NORTH CAROLINA SHELL CLUB

https://ncshellclub.com

Oct-Dec 2026

4th Quarter Meeting **November 6-7**
Western Park Community Center,
275 Old Hwy 58, Cape Carteret
Cedar Point

Friday, November 6, 2026

6:30pm Registration and Social Greetings; Look at Silent Auction
7:00pm Introduce Speaker
7:45pm Door Prizes, Silent Auction
8:00pm Old Business and New Business; Silent Auction
9:00pm Auction Ends, Check out, Clean up

Saturday's Shelling Trip to Shackleford Banks

This is just an update/reminder about our club's boat trips to Shackleford Banks on Saturday. If you are interested in these trips, the cost will be $30/person (Children same as adults) with a check made payable to "NCSC" or "NC Shell Club" mailed to Karlynn Morgan 3098 Shannon Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27106-3647. Paypal and Zelle are also accepted to shell-quest@earthlink.net. This is first come/first served.

Be at Harker's Island dock at:	Leave:	To:	Leave from Shackleford Banks:
8:45 am	9:00 am	Pony Pens	2:00 pm
9:05 am	9:20 am	Wade Shores	2:20 pm

Saturday, November 7, 2026

6:30pm Registration and Social Greetings; Viewing for Silent Auction begins
6:50pm Door Prizes; Find of the Day Judging
7:00pm Introduce Speaker
9:00pm Auction Ends, Check out, Clean up

Hospitality

Donations for Friday and Saturday nights are welcome.
Contact Diana Yeames for suggestions or just show up with something.
Diana Yeames **603-828-5198** **dyeames@gmail.com**

Cedar Point Meeting and Eating Locations

The meeting venue Friday and Saturday nights is the Western Park Community Center, 275 Old Hwy 58, Cape Carteret at Cedar Point. The map above shows its location in relation to the NC 24 - NC 58 intersection.



Some Restaurant Suggestions

Cape Cateret:
- Angie's Lighthouse
- Michaelangelo's Pizza
- Ribeye's Steakhouse
- T&W Oyster Bar

Emerald Isle:
- Rucker John's
- Caribsea
- Hwy55 Burgers
- The Village Market
- Kathryn's Bistro & Martini Bar
- Michaelangelo's Pizza

Swansboro:
- Jordon's BBQ and Seafood
- Swansboro Food & Beverage

MAKE RESERVATIONS AS EARLY AS YOU CAN

The North Carolina Shell Club has arranged a special room rate at the Hampton Inn in Swansboro on November 6, 7, and 8 for a Standard Room with Queen Beds or a Room with a King Bed. The rate is $119.00 Fri night and $129.00 Sat-Sun. The reservation code is 907.

- All rates are subject to the prevailing local and state taxes. Currently taxes total 13%.
- Hampton Inn's Signature "On the House" breakfast is included in the above rate(s).
- Local phone calls are complimentary
- This is a non-commissionable rate.
- A 48-hour cancellation policy does apply for all reservations.

The cutoff date for all reservations is 5pm EST on October 5, 2026. Any rooms remaining in the block will be released. The discounted group rate will not be available for reservations after the designated cutoff date.

215 Old Hammock Rd. ● Swansboro● North Carolina ● 28584 ● Phone (910) 325-9000

Other suggestions

Best Western Plus Swansboro-Emerald Isle
Oceanview Inn Emerald Isle
Holiday Inn Express & Suites Morehead City
Parkerton Inn Cedar Point
Econo Lodge Crystal Coast Morehead City
Islander Hotel & Resort Emerald Isle
Quality Hotel Morehead City

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President's Message:

Dear Members and Friends,

A good number of our club members made it to the NCSC meeting in Carolina Beach, NC, Sept 18-19 and most took something home from one of the auctions. The oral auction had some rare shells along with many collectible shells, books, etc. I left with a new Shell Club long sleeve technical shirt, a shark tooth hunting book, a few auction shells, and some free COA magazines. There were a lot of laughs and some exciting bidding , and everyone was glad they came. We had almost a dozen college visitors from UNCW and they took part in all the activities. It was nice to hear their stories of collecting and shell trip/outing ideas (including beach cleanups). I am already looking forward to our next meeting in Nov. and getting over to Shackleford Banks for some shelling and wild pony watching. This next adventure will be open to the entire club, and I hope to see several dozen of us over there. Look for details on the club website and make plans now, even if you just visit us for the evening meetings where we will show off our shells and swap stories of the one that got away.

Each member should make an effort to get involved in one or more club activities during the year as it makes your membership so much more rewarding. If you can't make it to events, send in an article on your collecting or of your collection so the club can share in your shell joy. Each of us has something to offer to this shell family. If you need a visit from a shell friend or help getting to our Shell Show, let me know and I will work on it. Our May Shell Show will be here before you know it so start thinking today about how you can take part. We need you at the show. Personally, there is more than half the club that I have never met. Help me fix that by coming out to the show or reaching out to me.

