CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A decorative system comprising:

a container or housing which includes a bottom for defining an inner surface area and at least one sidewall;

a plurality of replaceable decorative ornament assemblies of differing visual designs, each of said decorative ornament assemblies creating a unique environmental theme, each said assembly including a base and one or more decorative elements, the base having a bottom as well as an outer periphery, the base forming a solid structure to which said one or more decorative elements are permanently affixed in position thereon and upwardly depend therefrom without the aid of a separate supporting structure, at least one of said decorative elements being located away from said outer periphery of said base with the bottom of the base having the same size and shape as that of the bottom wall inner surface area of the housing;

wherein each said decorative ornament assembly is selectively and independently receivable within said housing such that said bottom inner surface area of said housing is entirely covered by the bottom of said base of each of said ornament assemblies with the outer periphery of the ornament assembly base abutting said at least one sidewall of the housing when a selected ornament assembly is seated within said housing;

wherein each of said decorative ornament assemblies is structurally designed to be selectively removable from said housing by means of grabbing said at least one of said decorative elements located away from said base outer periphery in order to lift out said ornament assembly from said housing.

2. The system of claim 1, wherein the base of each ornament assembly is made of at least one of gravel, sand, marbles, stones, rocks, paper, plastic and facsimiles thereof, which are bound together to form a solid structure.

3. The system of claim 1, wherein the decorative elements are at least one of plants, rocks, ships, treasure chests, statues, signage and castles.

4. The system of claim 1, wherein the outer periphery of the base is contoured and includes at least one inclined surface.

5. The system of claim 1, wherein at least one of the decorative ornament assemblies has a one-piece construction.

6. A decorative system comprising:

a container or housing which includes a bottom for defining an inner surface area and at least one sidewall;

a replaceable decorative ornament assembly of a specific visual design, said decorative ornament assembly creating a unique environmental theme, said assembly including a base and one or more decorative elements, the base having a bottom as well as an outer periphery, the base forming a solid structure to which said one or more decorative elements are permanently affixed in position thereon and upwardly depend therefrom without the aid of a separate supporting structure, at least one of said decorative elements being located away from said outer periphery of the housing with the bottom of the base having the same size and shape as that of the bottom inner surface area of the housing;

wherein said decorative ornament assembly is selectively and independently receivable within said housing such that said bottom inner surface area of said housing is entirely covered by the bottom of said base of said ornament assembly with the outer periphery of the ornament assembly base abutting said at least one sidewall of the housing when a selected ornament assembly is seated within said housing;

wherein said decorative ornament assembly is structurally designed to be selectively removable from said housing by means of grabbing said at least one of said

decorative elements located away from said base outer periphery in order to lift out said ornament assembly from said housing.

7. The system of claim 6, wherein the base of each ornament assembly is made of at least one of gravel, sand, marbles, stones, rocks, paper, plastic and facsimiles thereof, which are bound together to form a solid structure.

8. The system of claim 6, wherein the decorative elements are at least one of plants, rocks, ships, treasure chests, statues, signage and castles.

9. The system of claim 6, wherein the outer periphery of the base is contoured and includes at least one inclined surface.

10. The system of claim 6, wherein said decorative ornament assembly has a one piece-construction.

11. A method for redecorating a housing, the housing including a bottom for defining an inner surface area and at least one sidewall, the method comprising the steps of:

accessing a first decorative ornament assembly having a first visual design, the assembly creating a first unique environmental theme and including a base and one or more decorative elements, the base having a bottom as well as an outer periphery, the base forming a solid structure to which said one or more decorative elements are permanently affixed in position thereon and upwardly depend therefrom without the aid of a separate supporting structure, at least one of said decorative elements being located away from said outer periphery of said base, the bottom of the base having the same size and shape as that of the bottom inner surface area of the housing;

said first ornament assembly being located inside said housing such that the bottom inner surface area of said housing is entirely covered by the bottom of said first

ornament assembly base with the outer periphery of the first ornament assembly base slidably abutting said at least one sidewall of the housing;

removing said ornament assembly from said housing by grabbing said at least one of said decorative elements located away from said base outer periphery in order to lift out said ornament assembly;

selecting a second decorative ornament assembly having a second visual design that is different than that of said first ornament assembly, said second ornament assembly creating a second unique environmental theme and including a base and one or more decorative elements, the base having a bottom as well as an outer periphery, the base of the second ornament assembly forming a solid structure to which said one or more decorative elements are permanently affixed in position thereon and upwardly depend therefrom without the aid of a separate supporting structure, at least one of said decorative elements being located away form said outer periphery of said base, the bottom of the second ornament assembly base having the same size and shape as that of the bottom inner surface area of the housing; and

inserting said second ornament assembly into said housing such that the bottom inner surface area of said housing is entirely covered by the bottom of said second ornament assembly base with the outer periphery of the second ornament assembly base slidably abutting said at least one sidewall of the housing.

12. A method for decorating and cleaning a fish tank, the tank defined by a housing containing water and one or more fish, the housing including a bottom having an inner surface area and at least one sidewall, the method comprising the steps of:

accessing a first decorative ornament assembly having a first unique visual design, the assembly creating a unique environmental theme and including a base and one or more decorative elements, the base having a bottom as well as an outer periphery, the base forming a solid structure to which said one or more decorative elements are permanently affixed in position thereon and upwardly depend therefrom without the aid of a separate supporting structure, at least one of said decorative

elements being located away from said outer periphery of said base, the bottom of the base having the same size and shape as that of the bottom wall inner surface area of the housing;

said first ornament assembly being located inside said housing such that the bottom inner surface area of said housing is entirely covered by the bottom of said first ornament assembly base with the outer periphery of the first ornament assembly base slidably abutting said at least one sidewall of the housing;

removing said one or more fish from said housing;

removing said ornament assembly from said housing by grabbing said at least one of said decorative elements located away from said base outer periphery in order to lift out said ornament assembly;

removing the water from said housing; and

cleaning said fish tank.

13. The method of claim 12, further including the steps of:

selecting a second decorative ornament assembly having a second design that is different than that of said first ornament assembly, said second ornament assembly creating a unique environmental theme and including a base and one or more decorative elements, the base having a bottom as well as an outer periphery, the base of the second ornament assembly forming a solid structure to which said one or more decorative elements are permanently affixed in position thereon and upwardly depend therefrom without the assistance of a separate supporting structure, at least one of said decorative elements being located away from said outer periphery of said base, the bottom of the second ornament assembly base having the same size and shape as that of the bottom inner surface area of the housing;

inserting said second ornament assembly into said housing such that the bottom inner surface area of said housing is entirely covered by the bottom of said second

ornament assembly base with the outer periphery of the second ornament assembly base slidably abutting said at least one sidewall of the housing;

adding water to said housing; and

adding said one or more fish back into the housing.

14. The method of claim 12, further including the steps of:

cleaning said first ornament assembly after removal from the housing;

inserting said first ornament assembly back into said housing such that the bottom inner surface area of said housing is entirely covered by the bottom of said first ornament assembly base with the outer periphery of the first ornament assembly base slidably abutting said at least one sidewall of the housing;

adding water to said housing; and

adding said one or more fish back into the housing.