The Hugh Porter Award

Sponsored by Linda Zylman & Dave Holzinger

The annual award is named in honor of former North Carolina Shell Club member and professional Malacologist Hugh Porter. Hugh Porter 1928-2014 was a faculty member of the University of North Carolina Institute of Marine Sciences where he served for 42 years. He was the author of "Sea Shells of North Carolina," which was released in 1998 in a new updated and expanded volume.

Exhibits entered in the following categories of the show are eligible for this award:

- North Carolina Collection
- Regional Self-collected Collection
- Regional Any Source Collection
- Fossil Mollusks
- Specialized Collection
- Family or Genus Collection
- Miniature Collection
- Educational Collection
- Molluscan Natural History Collection
- One Case Wonders
- Junior Collection
- Novice Collection
- Beach Collected Shells
- Other (scientific) Collection

Exhibits that qualify for the Award must feature marine mollusks from Western Atlantic faunal provinces including: Boreal, Acadian, Virginian, Carolinian, and/or Caribbean. Fossils must be from strata of Eastern North America. All specimens in the exhibit must have been found in one, a portion of one or combination of these Provinces. Species that may occur in these Provinces, but were collected in neighboring provinces do not qualify.

The intent of the Award is to promote scientific study of mollusks of the Western Atlantic including precise observations of biology and/or habitats by professional level presentation. The exhibit will be judged on accuracy of scientific labeling and data. Representing all mollusks including obscure or unattractive species if applicable is important to the success of the exhibit.

An exhibit is eligible to win the Award once. However, if an exhibit has been reworked at least 50% through a combination of new specimens and/or labels/text it can qualify again. There is no limit to the number of times a person may win The Hugh Porter Award.



Best Fossil Exhibit

Sponsored by Dora Zimmerman

The exhibit can include fossil mollusks from any sediment found around the world. Other fossils may be included but the main focus must be on fossil mollusks. The specimens may from any source. The exhibit will include a minimum of one case with multiple fossil specimens. The exhibit must be entered in a scientific category to compete for the award.



Best Small Exhibit

Sponsored by Dr. Daniel Minior

An exhibit entered in a scientific category. The exhibit must include at least one case containing multiple shells. The exhibit, including backboards and/or other supporting features cannot exceed ten (10) linear feet length.





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Best Scientific Photography

Sponsored by Ed Shuller & Jeannette Tysor

A photograph judged as a superior scientific record of living mollusks and or their shells. The image must be produced by and property of the entrant. The subject represents sound scientific record and has superior technical characteristics. The image can be entered in Category 20, Scientific Shell Photography, or as part of an exhibit entered in one of the other Scientific Categories. It is appraised by the Scientific judges. An image can win this Award in a North Carolina Shell Show once only.



Best Youth I Exhibit Award

Sponsored by North Carolina Shell Club

Given only to an exhibit entered in Category 25, Youth Collection I. The exhibit must include a minimum of one (1) case containing multiple shells. The exhibit can be as large as the entrant wishes. The award recognizes scientific exhibits created by young members of shell clubs who may not have the experience and resources their adult counterparts have to assemble a large exhibit populated with rare and or exceptional shells.

Note: If an entrant that qualifies by age to compete for the Best Youth Exhibit Award competes in one of the other scientific categories they are disqualified from receiving this award.



Best Youth II Exhibit Award

Sponsored by North Carolina Shell Club

Given only to an exhibit entered in Category 26, Youth Collection II. The exhibit must include a minimum of one (1) case containing multiple shells. The exhibit can be as large as the entrant wishes. The award recognizes scientific exhibits created by young members of shell clubs who may not have the experience and resources their adult counterparts have to assemble a large exhibit populated with rare and or exceptional shells.

Note: If an entrant that qualifies by age to compete for the Best Youth Exhibit Award competes in one of the other scientific categories they are disqualified from receiving this award.



Judge's Special Award – Rosette

Sponsored by North Carolina Shell Club

Awarded to an entry judged to possess exemplary characteristics to its category. Up to two awards can be made in each show.



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First Place - Blue Rosette

Sponsored by North Carolina Shell Club

Awarded to the entry judged to possess superior characteristics meeting the goals of each category. Note: If no entry within a given category is judged to possess those qualities the Award will not be made.



Second Place – Red Rosette

Sponsored by North Carolina Shell Club

Awarded to the entry judged to possess characteristics second only to one other entry within each category. Note: If no entry within a given category is judged to possess the quality the Award will not be made.



People's Choice Award, Science

Sponsored by North Carolina Shell Club

Any entry in the Science Division including the Masters Award contenders.



Remember, Important Date

Deadline for Scientific Division Entries: March 20, 2026



**Submit
Applications To:**



Co-Chair John Timmerman
206 Quail Ridge Rd
Wilmington, NC 28409 2637
ncshellclub@gmail.com

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2026 North Carolina Shell Show Masters Award Application



Please fill in application neatly!

Name _____ Phone Number _____

(Required)

Address _____

Email: (Required) _____



Masters Award

Do you need electricity ? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Exhibit Title (required) _____

Note: Proofread to be sure the exhibit title is correctly spelled. The Show Committee will create your exhibit label exactly as it is recorded on this application.