President's message continued...
These COA beachcombers are the type of happy shellers you will meet (Pres in green) and the shells were collected by me on this day outing. Friends + Shells, what more is needed?





Finally, I have to look to the future, and I see the NCSC hosting the COA in Wilmington NC 2028. You don't have to be a COA member to take part with us, but it helps!

In closing, I want to acknowledge some special members for recent amazing donations to the club of shells they have collected over time:
Bill Benight donated a large amount of shells and material, some of which was in recent oral auction. **Amy Dick** donated a large quantity of nice shells also and these will be used in future auctions and shows by the club. Many thanks to these club members who are giving back to their collecting family. We will continue to recognize those who are assisting the club in this way.

Warm regards,

Scott Foxx

President, North Carolina Shell Club

NOTE OF CAUTION: It is not uncommon for unscrupulous people to use the names or information of NC Shell Club leaders (off the website) in emails or text messages to try and trick members into providing money or information. These requests for gift cards or cash will always be SCAMS and should be deleted and Not Responded to. If you think a contact is real, reach out to the person directly by phone (best) or personal email (but with a separate email or text to the leaderships' known contact information to verify beyond a shadow of doubt. There are bad folks outside our club, but we don't have to let them affect us.
Safe Shelling Everyone!

September Meeting Notes

by Scott Foxx

Dr. Oliphant's bio included

Fri, Sept 18, 2026

Scott Foxx, President, gaveled in meeting. Welcomed new and returning members and introduced guest speaker.

7:10 p.m. - ***Dr. Ashley Oliphant on Sea Beans***

Dr. Ashley Oliphant is a retired Full Professor of English with teaching specialties in 20th-century American literature, the works of Ernest Hemingway, literary modernism, and rhetoric and composition. She travels all over the United States offering interactive shark tooth and seashell workshops for children and adults and presentations about her other books. She is a longtime member of the Hemingway Society and a contributor to its conferences and The Hemingway Review. Her doctoral dissertation, completed at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 2007, was titled "Hemingway's Mixed Drinks: An Examination of the Varied Representation of Alcohol Across the Author's Canon."









The variety of sea beans





Our favorite Sea Bean of the night? The Sea Pig!



Betsy gets in on the book signing action!

Dr. Oliphant's books can be purchased on Amazon or in local bookstores:
1. "Shark Tooth Hunting on the Carolina Coast," published by Pineapple Press in 2015, is the only color guide to fossil shark teeth found in the Carolinas. It has sold more than 20,000 copies.
2. Her latest book, "The Ultimate Shell Seeker's Guide: Building a Better Beachcombing Strategy," was released by the University of Georgia Press in May 2026.
3. "Hemingway and Bimini: The Birth of Sport Fishing at 'The End of the World'" was published by Pineapple Press in 2017. It follows Hemingway's 1930's fishing adventures in Bimini, the westernmost Bahamian island, from 1935-1937 and his significant contribution to the founding of the International Game Fish Association. Her research for the book was completed at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston on an Ernest Hemingway Research Grant.
4. "Jean Laffite Revealed: Unraveling One of America's Longest Running Mysteries", a novel titled In 2021 Oliphant co-authored a book with Beth Yarbrough, her mother. Published by the University of Louisiana at Lafayette Press, the book offers a new theory about the fate of New Orleans pirate Jean Laffite.
5. "In Search of Jimmy Buffett: A Key West Revival," was released in April 2018 by Warren Publishing. It tells the story of Livie Green, an English professor at a rural North Carolina university who has a bit of a meltdown and moves to Key West in the middle of a semester to become a waitress in a bar. Having convinced herself that she has written the perfect Jimmy Buffett song, she spends her tropical nights waiting in his old haunts for one of his legendary surprise visits and the chance to meet her hero.
6. In 2022, Warren Publishing released "Higher Education: Chronicles of a Dumpster Fire," the comedic prequel to "In Search of Jimmy Buffett." In it, Oliphant explores all of the things going wrong at America's colleges and universities these days.

Ashley is an animal welfare advocate in her local community. As the founder of the Humane Voters of Lincoln County, she spearheaded the successful movement to end the use of the gas chamber at her county shelter. She is the chairperson of Lincoln County's Animal Services Advisory Board and has worked for years to help the shelter achieve and then maintain its No Kill designation. In her spare time, Ashley likes to hunt for shark teeth and seashells, garden, travel with her family (including her son Miller and her husband Chris) and float in her swimming pool. She has two cats, Irish Kevin and Tuna. Her lifelong dreams are to own a signed first edition of Hemingway's "The Old Man and the Sea" and to meet Willie Nelson.



A question came up: Can Sea Beans be eaten? Not unless you know exactly what you are doing...some are highly toxic.

