

Greetings from the North Carolina Shell Club.

No two shells are alike. If your students enjoy shells, THIS is the place to explore them and their world. The North Carolina Shell Show.



The Carteret County Science curriculum standards follow the functions of living organisms, ecosystems, and evolution and genetics, to name a few. Did you know that scientists actually do DNA testing on the cells of mollusks to determine what species they may be and also how they are related to mollusks who created like-shells millions of years ago? Why is it that some shells TODAY look almost exactly like some fossil shells from millions of years ago? We invite your students to come and view the diversity of mollusks and the shells they create to live on land, in trees, or in the water.

The Shell Show is hosted by the North Carolina Shell Club, which is an educational and environmentally conscious group of shell enthusiasts ranging from crafters, citizen scientists, to the professional marine biologists.

Our PURPOSE Statement: ***"The North Carolina Shell Club is dedicated to providing a friendly and enthusiastic forum where people of all levels of expertise, ranging from beginner to professional, can meet and share knowledge and information about the fascinating world of shells."***

It is an exciting, fun, and educational opportunity showcasing the world of mollusks and their shells with their amazing variety of color, size and texture. Our Scavenger Hunt is one of our most popular activities at the show, along with the Give-Away table, Children's Activity table, and our "Ask the Expert" table. Bring in a shell to learn more about it from one of our shell experts. Best of all, guests will view rows and rows of educational and scientific exhibits from shell enthusiasts ranging from novice to expert, which compete for awards in many categories, and are awarded trophies and ribbons by our panel of expert judges. Shells, shell-reference books, and coastal-themed crafts are offered for sale at vendor tables.

We hope this event can be shared with your students and families. It's a great way to continue the education without really knowing that it's happening.

Please feel free to contact me if you have further questions.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you.

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North Carolina state shell
Scotch Bonnet
Semicassis granulata, (Born, 1778)





Crystal Coast Shellebration

2023 North Carolina Shell Show

May 5 – 7, 2023

Shell Exhibits

Art and Craft Exhibits

Shell dealers

Activities for children of all ages

Show Hours

Friday and Saturday 9 AM – 5 PM

Sunday 9 AM – 3 PM

General Admission \$5

Seniors & Military w / ID \$3

Children under 18 Free

Crystal Coast Civic Center

3505 Arendell St (NC Rt. 70)

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Free parking

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