



What's happening?

October 13, 2010 - Wednesday

Meeting topic: "Macna"

Time: 7:00 pm

Stacy's Furniture

1900 S Main St, Grapevine 76051

November 10, 2010 - Saturday

Meeting topic: TBD

Time: 7:00 pm

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February 26, 2011 — Saturday

Next Wave 2011

and

Coral Farmers Market Event

Fort Worth Botanical Gardens

3220 Botanic Garden Blvd.

Ft. Worth, TX 76107

Tickets will be on sale soon!

\$25 for full conference

\$15 for vendor hall only

(Order soon—prices increase later)

"MACNA"

Steven Pro

Join us for another special meeting in which we are flying in a great friend to the hobby, Steven Pro, the President of MASNA. He will give a short presentation from his talk at MACNA this year, as well as lead a round table discussion on what MACNA is and what may happen if DFWMAS makes a bid to have it here. Your own President and Vice President will also be presenting a slide show on the new goodies from this year's MACNA including many other things you may have missed if you were not in Orlando for it.

DFWMAS Joins Coral Farmers Market

For the NEXT WAVE and CFM Event

February 26, 2011

Four Terrific Speakers

J. Charles Delbeek, Senior Aquatic Biologist - California Academy of Sciences' Steinhart Aquarium

James Fatherree, Author - Giant Clams in the Sea and the Aquarium

Gerald Heslinga, Founder/Owner of Indo-Pacific Sea Farms

Matt Pedersen, marine fish breeding

Lots of Propagated Corals

Our BIGGEST raffle of the Year

Auction



Our Vice-President Pens a Message

Marc Levenson

Greetings club members! The weather is finally cooling off, and that usually means we are ready to tinker with our tanks anew. I'm not sure why that is since we usually hide in our homes to soak up all the air conditioning we can, soooo.... but I digress.

One of my duties for the past year has been caring for the membership needs of the club. In doing so, I've seen members come and go for a variety of reasons. One area that I feel our members should embrace more is participation. In 2003, I remember begging members to use our new forums to communicate with one another more often, instead of waiting until the next meeting. Today, it is the opposite and that is almost detrimental to our marine aquarium society. We are literally a social club, and as such we should be getting together on a regular basis. I'd like to encourage everyone to be more involved. Participate in Tank Tours, go to our Frag Swaps, and bring your buddies. Show up at DFWMAS day to hang out and see what the store has to offer that day. Attend the monthly meeting. It is easy to say "No, I'll skip this month" and stay home, but why? We have 12 meetings a year, with the opportunity to learn more about the hobby from quality speakers' presentations. On top of that, we have our Summer Social, Next Wave, two Frag Swaps, two or three Tank Tours, and a Coral Propagation Workshop. There are lots of opportunities for club members to be actively involved.

We should have larger crowds at our meetings, not only to make more friends but also as a sign of respect for the speakers being brought in. They are doing us a favor taking time out of their lives to be at our meeting (flying in, being away from family & work), while we are local with a reasonably short drive to attend. With a club our size, we expect bigger audiences, and if everyone makes more effort our numbers will rise again. As you read this, ask yourself how many meetings you've attended in the past 12 months. Do you only come to Next Wave and the occasional frag swap? If you've got more experience in the hobby, there are newcomers that would love to pick your brain to improve their skills. Let's be more social, let's back away from our collective computers for a night and meet up as a group once a month.

As a further enticement, let me point out that our raffle has returned. This was a very popular feature of our meetings, and it resumes with our October meeting. This month, Steven Pro will be here to talk about Reef Aquarium Lighting: Practical Applications. He's going to go in depth about facets we often don't delve into, to avoid common mistakes, and to explain complex ideas that will save money if properly implemented. Additionally, he's here to answer questions about DFWMAS hosting MACNA again, something that would benefit local hobbyists throughout the metroplex. Don't miss this meeting -- that's all I'm saying.

Marc

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About our October Speaker
Steven Pro, MACNA President

Besides being MACNA President, Steve is a lighting expert. He will speak to us on the importance of lighting as well as other things to consider.

Lighting a reef display can be one of the most complicated decisions we hobbyists make — Microeinsteins per meter squared per second (The temperature of a theoretical black body object in degrees Kelvin). We hobbyists have tried to dumb things down with rules of thumb like watts per gallon, but the pendulum has swung too far. Steve will explain some complex ideas as well as provide some simple advice to avoid all too common mistakes, which can cost real money.

RAFFLES ARE BACK!

DONT MISS OUT on this great meeting and the **over \$500** in goods we will have for a **RAFFLE** at the end of the night. We want as many members present as possible! The more people we have, the bigger the prizes for future raffles.

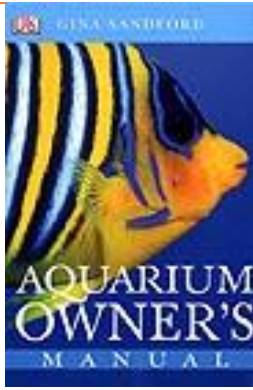
We meet at Stacy Furniture in Grapevine Texas

7:00pm to 9:00pm.

Map to location:[Google Maps](#)

Stacy Furniture
1900 S Main St
Grapevine, Tx 76051

Please park on the side as requested by management—NOT in front of the building. Enter the building and take the elevator to the third floor. We meet in the common room. At the end of the meeting, we are required to clean the room, so please look around your area and leave it super clean.



Aquarium Owner's Manual

By [Gina Sandford](#)



Packed with the latest information on choosing and caring for fish, this book is the ideal guide for all aquarium owners.