But **Linda Gustafson** found a restaurant that serves them up!

Sea beans usually mean either a crunchy, salty edible green plant (*Salicornia*) or hard tropical seeds (DRIFT seeds) that float across the ocean and wash up on beaches.

Edible Sea Beans (*Salicornia*)

What they are: A succulent plant that grows in salty coastal marshes and beaches. They are also called sea asparagus, glasswort, or samphire.
Taste and texture: They have a crisp, crunchy texture and a fresh, salty flavor of sea water.
How to eat them: You can eat them raw in salads or lightly blanched and tossed with seafood, meat, or stir-fries.
Cost: Fresh packages usually cost between $8 and $18 depending on the brand and quantity, such as options from Melissa's World Variety Produce

You can learn more about cooking them via Honest Food

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Drift Seeds (Beachcombing Finds)

What they are: The hard seeds or pods of tropical trees and vines that fall into rivers and float across oceans for months or years.
Common types: Varieties include the heart-shaped sea heart, hamburger bean, and nickernuts.
Uses: People collect them while beachcombing as a hobby, and some polish them to make jewelry or good-luck charms.

Thanks Linda!



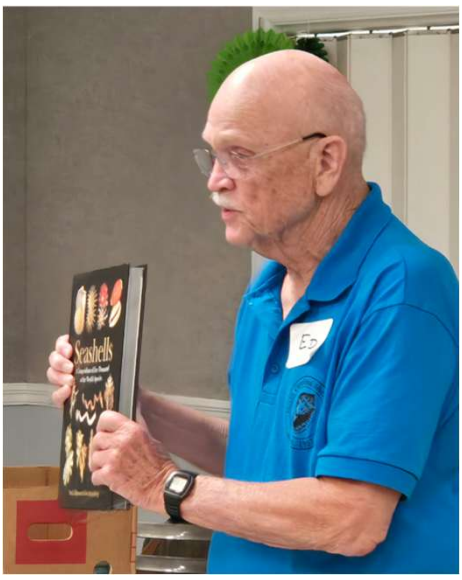


7:40 p.m. - Break, book signing, silent auction
Club broke for the silent auction and for anyone who wished to get a book signing. Membership booklets were handed out by Mimi to all attending members.
8:00 p.m. - Special guests introductions, Club updates/news

UNCW Shell Club [Shellin Sea Hawks] – Self started college club that has grown greatly and are fellow collectors/enthusiasts in understanding nature. Invited to attend portions of the COA in Wilmington that we are hosting in 2028 and to assist if they wish. Club leaders introduced themselves to NCSC and spoke for 10-15min on their club (**Erin Kovalcile** Pres, **James McFarland** VP, **LJ Hammer** Media, **Anastasia Hulyayeva** Treas, **Ellie Duncan** Art). All UNCW attendees were also given two diff. COA magazines each to take and share amongst their club. A one-year membership was provided to interested attending UNCW members, sponsored by a club member (and later picked up by the club). The club will also become a NCSC Associate Member. The Shellin Sea Hawks uses Instagram, social media, etc. to promote monthly events, including beach cleanups.



NCSC Pres. Noted status of our shell club
– continues to sponsor scholarships in related sciences
- hold qtly meetings with the next one being in Nov. at Cedar Point
- annual shell show + COA periodically
- NCSC By-Laws are in the works and will be shared for review when draft is finalized.

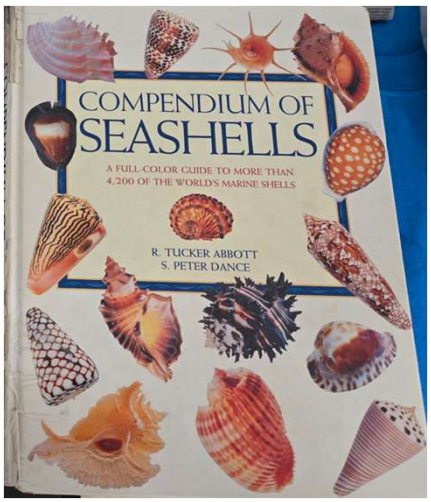


Door Prizes were handed out to 9 lucky people (2 UNCW winners).

Ed Shuller reviewed a new Compendium of Sea Shells book by **Gary Rosenburg** and **Paul Calloman**. 5000 shells depicted, nice descriptions but small print and grey on black can make it difficult to read.

9:00 p.m. - Meeting adjourns; silent auction payments
Masonboro trip has been cancelled as quota for the boat was not reached however member can go anywhere they can get to tomorrow for beachcombing the local area. Masonboro is a long expanse of beach and the last time I was there I found a lot of angel wings on the southern end. One of our members had very good luck there after dredgings were done, searching the piles.
Bring in your finds of the day tomorrow and one lucky person will win a club prize as we show off the entries. We are looking for empty shells, preferably fairly clean so don't be afraid to soap and water or bleach before presenting them as no points are given for highest degree of smell.
Oral Auction is tomorrow so bring some money for the shell you will or have already fallen in love with.

