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2024 GENEALOGY MEETINGS

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TOPIC & PRESENTER

HANDOUTS & REFERENCE MATERIALS

Fri., JAN. 12, 2024	The 1800's Gold Rush!	
10:00 AM-11:30 AM	PRESENTER: Willis Wolf	
SHELL POINT	LOCATION: The Cove at the Estuary will be our new meeting location.	
	HANDOUTS: https://genatp.net/2024-01-12_1800s_Gold_Rush-by_Willis_Wolf.pdf	

Fri., FEB. 9, 2024	Finding Military Records	
10:00 AM-11:30 AM		
SHELL POINT	PRESENTER: Jerry Cernicky	
	LOCATION: The Cove at the Estuary	
	HANDOUTS: https://genatp.net/2024-Feb-09_Military_Records_Research-by_Jerry_Cernicky.pdf	
	https://genatp.net/2024-Feb-09_Military_Records_Handout-Website_Links.pdf	
	https://genatp.net/2024-Feb-09_Military_Records_Script.pdf	

Fri., MAR. 8, 2024	What do Witches and Quakers have in common?	
10:00 AM-11:30 AM		
SHELL POINT	PRESENTER: Herta Klamman	
	LOCATION: The Cove at the Estuary	
	HANDOUTS: https://genatp.net/Quaker_presentation.pdf	

Fri., APR. 12, 2024	Using Cluster Research for Breaking Brick Walls	
10:00 AM-11:30 AM		
SHELL POINT	PRESENTER: Connie Lizak, Director, Shell Point Genealogy Society	
	LOCATION: The Cove at the Estuary	
	HANDOUTS:	

Fri., MAY 10, 2024	Uncovering Black Sheep Ancestors	
10:00 AM-11:30 AM		
Shell Point Genealogy	PRESENTER: Bryan L. Mulcahy, Reference/Genealogy Librarian, Ft. Myers Regional Library	
	LOCATION: The Cove at the Estuary	
	HANDOUTS: https://genatp.net/Black_Sheep_Ancestors_Program.pdf	

Fri., JUN 14, 2024	PROGRAM: Black Sheep (cont.) – 4 Member Stories	
10:00 AM-11:30 AM	PRESENTERS: An ancestor burned at the stake for heresy, one guilty of stealing 127 pounds of tobacco,	
Shell Point Genealogy	the first person hanged for witchcraft in America, and a Bermuda castaway, Jamestown Survivor and	
	Mayflower Pilgrim. Herta Klamman, Les Rooker, Connie Lizak and Andrea Dodge will share the stories	

	of their "black sheep" ancestors.	
LOCATION: The Cove at the Estuary	HANDOUTS:	https://genatosp.net/Black_Sheep_June_Presentations.pdf

Fri., JUL 12, 2024	SPECIAL PROGRAM: Ancestry 101 Workshop	
10:00 AM-11:30 AM		
Shell Point Genealogy	PRESENTERS: Interactive workshop	
	LOCATION: The Cove at the Estuary	
	HANDOUTS:	

Fri., Aug. 9, 2024	PROGRAM: NO MEETING	
Shell Point Genealogy	PRESENTERS:	

Fri., SEPT. 13, 2024	PROGRAM: NO MEETING	
Shell Point Genealogy	PRESENTERS:	

Fri., OCT 11, 2024 TOPIC: **Living among the Witches**
10:00 AM-11:30 AM
Shell Point Genealogy PRESENTER: Herta Klamman
LOCATION: The Cove at the Estuary

MEETING POSTPONED due to Hurricane Milton

Fri., NOV 8, 2024 TOPIC: **Lineage Societies**
10:00 AM-11:30 AM PRESENTERS – Member presentations
Shell Point Genealogy LOCATION: The Cove at the Estuary
HANDOUTS: https://genatosp.net/Lineage_Societies.pdf
[Example Society Newsletter-Descendants of Colonial Clergy](#)