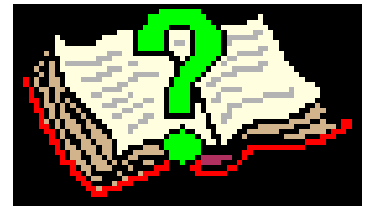
Detailed catalogue of popular fish

Over 180 fish and invertebrates, including freshwater, marine and brackish-water species, are illustrated and discussed in detail, with profiles covering natural habitat, size, feeding requirements, breeding strategies and optimal aquarium conditions. Species are rated as suitable for novice, intermediate or advanced fish keepers, and there are recommendations for appropriate tank set-ups and companion fish.

Easy-to-follow practical advice

With essential information on tank equipment and maintenance, along with expert advice on how to select and use aquatic plants, the clear instructions guide you at all stages, from setting up your aquarium to feeding, breeding and keeping your fish healthy.

In addition seven completed, feature tanks offer inspiration both for beginners and more experienced aquarists.



Jeffrey Dheere

DFWMAS Librarian

Rules For Borrowing Items

1. One item per club member per month. Maximum of 2 per household at any one time.
2. There is no deposit required for checking out of items (subject to change).
3. You must provide your username, full name, address, phone #s and email address before you can borrow a book.
4. Items must be returned in the condition they were borrowed (or fines could be imposed).
5. You must be a full member in good standing to borrow books.
6. Contact the librarian (DheereCrossing) to reserve an item—it will be available at the next meeting or arrangements can be made for checking out books between meetings.
7. You must return items before additional items can be checked out. In addition, items must be returned to the librarian by the original person who borrowed them unless otherwise agreed upon (please do not pass books around).

And you thought you knew...

Jeffrey Dheere

How long have you been in the hobby? I have kept fish since I was in grade school but after high school I took a long time off. A few years after college I started keeping and breeding killie fish, then in 2007, I started a reef tank. Unfortunately, I don't have anything tanks set up.

Where do you live? Mesquite, TX

Where are you from? I was born in Neptune, New Jersey but it is hard to call any place home as I have moved 25 times in seven different states. I attended 13 different schools, and no, my parents weren't in the military.

What are your last 5 occupations? My resume is four pages long when I put everything down at once...the life of an IT contractor. Most recent positions include selling woodworking tools at Woodcraft & Rockler and golf clubs at Dallas Golf. I have installed POS systems for FedEx Kinkos around the US and Canada, served as traveling computer support and repair for dental offices, and performed Verizon FIOS hardware quality testing (watching HDTV all day). Currently, I provide desktop support at Parkland Hospital.

Favorite movies: I'm an action junkie and love all Star Wars films. Also, I liked the Green Mile, Castaway, X-Men series, The Matrix, Fight Club, Avatar, Gladiator, 300, etc...you see the pattern.

Favorite Actor: I like the 'new unknowns' that blow me away in their first big role.

Favorite Actress: See above, but I've always fallen for Jodie Foster. :)

Favorite Musical Group: I love the DCI (Drum Corps International) musical styles (ask if you don't know), Breaking Benjamin, old KoRn, Primus, Sevendust, Tool, Incubus, and some others that might surprise you – just keep the country, (or anything else close to it) away.

Favorite Author: Douglas Preston, Michael Connelly, Stuart Woods, Vince Flynn, and yes, I like the Harry Potter and Sword of Truth stuff.

Favorite Dessert and Treats: I'm really trying to eat healthier, eliminating anything that has flour or refined sugar in it. But I'm completely powerless against the flourless chocolate cake from P.F. Chang's. Oh, and that toffee cake thing from the IKEA café.

Favorite Restaurant: (see above). The Mongolian Beef from P.F.Chang's with the Lettuce Wraps appetizer and the flourless chocolate cake dessert is my idea of the beginning to a perfect evening.

Pet Peeve: So many.... People who choose to ignore the rules, bad drivers, environmental wastes/littering/not recycling. Blatant abuse and waste of resources.

Do you have pets? Two dogs (Daisy and Hillie), an African Grey Parrot (Zula), and a freshwater Nanocube with snails in it for my daughter.

Dream Vacation: One that gives me opportunities to work, play, relax, and try new things in many different environments.

Hobbies: Woodworking, self-improvement, photography, fishing, fly tying, computer building, martial arts,...

Family: Locally, my wife Katie and 4 year old daughter Jayden

What would your parents have named you if you came out the opposite sex? I would have been a Jennifer, my brother Tom would have been Emily.



DFWMAS Membership

There are a few things you should know before signing up to join the club - which is a different than registering on the forum. You will see that some users have a "Member" logo with a clownfish; others do not. Those users with that logo under their name have paid to become DFWMAS Members.

Membership

has its privileges!

In the forums you can see special areas that are just for Members - special sales and giveaways are the best part. We also have a special Members Only Directory where you can list your business. We have special tours and meetings just for Members (e.g. the Summer Social party) You get a discount for Next Wave, our annual conference with nationally-known speakers. And of course, the best reason of all, you support a wonderful club full of helpful, generous people.

Mission Statement

- Strives to initiate public interest in the marine aquarium hobby.
- Educates hobbyists regarding the importance of the marine ecosystem.
- Increases knowledge in the husbandry of the marine aquarium system.
- Promotes captive propagation



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MARINE AQUARIUM SOCIETY

Membership Application

First and Last Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State and Zip _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Forum Screen Name (if applicable) _____

Annual Membership Options - choose one:

New \$20 **Renewal \$20**

Attach a check and bring to a meeting

or mail to:

Membership Chairman

P.O. Box 1403

Bedford, TX 76095-1403

You can also apply for membership on our website: <http://www.dfwmass.org>

Paid \$_____ for DFWMAS Membership

Circle one: New Renewal

<http://www.dfwmass.org>