Book Review by **John Jacobs:**



by Paul Callomon and Gary Rosenberg
Princeton University Press press.princeton.edu

Not since Abbott & Dance's *Compendium of Seashells* (1982) has there been a book of this magnitude. More than forty years later with improved photographic techniques and updated nomenclature, we are presented with a tome worthy of being called a compendium. This new addition to the malacological literature is not a replacement for the *Compendium of Seashells*, however. Rather, it is a companion volume. This is also true of previous books such as Dance's *The Collector's Encyclopedia of Shells*, Wye's *The Encyclopedia of Shells*, and Rosenberg's *The Encyclopedia of Seashells*. I use all of the above, and many more, for my identifications.

The introduction has much insight and should not be ignored. Following this is a section called "Classification and Nomenclature: Organizing the Natural World". This section answers many questions the beginner and experienced might have. Topics here include taxonomy, nomenclature, geographic distribution and ranges. A glossary follows with illustrations showing parts of the shell.

The Guide to the Families section provides a short description of each family in the book. This is a very useful section which includes bibliographical references.

Each species in the book is numbered, with the index including this for convenience. The photo pages are a solid background which can present a problem when updating names. Whiteout tape is the solution here. Taxonomy is fluid with genera and species names changing as further research justifies. It's okay to write in books. I'm constantly doing this as I research newly added specimens to my collection.

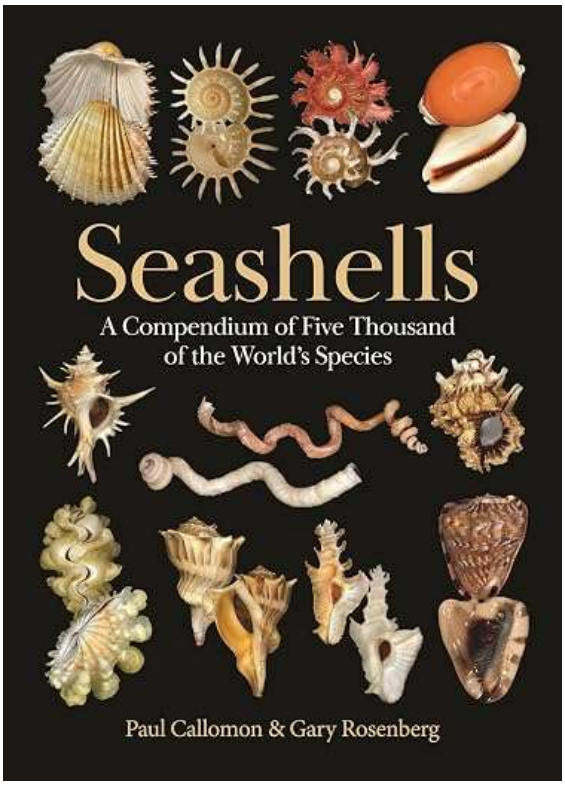
Book Review Continued:

While the species names are bright white, the wording below is a little more difficult to read. The font is smaller and the letters are slightly gray in color. I feel that the text should be all the same brightness.

It is refreshing to find a book of this quality that isn't going to force the buyer to take out a second mortgage in order to acquire it. I've passed up books because of the $100, $150, $200 price tags. The retail price of this book is $49.95.

I am proud to have this title in my library, and it has already proven useful as I continue to catalog my own collection and work on the auctions for the Conchologists of America conventions.

This is an excellent work produced at an affordable price that is a must have in any malacological library. The book is available directly from the publisher at press.princeton.edu and other distributors.



Sat, Sept 19, 2026

6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. - Registration and social at the senior center
7:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. - Club updates and "finds of the day" announced
Find of the day judge **(Bill Benight**), Winner = **John Timmerman** with a pristine tusk shell ($10 gift in club gear)
Bill Benight recognized for rare Honorary Lifetime Membership achievement with a plaque. Was previously honored at the 2026 Shell Show banquet and now with his peers at the Club Meeting, for exceedingly strong service to the club.