Total length of exhibit (feet and inches) _____

What Award(s) has your entry earned to qualify it to compete for Masters Award? (Required)

The American Museum of Natural History Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Show _____	Year _____
The Conchologists of America Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Show _____	Year _____
The du Pont Trophy	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Show _____	Year _____
The Smithsonian Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Show _____	Year _____
The R. T. Abbott Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Show _____	Year _____
The Academy of Natural Sciences Philadelphia Award	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	Show _____	Year _____

Deadline for Application
March 20, 2026

Submit application to: John Timmerman, CO-Chair North Carolina Shell Show

206 Quail Ridge Rd, Wilmington, NC 28409 2637

ncshellclub@gmail.com

Submitting Application(s)

We must be able to print application pages at 8.5" x 11"(original size) and have it legible. Applications must be submitted by email in text body as an email attachment; or by US Postal Service.

Hold Harmless Clause:

The exhibitor agrees to protect, indemnify and save harmless Crystal Coast Civic Center, its officials and employees, and North Carolina Shell Club and its members from and against all claims, demands and causes of action, in favor of Exhibitors, employees or third parties on account of personal injuries or death or on account of property loss or damages arising out of the Exhibitor's use of and resulting from the act or omission of Exhibitor, its agents, employees, contractors and subcontractor. The provisions of this section shall include indemnification including attorney's fees.

Signature of Applicant(s) _____

(Required)

Date: _____



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Scientific Exhibit Application 2026 North Carolina Shell Show



You may enter as many exhibits as you wish. However, please submit a complete application form for each entry. You may copy and/or reproduce this application. It must be complete with the Hold Harmless clause and your signature on each and every application.

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

Email: _____

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Category Number

Exhibit Title (mandatory) _____

Note: Proofread! Be sure the exhibit title is correctly spelled. For single shells including the author and the date is strongly advised.

Total length of exhibit (feet and inches) _____

Do you need electricity? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is this your first scientific entry including at least one case of multiple shells to a shell show? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Has your exhibit earned the Academy of Natural Sciences Philadelphia Award? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Has your exhibit earned the COA Award? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Academy of Natural Sciences Philadelphia Award and COA Award cannot be received by an exhibit more than once in any shell show unless it is reworked by at least 50% as defined by the award guidelines.

Guidelines for Submitting Application(s) electronically

We must be able to print application pages 8.5" x 11" (original size) and have it legible. Be sure to center and in focus the application if electronic media is employed for submission.

Deadline for Application

March 20, 2026

Submit application to: John Timmerman, CO-Chair North Carolina Shell Show

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ncshellclub@gmail.com

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Signature of Applicant(s) _____

Date: _____



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Youth Scientific Division Application 2026 North Carolina Shell Show

Required! Applicants under the age of 18 not using this application will be declined inclusion in the shell show.

You may enter as many exhibits as you wish. However, please submit a complete application form for each entry. You may copy and/or reproduce this application. It must be complete with the Hold Harmless clause and your signature on each and every application.

Parent or Legal Guardian (required) _____ **Phone Number:** (Required) _____

Address _____

Parent or Legal Guardian's Email (required): _____

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**Category
Number**
(Required)

Name of Entrant (Required) _____

Exhibit Title (Required) _____

Total length of exhibit (feet and inches) _____

Do you need electricity? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Note: Proofread! Be sure the exhibit title is correctly spelled. For single shells including the author and the date is strongly advised.

Is this your first scientific entry including at least one case of multiple shells to a shell show? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Has your exhibit earned the Academy of Natural Sciences Philadelphia Award? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Has your exhibit earned the COA Award? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Submitting Application(s)

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John Timmerman
206 Quail Ridge Rd
Wilmington NC 28409 2637

Email: ncshellclub@gmail.com

Deadline for Application(s) **March 20, 2026** Submit complete Application(s) to: →

Hold Harmless Clause:

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Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

(Required)

Print Name _____

Date: _____



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North Carolina Shell Show Banquet

6 PM, Saturday May 2, 2026

Reservation(s)

Crystal Coast Civic Center
3505 Arendell St
Morehead City, North Carolina 28557

Bar Opens at 6:00 PM
Beer \$3.00, Wine \$5.00

Dinner at 6:30 PM

Tickets: \$45.00/ per person

Banquet Reservation deadline:
Wednesday April 23, 2026

Buffet Menu

Chicken Picata
Slice beef loin with light au jus
Vegetarian Entrée: Baked Ziti
Home Style Smashed Potatoes
Green Beans
Garden Salad
Yeast Roles
Lemon pound Cake
Iced Chocolate Cake
Sweet Tea, Unsweetened Tea, Water

2026 North Carolina Shell Show Banquet Reservation

Name(s): _____

Number in party: _____

\$45 x _____ = \$ _____



Submit complete reservation and payment to:
Karlynn Morgan
North Carolina Shell Club Treasurer
3098 Shannon Dr.
Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Three Payment Options:

Check payable to: North Carolina Shell Club

Zelle: email- shell-quest@earthlink.net

PayPal: shell-quest@earthlink.net

Note: If using PayPal, pay by "Friends and Family." Use your bank account as the funding source. It saves the club from having to pay the service fee.

Banquet Reservation deadline:
Wednesday April 23, 2026

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2025 North Carolina Shell Show

“Nature does nothing in vain”

May 2 – 4, 2025

Crystal Coast Civic Center

3505 Arendell St

Morehead City, North Carolina 28557

USA

Prospectus Science Division

Entry Deadline:

20 March 2026

(All Divisions)

Applications must be in the hands of the Shell Show Co-Chairs by this date.



2025 Shell Show



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