Fri., DEC 13, 2024 TOPIC: **Holiday Celebration, Family Recipes**
10:00 AM-11:30 AM COORDINATOR:
Shell Point Genealogy LOCATION: The Cove at the Estuary
HANDOUTS: https://genatosp.net/Holiday_Recipes.pdf

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Fri., JAN. 13, 2023 10:00 AM-11:30 AM SHELL POINT	Our Genealogy Library Resources: Where to Find Information and How Proctors Can Help PRESENTER: Marilyn Fielding, Dean Traxler, and Herta Klamman LOCATION: Sabal Room, Woodland Commons	HANDOUTS: LibraryResourcesPresentation.pdf
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Fri., FEB. 10, 2023 **Where Should I Keep My Family Tree: Online Service or Genealogy Software**

10:00 AM-11:15 AM
SHELL POINT

Programs (e.g. Ancestry, Family Search, Family Tree Maker, Roots Magic)
PRESENTER: Carol Rooksby Weidlich, past President, Lee County Genealogical Society
LOCATION: Osprey Room, Island Commons

HANDOUTS: [Where Should I Keep My Genealogy 10Feb2023.pdf](#)

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Fri., MAR. 10, 2023
10:00 AM-11:30 AM
SHELL POINT

Back in the Day: Names, Customs, Words and Sayings
Colonial American research with a focus on name variations, customs, and word meanings
PRESENTER: Herta Klamman, Proctor Leader
LOCATION: Osprey Room, Island Commons

HANDOUTS: [back in the day Klamman slides.pdf](#)

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Fri., APR. 14, 2023
10:00 AM-11:30 AM
SHELL POINT

Getting the Most out of FamilySearch, Free LDS Genealogy Website
Explores options for finding what you need.
PRESENTER: Connie Lizak, Director, Shell Point Genealogy Society
LOCATION: Osprey Room, Island Commons

HANDOUTS: [FAMILYSEARCH Overview14Apr2023.pdf](#)

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Fri., MAY 12, 2023
10:00 AM-11:30 AM
SHELL POINT

Using Newspapers to Tell Our Family Stories
PRESENTER: Stephen Baluch, Webmaster, Shell Point Genealogy Society
LOCATION: Osprey Room, Island Commons

HANDOUTS: [Historical Newspapers-Special Edition.pdf](#)
[OCR Newspaper Searching.pdf](#)
[NewspaperArchive by State.pdf](#)
[Fulton Search.pdf](#)

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Fri., JUN 9, 2023
10:00 AM-11:30 AM
SHELL POINT

Member Genealogy Stories: "How you begin can be a surprise! & Why Medical Records Matter."
"Major John Maloney, Priest and Catholic Chaplain, 506 Airborne" (Band of Brothers).
PRESENTERS: Gloria Thorne, Beth Bauer
LOCATION: Osprey Room, Island Commons

HANDOUTS: [Gloria Presentation 2023-06-09.pdf](#)
[Beth Presentation 2023-06-09.pdf](#)

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Fri., JUL 14, 2023
10:00 AM-11:30 AM
SHELL POINT

The Fate of the 1890 Census
A fire destroyed the records but the truth is more complicated.
PRESENTER: Herta Klamman
LOCATION: Osprey Room, Island Commons

HANDOUTS: [1890 Census Records.pdf](#)

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Fri., AUG 11, 2023
10:00 AM-11:30 AM
SHELL POINT

Preserving Your Family History
Examples of how you might preserve your family history
PRESENTER: Connie Lizak
LOCATION: Osprey Room, Island Commons

HANDOUTS:

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Fri., SEP 8, 2023
10:00 AM-11:00 AM
SHELL POINT

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: My Genealogy Summer
PRESENTER: Stephen Baluch
LOCATION: Osprey Room, Island Commons

HANDOUTS: [My Genealogy Summer.pdf](#)

Fri., OCT 13, 2023
10:00 AM-11:30 AM
SHELL POINT
Genealogy Society

TOPIC: **Cousin Connections** or “One of the Best Tools in the Toolbox”
Tips on connecting with your relatives – near and far.
PRESENTER: Meredith Renard
LOCATION: Osprey Room, Island Commons
HANDOUTS:

Fri., NOV 10, 2023
10:00 AM-11:30 AM
SHELL POINT
Genealogy Society

TOPIC: **Veterans Day, Honoring Those who Served in the Military**
PRESENTERS - Shell Point residents and Veterans who served in The Berlin Brigade:
LTC Les Rooker, USA (Ret.) - “Honoring my Ancestors who fought in the Southern Campaign, Revolutionary War”
LTC John Thomas, USA (Ret.) - “Five Generations of Service: Military is a Family Business”
LOCATION: Osprey Room, Island Commons

HANDOUTS: https://genatsp.net/Veterans_Presentation-Les_Rooker.pdf

Fri., DEC 8, 2023
10:00 AM-11:30 AM
SHELL POINT
Genealogy Society

TOPIC: **Holiday Social, Sharing Traditions**
COORDINATOR: Gloria Thorne
LOCATION: Osprey Room, Island Commons

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Fri., JAN. 14, 2022
10:15 AM-11:15 AM
SHELL POINT

TOPIC: Benefits of Lineage Societies: Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)
PRESENTER: Tom Thompson
LOCATION: Osprey Room, Island Commons

HANDOUTS: [SAR Genealogy Slides.pdf](#)

Sun, JAN. 23, 2022
2:00 PM-3:30 PM
Online via Zoom

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps
Presenter: Brian Mulcahey

Information: <https://talgensoc.com/zoom-attendance/>

HANDOUTS:

HANDOUTS: [Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps 2021.pdf](#)
[Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps2021 Program Version.pdf](#)

Fri., FEB. 11, 2022
10:15 AM-11:15 AM
SHELL POINT

TOPIC: Sharing Genealogy Info and Interchanging data from Different Software Packages -
..... Importing and Exporting GEDCOM files
PRESENTER: Lois Walsh
LOCATION: Osprey Room, Island Commons

HANDOUTS: [Slides-Meeting 11Feb22.pdf](#)

Fri., MAR 11, 2022
10:15 AM-11:15 AM
SHELL POINT

How to share your findings with family and future generations
(bring one example to discuss, or email a file to baluchsj@juno.com to project)
MODERATOR: Gloria Thorne

Osprey Room, Island Commons Handouts: [A Bohemian Christmas - Dec 2021.pdf](#)
[JD Marshall - Civil War.pdf](#)
[WritingTipsForFamilyHistorians.pdf](#)

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Fri., APR. 1, 2022	FIELD TRIP to Ave Maria University Library to look up Catholic Parish histories from the US
9:00 AM-1:00 PM	COORDINATOR: Steve Baluch, 239-691-6233, baluchsj@juno.com
SHELL POINT	REGISTER: You must sign up by Mar 30 with Steve Baluch so we can coordinate transportation.

HANDOUTS: [Genealogical Library Research.pdf](#)

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Fri., APR. 8, 2022	TOPIC: Catholic Church Records in the US - Lessons from the field trip to Ave Maria University
10:15 AM-11:15 AM	MODERATOR: Steve Baluch
SHELL POINT	LOCATION: Osprey Room, Island Commons

HANDOUTS: [Visit to Canizaro Library at Ave Maria.pdf](#)
[Census 1950-Guidance](#)

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Fri., MAY 13, 2022	TOPIC: 1950 US Census
10:15 AM-11:15 AM	PRESENTER: Herta Klamann
SHELL POINT	LOCATION: Osprey Room, Island Commons

HANDOUTS: [GENI CLUB PRESENTATION.pdf](#)

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Fri., JUN 10, 2022	TOPIC: Writing Group
10:15 AM-11:15 AM	GROUP LEADER: Connie Lizak
SHELL POINT	LOCATION: Osprey Room, Island Commons

HANDOUTS: [Writing Your Family History.pdf](#)

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Fri., JUL 8, 2022	TOPIC: Writing Group
10:00 AM-12:00 Noon	GROUP LEADER: Connie Lizak
SHELL POINT	LOCATION: Osprey Room, Island Commons