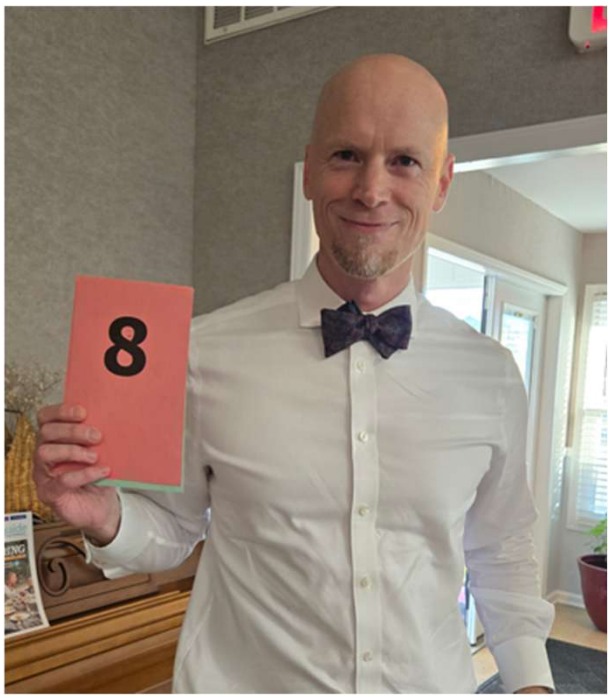
- Shell Show recap – Great show increased Art/Learning exhibits, increased dealer space, increased membership of club, increased sales table bonanza
- Anniversary/logo contest – Reminder to club of the contest and to see newsletter for discussion on it. Seahawks club president is a logo designer and said she could offer the club some suggestions. Contact **Maria L.** with your ideas.
- COA **Mark J. & Dan M.** noted club has 400 members and all needed for 2028 show, need grassroots efforts. COA show is in June, a month after NCSC show. **Dora Zimmerman** is our COA show volunteer coordinator so give her your contact name for where to assist. COA will have bourse and speakers. **Karlynn M**. is over registration and needs help for her role also.

7:15 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. - Oral auction

Club began oral auction noting what Bid Levels are, How to bid, and that you pay
to front table (Karlynn Morgan) at the end. Shells are from donations, legacy shells from private collections.

Auction cover 75 lots with shells and books included. A listing of all final sales bids was captured.
9:00 p.m. - Meeting adjourned, oral auction payments and clean up
Thank you to everyone who made this meeting happen: **Diane Yeames** for the snacks, **Maria Lloyd** for the programing, **Bill Benight** for the silent auction set up, our great Oral Auctioneers **Dan M., Mark J, Bill B., John T.** our Sales Table team, plus a special thanks to **Susan** for taking minutes both nights. Thank you everyone for sharing your weekend with us and safe travels to your homes.









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NCDOT proposes $10 Hatteras-Ocracoke ferry toll; transportation board seeks delay of Jan. 1 implementation

October 8, 2026 By:Joy Crist

The N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is recommending a $10 one-way toll for standard vehicles traveling between Hatteras and Ocracoke beginning Jan. 1, 2027, but the N.C. Board of Transportation voted Thursday, Oct. 8, to ask state lawmakers to delay implementation of the new ferry toll mandate to allow more time for planning and analysis. The proposed $10 fare would apply to vehicles less than 20 feet long, while vehicles between 20 and 40 feet would pay $20, and vehicles between 40 and 65 feet would pay $30. Motorcycles, scooters, golf carts and ATVs would pay $5, while bicycles would cost $2 and pedestrians would pay $1. The rates are recommendations only and have not been formally approved. The board is scheduled to consider adopting the toll rates and rate-setting methodology at its Nov. 5 meeting. The vote does not currently change the Jan. 1 implementation deadline, which is established by state law. Any postponement would require action by the General Assembly.

Recommended toll rates

The Hatteras-Ocracoke route would have the highest base fare among the four currently free vehicle ferry routes that will become tolled under Session Law 2026-41. NCDOT is recommending a $7 base fare for standard vehicles on the Currituck-Knotts Island, Bayview-Aurora and Cherry Branch-Minnesott Beach routes. Vehicles between 20 and 40 feet would pay $14, while vehicles between 40 and 65 feet would pay $28 on those routes. Rates on the three currently tolled vehicle routes — Cedar Island-Ocracoke, Swan Quarter-Ocracoke and Southport-Fort Fisher — would remain unchanged on Jan. 1 under the proposal. The legislation also establishes a $150 annual commuter pass for qualifying permanent residents of North Carolina's coastal counties, including Dare and Hyde, and active-duty military personnel. The pass would allow eligible motorists to use the ferry system without paying an additional fare for each crossing. A separate $150 annual vendor priority pass would remain available for qualifying commercial vehicles transporting goods and services.

Proposed rates fall short of vessel replacement goals

Dixon said the recommended rates are expected to generate approximately $4.4 million annually, significantly less than the revenue needed to support the state's long-term ferry vessel replacement goals. The legislation requires ferry toll revenue to be used for vessel replacement rather than routine operating expenses. According to the presentation, North Carolina's ferry fleet includes 17 River- and Hatteras-class vessels and five Sound-class vessels, with an average age of approximately 28 years. The estimated replacement cost is approximately $25 million for River- and Hatteras-class vessels and $40 million for Sound-class vessels, producing a weighted average replacement cost of $28.7 million. An earlier vessel replacement study by HDR recommended replacing two vessels every three years.

