



# The Sea Star



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## September Meet at the U Of U

The September 7th meeting is our first at the University Of Utah. We hope the U will make a satisfactory and long lived meeting place. The flexibility of using the various rooms, such as a theater for large crowds, will be very nice. And thanks to Adam Blundell we are able to meet there for free. Adam is having a blast in student government and may run a second year. Way to go, Adam.

The map with directions to the Student Union Building is on the WMAS web site and also included in this Sea Star. **The parking is free** and we will start at 7:00 PM with coral propagation. The Guest Speaker is Brad Daniels, manager of The Aquarium.

## Reef Tour October 13th and 14th

The biggest yearly event for the WMAS is the Reef Aquarium Tour to be held two days this year. Friday evening from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM and again the next morning Saturday the 14th from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Over 30 locations are on the Tour this year and we hope, with the help of Steve Schulken of The Living

Planet, to have television coverage, which should bring out a lot of visitors and potential club members. Newspaper coverage in the Tribune, Deseret News and Standard Examiner is also being sought.

If you want to be on the Tour and have not yet told Mark of your interest, please do so, as he is starting to get very busy with all the planning. Additional volunteers are welcomed. If you can't show your tank but still want to be involved just call Mark.

Several fish stores are on the Tour with display tanks identified as WMAS Reef Aquarium Tour tanks. Visitors will be directed to homes in the area where admission can be purchased. We appreciate those fish stores and their participation in the Tour.



Hi Tim!!!

## Spotlight On "The Aquarium"

This is the first of

many Spotlights the Sea Star plans to do for and about the fish stores serving the Wasatch Front. Call to reserve your store's Spotlight!

One of the best fish stores along the Wasatch Front is The Aquarium, located at 9316 South on 700 East, behind McDonalds. This store opened shortly after the WMAS was formed, in 1995, but changed ownership after about one year and has grown ever since. With Brad Daniels at the helm (Brad's father is the owner), many positive changes have taken place.

The jewel of The Aquarium is a very large reef tank with some nice, large hard and soft coral and beautiful fish. David Hurst, a WMAS member, helped set up the tank which has a Reverse Daylight Refugia / Sump. The reef wraps around a center column which serves the Sump. Large caverns and arches give a realistic look to this healthy tank. It is a fascinating aquarium which immediately catches your attention as you walk in the door.

Brad Daniels has accepted the invitation to speak to the WMAS at this months meeting. He will tell about his store and may introduce the club to a few good products. He will also tell his experiences with water testing and which tests work for him.

Put The Aquarium on your list of stops to make when you are in Sandy and

when you are checking out the stores looking for additions to your tank. If you haven't seen the updated list of Wasatch Front Retail Fish Stores just ask for it at the meeting or call Mark.



## August Meeting

The August meeting featured Steve Larson of U.S. Aquarium, the newest pet supplies distributor in Utah. Steve was well received and the meeting was well attended. Steve discussed his views about lighting and other aquarium topics. A video tape of Steve's presentation is available to members from the WMAS Library.



## WMAS Library

Call or talk to our Librarian, Cindy Jones to check out the video of last months guest speaker, Steve Larson. If his video tape is already taken you can try video tapes of past guest speakers such as John Walch of SeaQuest,

Rick Greenfield of CaribSea, Dana Riddle, Albert Thiel, our good friend LeRoy Headlee, and others. Other items in the Library are MACNA videotapes and books galore. Please return Library items by the next meeting. The Library accepts donations. Years ago before Greg Tanner closed his Aquarium Arts store down the street from Doug Young's Bird World, he donated three or four books which are great reading and packed full of information.



## GARF Seminar October 21st and 22nd

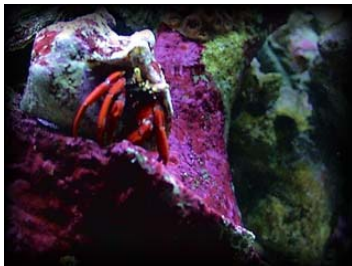
The trip to Geothermal Aquaculture Research Foundation in October makes this a huge month for WMAS FUN! We hope to join many of you in experiencing a real coral propagation farm.

GARF is amazing. LeRoy and Sally Jo Headlee are the greatest coral farmers I know. You would expect them to wear Leather coral, drink from a Cup coral, while

carrying an "Olympic" Torch coral and eating Candy coral. Leroy is the best at Staghorn coral, according to Sally Jo. We shouldn't even mention the Mushrooms but surely the Reef Janitors will clean up any Grunge left around after the conference. Of course the Magic Dust when sprinkled around the aquarium does cause all sorts of budding and propagation. This article is deteriorating!

Please plan to attend the Seminar if you can. You get to hear the famous speakers like Steve Tyree, Stan Brown, Leo Morin(water chemistry), and hobnob with them later as well.

It's two and a half days of nonstop fun and the drive up to Boise on Friday evening and home again Sunday evening is just as fun as the conference itself. Hope to see you there. Call a member of the Presidency or GARF at 208-344-6163, for more information.



## Governors Proclamation

The following is a draft of the proclamation to be submitted to the governor for Coral Reef Awareness Week for the week of the Reef

Tour:

**Whereas**, the ocean's coral reefs are amazing environments and important ecological systems of our planet earth, and

**Whereas**, the future of coral reefs along with the future of our entire world rests in the hands of all people, and

**Whereas**, collection of wild marine animals is becoming increasingly less necessary, and

**Whereas**, increasing numbers of tropical reef coral and fish are bred and raised commercially and also propagated by citizens of Utah, and

**Whereas**, awareness of home grown coral reefs in Utah can be heightened by viewing them in local coral reef aquariums.

Signed: Governor Leavitt



## Charity

One of the greatest challenges we face in our hurried lives is to make the time and effort to care for others, to develop and practice the quality that would allow us to help others in seemingly small but truly lasting and significant ways. We need to exercise love for others, irregardless of our perception of who they are,

their imperfections, or where they come from. Love for others is best stated as charity.

We tend to think of charity as donations to a homeless shelter or a check written to a favorite institution that dispenses funds to those in need. But best defined, charity is that pure love which embraces absolute kindness. It is a reaching out to lift and help; the sharing of one's self, whatever that may be.

As we exercise charity, as we lose ourselves in unselfish service, we discover something more valuable than money, more honored than prestige. We find comfort for our soul. Nothing can compare to the inner peace that comes from doing good for someone. Because as we do good for another we comfort our own self and find that life is meant to be shared.

People need each other to help and be helped. May we think of this gift of charity, not only as the Holiday Season approaches, but throughout the entire year. And may we ensure that we make the most of charity, by caring for those closest to us; our friends and families.