HANDOUTS: [LCGS 2019 Writing Questions.pdf](#)
[LCGS 2021 Addendum to Writing Questions.pdf](#)

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Fri., AUG 12, 2022	TOPIC: Writing Group
10:00 AM-12:00 Noon	GROUP LEADER: Connie Lizak
SHELL POINT	LOCATION: Osprey Room, Island Commons

HANDOUTS:

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Fri., SEP 9, 2022	TOPIC: Writing Group
10:00 AM-12:00 Noon	GROUP LEADER: Connie Lizak
SHELL POINT	LOCATION: Osprey Room, Island Commons

HANDOUTS:

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Fri., OCT 14, 2022	TOPIC: "Our Genealogy Library Resources: Where to Find Information and How Proctors Can Help"
10:00 AM-12:00 Noon	PRESENTER: Marilyn Fielding, Librarian & Herta Klamann, Proctor Leader, et al.
SHELL POINT	LOCATION: Osprey Room, Island Commons

POSTPONED

HANDOUTS:

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Fri., NOV 11, 2022
10:00 AM-12:00 Noon
SHELL POINT

TOPIC: "Our Genealogy Library Resources: Where to Find Information and How
Proctors Can Help"
PRESENTER: Marilyn Fielding, Librarian & Herta Klamon, Proctor Leader, et al.
LOCATION: **Sabal Room, Woodlands**
HANDOUTS:

CANCELED – Jan 2023

Fri., DEC 9, 2022
10:00 AM-12:00 Noon
SHELL POINT

TOPIC: Christmas Around the World
Coffee and conversation with the Shell Point Genealogical Society
LOCATION: **Sabal Room, Woodlands**

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Fri, May 14, 21
SHELL POINT
Social Center (Island)

FamilySearch.org Overview
Connie Lizak

[FAMILYSEARCH Overview-Script.pdf](#)
[FAMILYSEARCH Overview-Slides.pdf](#)

June-July-August
No meetings

Fri, Sep 10, 21
SHELL POINT
Social Center (Island)

Searching the electronic files of
the library magazine collection
Stephen Baluch

https://genatsp.net/Magazine_Archives.pdf

Wed, Sep 22, 21
SHELL POINT
Coastal Commons

Training: Genealogy Basics
Getting started in Family History

[Course Outline.pdf](#)
[Family Group Sheet NGS Final](#)
[NGS-Standard-Pedigree-Ancestor-Chart NGS Final](#)

Fri, Oct 8, 21
SHELL POINT
Social Center (Island)

Tracing Female Ancestors
Bryan Mulcahy
Ft. Myers Regional Library

[Female Ancestors-Beginners Article](#)
[Female Strategies](#)
[Female Ancestors-Tracing 10-08-2021 Patron Version](#)
[Strategies for Tracing Female Ancestors Outline Shell Point](#)
[Alternative Records Research 2021](#)
[Genealogy Research Websites 2021 Update](#)
[Home Sources 2020](#)
[Introduction-to-The-Family-History-Guide-learner](#)

Fri., NOV. 12, 2021
10:15 AM-11:15 AM
SHELL POINT
Social Center (Island)

Making the Most of FamilySearch
Presenter: Kaaren Linton

[Explanation of Access to FamilySearch Digitized Information](#)
[Making the Most of FamilySearch](#)
[Working with FamilySearch-Plan of Action](#)

Fri., DEC. 10, 2021
10:15 AM-11:15 AM
SHELL POINT

Your experience with DNA testing/We are compiling a summary of DNA tests and genealogy
Genealogy software software people are using. Be prepared to discuss your
experience with whatever you have used.

Social Center (Island)

Facilitator: Gloria Thorne

Handouts:

Hathi Trust: [BMulcahey11-24-21 Articles-Hathi Trust.pdf](#)

Autosomal DNA: [AMyers2021-11-14 DAR Lecture-DNA.pdf](#)

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