Ocracoke Tolls Continued:

However, Dixon said the Ferry Division's analysis determined that toll revenues could not meet the funding requirements for that schedule, even with substantially higher rates. Replacing two vessels every three years would require approximately $19.1 million annually to fully fund vessel replacement, or $15.3 million annually if toll revenues covered 80% of the costs. Even the least expensive scenario evaluated — replacing one vessel every four years — would require approximately $5.7 million annually in toll revenue to cover 80% of replacement costs. Dixon said the analysis also considered how higher tolls could discourage ferry use, reducing the amount of revenue collected.

Comments can be submitted online at https://publicinput.com/ferry-tolling, by email at ferry-tolling@publicinput.com, or by calling 984-205-6615 and referencing project code 10744.

Please Welcome Our New Members:

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I don't know about you'll, but keeping the membership book up to date with all the changes is a pain. So, something new. At the end of the newsletter are the new folk, adds, and changes laid out as an addendum...just cut and slip into the appropriate spot in your book. If you like the change/addition, just let me know. I'll probably keep doing it anyway, simply because it saves me time when hunting people...but would love your feedback anyway! Mimi Dill, Editor

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Our Condolences to the Sunderland's

Linda's sister, Sandra Gaskill of Sea Level, NC, passed September 19, 2026, at the age of 77. She was a Registered Nurse having worked at Sea Level Hospital, Sea Level clinic, Taylor Extended Care and Sailer's Snug Harbor. She enjoyed loving and nurturing others most especially her family, church, genealogy, reading, gardening, arts and crafts, and being outside.

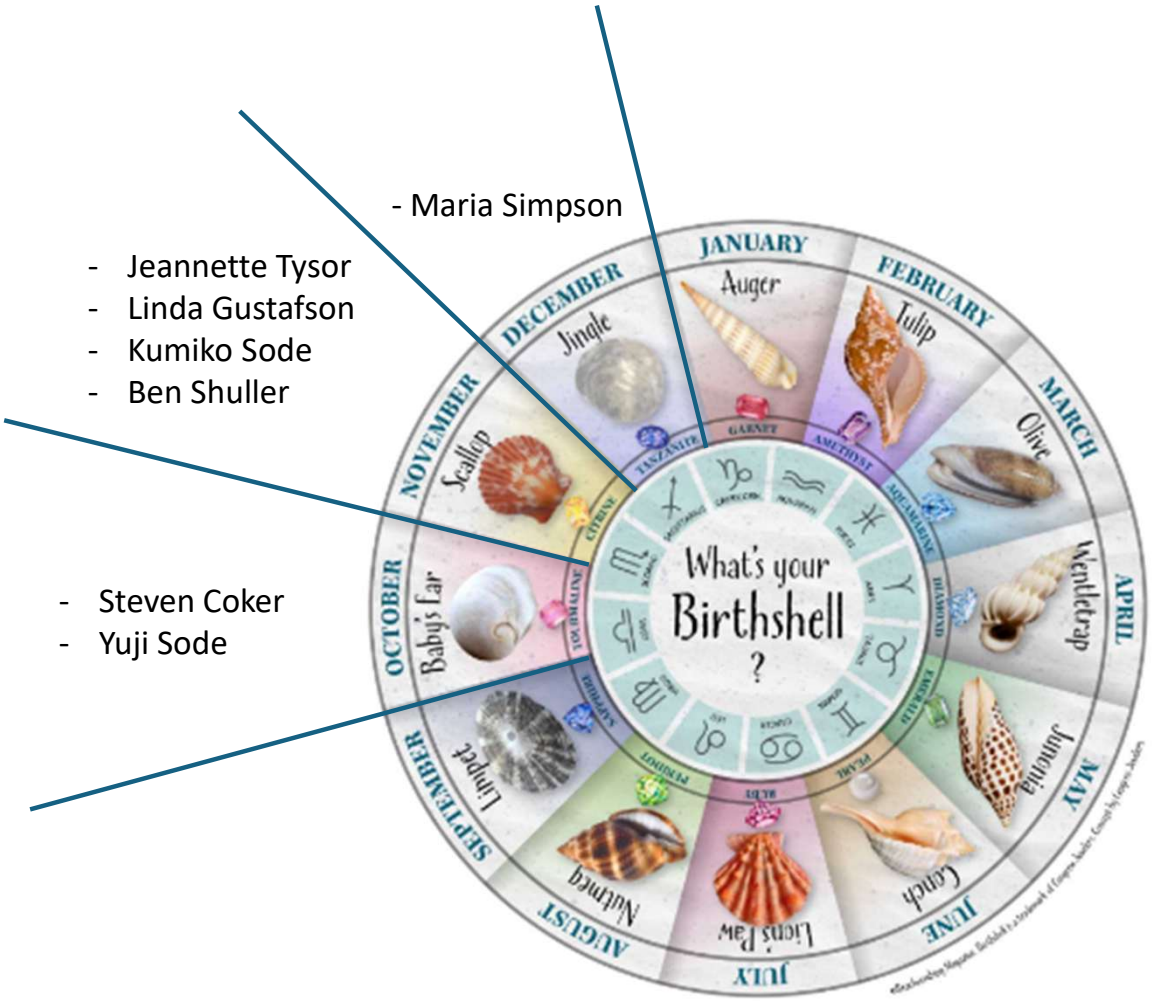
Let's Wish our Members Happy Birthday!

