



Northeast Region  
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### Highlight of the Quarter

To celebrate Florida Archaeology Month, FPAN Northeast hosted its first "Shells and Archaeology" workshop at Ponce Inlet Marine Science Center in Volusia County. This event featured an interactive, show-and-tell presentation on how to identify common Florida shells, as well as icebreakers, activities, and games. The program opens by assessing participants' knowledge of local shells, and asks them to draw their interpretation of how Native Americans may have used them in the past. The lecture begins with an introduction to bivalve and gastropod taxonomy, and is followed by four central themes, how shells were used as 1) utilitarian tools, 2) in artwork, 3) as food, and finally, 4) the many ways archaeologists use them to reconstruct the past. The program finished with archaeology word problems for adults, and shell midden and coquina activities for children. We're happy to report that the workshop had nearly 40 participants of all ages, and a new partnership with Ponce Marine Science Center was forged. In addition, the program's reception and publicity led to requests for three additional shell workshops at Lyonia Environmental Preserve, Deltona Regional Library, and Crisp-Ellert Art Museum, respectively. Lyonia Preserve represents a new outreach opportunity for FPAN Northeast.

### Progress on Work Plan Objectives

- Goal 2: Educational Resources
  - Printed postcards for education resources to mail to schools
  - Scheduling summer workshops to publicize before school lets out
- Goal 10: Continued conference call meetings of Development Committee
  - Scheduled conference call for Development Committee
  - Drafting Lighthouse proposal but progress is slow due to consolidation work load



Inaugural Shells and Workshop