Now, this is very new so if you'd like to get your name on the register, just send a note to Mimi Dill…Month only and they will be published each quarter the Newsletter comes out…

- Maria Simpson

- Jeannette Tysor
- Linda Gustafson
- Kumiko Sode
- Ben Shuller

- Steven Coker
- Yuji Sode



News from Dr. Brady and Dana Semmel

I have some big news! I sold my practice at the end of 2025. I worked part-time for the first quarter of 2026 to transition the new surgeon into the practice. I retired at the end of March. We left on April 2nd and took our boat down the waterway to Florida. On May 1st we crossed over into the Bahamas and cruised the islands for the next 4 months. We didn't return home until the beginning of September. We are currently vanning up north in Pennsylvania, visiting family for most of October. Hopefully, we will make it to the November meeting, but no guarantees since Dana and I are enjoying the freedom!

2026 North Carolina Shell Show



Returning to the Crystal Coast Civic Center (3505 Arendell Street) in Morehead City

SHOW HOURS:

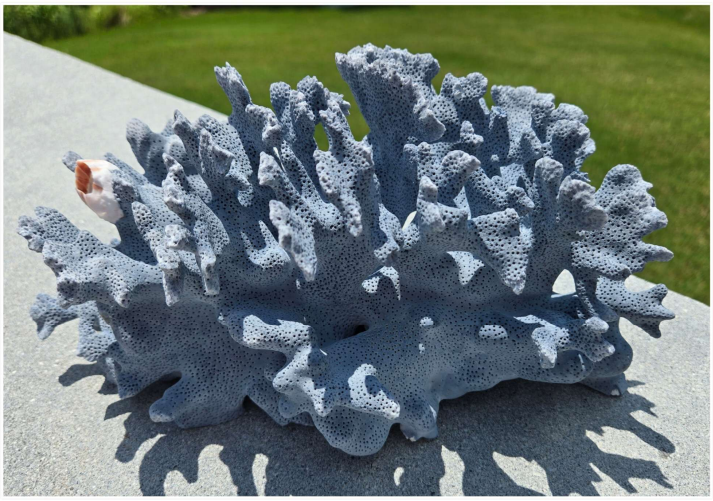


Dealer's Set-up: Thursday, April 29th, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Exhibitor's Set-up: Thursday, April 29th, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Judging: Thursday, April 29th, 1:00 p.m. - 5:00. p.m.
Open to the Public:
Friday, Apr 30, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 1, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday, May 2, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Banquet: Saturday, May 1, 6:30 p.m.

Show Strike: Sunday, May 2, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



2027 Raffles



Blue Ridge Coral
Heliopora coerulea, Pallas, 1766
Distribution range: W. Pacific, tropical reefs



Golden Cowry
Cypraea aurantium, Gmelin, 1791
This specimen was collected
from Samar, Philippines



Vintage Abalone necklace and
Abalones from around the world:
Mexico, Philippines, France, United States

"Shell Service Stations"

by Vicky Wall:

Many shell collectors are familiar with the date planners that were produced by the Shell Oil Company in years past. I knew about the last remaining shell-shaped gas station in Winston-Salem, NC. but hadn't driven over to see it. I finally remembered to check it out and drove to W-S in August to take photos. It is so wonderful that the building and its corner location have been preserved. Unfortunately, the public is not allowed inside the building. I was hoping that the owner/caretaker might see me and give me a tour. This station was featured in a recent issue of *Our State* Magazine, with photos of the interior and associated Shell Oil collectibles. On my visit, I took a look through the glass on the door and thought there was a person in there!! But it was a life-sized model of a gas station attendant, in vintage attire! The neighborhood was very quiet when I was there.....it was like going back in time, especially with my childhood memories of road trips in the 1960s and early 1970s when my dad would pull into a station and tell the attendant, "Fill her up with Ethyl and check the oil please."



*From Wikipedia:

The **Shell Service Station** in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, is a former filling station constructed in 1930 following a decision in the 1920s by the new local Shell distributor, Quality Oil Company, to bring brand awareness to the market in Winston-Salem. The building is an example of representational or novelty architecture and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on May 13, 1976. It is located in the Waugh town-Belview Historic District at the corner of Sprague and Peachtree Streets.

History

This single-story Shell station, in the shape of a giant scallop shell, was built by R.H. Burton and his son, Ralph, in 1930 at 1111 Sprague Street in Winston-Salem. The owners of the oil company decided to attract customers through a series of shell-shaped service stations. They built at least eight in the Winston-Salem area, but the station at Sprague and Peachtree is the only one remaining. The Shell station speaks to the literalism prevalent in some advertising during the 1920s and 1930s.[2][3]



Preservation

Preservation North Carolina, an organization dedicated to the preservation of historic sites, spent one year and $50,000 to bring the landmark station back to its original condition. Workers removed layers of faded yellow paint to reveal the Shell's original yellow-orange color. The original front door was repaired and a crack fixed that had been previously sealed with nothing more than black tar. The wooden, trellised shelter that housed the car wash and allowed cars to be washed and/or serviced in the shade was reconstructed as well. Quality Oil Company donated restored gas pumps and replica lamp posts to help finish off the restoration. The landmark now serves as a museum for Preservation North Carolina.

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June 14-16, 2028

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The first joint meeting of the AMS and the Freshwater Mollusk Conservation Society (FMCS) in 2027. The venue will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Center City, on Broad Street, a stone's throw from iconic City Hall (and ANSP). We secured a good room rate, and occupation up to four people is allowed so students should also be able to afford to stay in the hotel. Nearby attractions include the Parkway Museum district, with the Philadelphia Art Museum, the Rodin Museum, the Barnes Foundation, the Franklin Institute, the Academy of Natural Sciences, and the newly opened Calder Gardens.

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Please make check out to **NC Shell Club** and send to Mimi Dill, Membership Manager, 1240 Wilkins Road, Alton, VA 24520. You can also pay via PayPal and Zelle as well!

Newsletter Publication Dates:

Send articles to mimiadill@aol.com
Clipart is from https://clipart-library.com
Please Note: The Below Dates are for planning purposes

Quarter:	Newsletter Publication Date	Article Submission Cutoff Date:	Subjects
1st	Feb 15th	Feb 7th	1st Q Meeting/ Shell Show
2nd	April 1st	Mar 21st	Shell Show
3rd	Aug 15th	Aug 7th	3rd Q Meeting
4th	Oct 1st	Sept 20th	4th Q Meeting

2026 Events

NCSC BOD/Planning Meeting **1st Saturday in January**	**Jan 10, 2026**	**Date Change!**
*Astronaut Trail Shell Club Festival Shell Show Eau Gallie, FL	Jan 17-18	
*59th Annual Broward Shell Show Pompano Beach, FL	Jan 24-25	
*62nd Annual Sarasota Shell Show Sarasota. FL	Feb 6-7	
*77th St. Petersburg Shell Show Seminole, FL	Feb 13-14	
*89th Annual Sanibel Shell Show Sanibel, FL	Mar 5-7	
*Marco Island Shell Club Spring Expo & Sale Marco Island, FL	Mar 13-14	
The NCSC Established in Mar 1957	**March**	**The Club's 69th Year!**
NC Shell Club 1st Quarter Meeting **Ocracoke Community Center** **Ocracoke, NC**	**Mar 20-21** **Spring Auction**	
Earth Day **Core Sound Museum**	**Apr 29**	**Contact: Dan Minior**
*Florida United Malacologists Meeting Bailey-Matthews National Shell Museum	Apr 11	
48th Annual NC Shell Show **Crystal Coast Civic Center** **Morehead City, NC**	**May 1-3**	**Set Up Apr 30**
The Anniversary of the Scotch Bonnet Being named as the NC State Shell May 28, 1965	**May 28**	**The NC Shell's 61th Anniversary!**
*Conchologists of America Annual Convention Sarasota-Braden Area, FL	Jun 9-13	Field Trips Jun 7-8
*Gulf Coast Shell Show Panama, FL	Jul 18-19	
The summer shell swap	**Aug 15**	
NC Shell Club 3rd Quarter Meeting **Katie B. Hines Senior Center** **308 Cape Fear Blvd** **Carolina Beach, NC**	**Sept 18-19** **Fall Auction**	
NC Shell Club 4th Quarter Meeting **Western Park Community Center** **Cedar Point, NC**	**Nov 6-7**	

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Annual Planning Meeting (Invite Only)	**Jan 2**	
Board of Director's/Planning Meeting	**Jan 9**	
*Astronaut Trail Shell Club Festival Shell Show Melbourne, FL	Jan 16-17	
*60th Annual Broward Shell Show Pompano Beach, FL	Jan 23-24	
*Sarasota Shell & Marine Life Festival Sarasota. FL	Feb 5-6	
*78th St. Petersburg Shell Show Seminole, FL	Feb 12-13	
*90th Annual Sanibel Shell Show & Festival Sanibel, FL	Mar 4-6	
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