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Randy Reed



Randy is an expert in larval fish care and nutrition. His company Reef Nutrition (a part of Reed Mariculture) is known worldwide for their cutting edge foods. They have developed micro foods with specific characteristics for finicky eaters, larval fishes, planktivores, and community reef fishes. Randy knows how difficult it is to be taken seriously when you are really really good looking, and he strives to overcome this challenge.

Will Spencer



Will Spencer currently serves as the President of the Wasatch Marine Aquarium Society. Will loves fish. Mostly with butter and a touch of garlic salt. He loves the barbecue and dutch oven and finds himself frequently cooking up a beauty. He also helps to educate hundreds of hobbyists in the Utah area by leading monthly meetings, workshops, guest speakers and the very informative and interactive website www.UtahReefs.com.

Karen Talbot



Karen is an artist and teaching living in Southern California. She enjoys not only painting pictures of marinelife but also sharing her appreciation for life with children. Karen will not only be showcasing her artwork with us at the Mountain West Reef Fest, but she'll also be working with any kids who would like to draw pictures as they learn about marinelife in the touchpool tanks

Ret Talbot



Ret is a dedicated advocate for a sustainable and ecofriendly aquarium trade. Ret has worked heavily in incorporating conservation with collection and he is leading the way in developing healthy tropical island trade practices. His direct contact with key government officials is benefiting all areas of aquatic trade.

Jessica Timko



Jessica Timko is a figment of your imagination. A hot young successful woman with her own business and a solid career running www.CreativeSoup.com? Someone who loves spending her time and money at local fish stores, aquarium conferences, and hanging out with fish geeks. A girl who finds the smell of saltwater to be both erotic and intoxicating? Oh, and she even attends Comic Con! Such a woman could not exist..... or does she?

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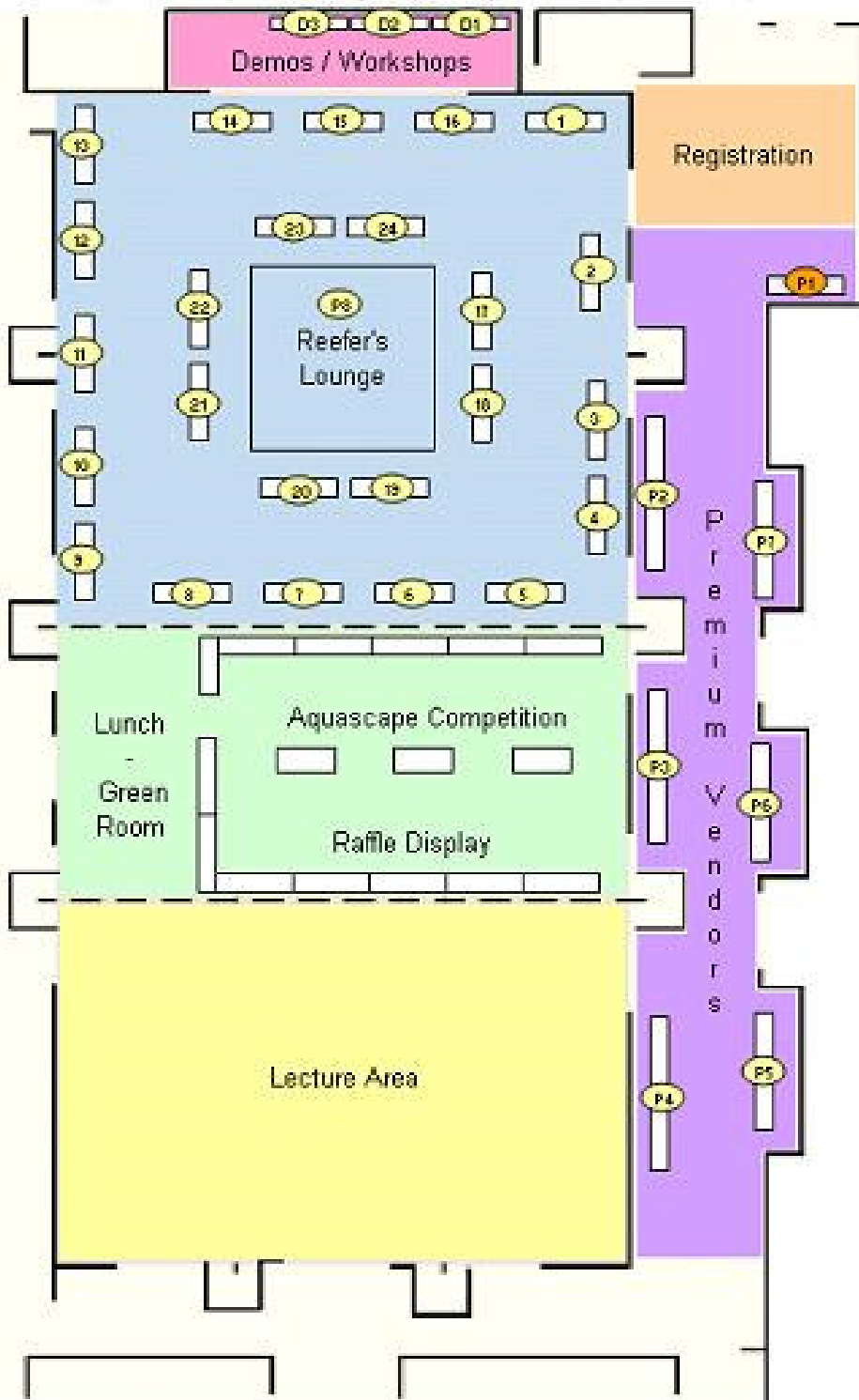
The Mountain West Reef Fest wishes to thank the Wasatch Marine Aquarium Society for helping to bring this show to the Wasatch Front.

We also wish to thank the vendors, speakers, and demonstrators for their support and their willingness to share their products, knowledge and time.

Thanks to the many volunteers who gave of their time and expertise to help make the Reef Fest run smoothly.

And most of all thanks to you for attending. We hope you learned something new, found that new product you were looking for, and took home some great livestock for your reef. Most of all we hope you had fun!

Please let us know what you thought of the Reef Fest and how we can make it even better next year by leaving a quick note on our message board under the “Mountain West Reef Fest 2010” forum found at: www.utahreefs.com/forum



Dave "Jersey" Mohowski



Dave "Jersey" Mohowski has a super hot wife, great kids, and he scuba dives for a living. What a chump! When he's not obtaining more bottom time he is an instructor, teacher, lecturer and world traveler. "Jersey" is probably the friendliest person you will ever meet and he serves as a great ambassador for marine life.

Scott Morell



Scott Morell is a fair and biased reefer living in Boise Idaho. Scott has a great affinity for swift moving water and smurf turf. When not out enjoying the wonders of the treasure valley Scott enjoys his aquarium with his wife the lovely and gracious Monica. Scott will be bringing his vast skills and experience of using man-made rocks to the Reef Fest as a long time volunteer for the Geothermal Aquaculture Research Foundation.

Erik Ostrander



ERiK is an adventurous man. He loves all things aquatic. He has aquaria ranging in all areas of density. He excels in vascular plants and macro algae for both the light weight (freshwater) and heavy weight (saltwater) systems. Artistry is certainly one of his focal points in designing systems.

Mark Peterson



Mark Peterson is a legend in the aquarium hobby. He was dubbed year's ago with the title "the mountain pioneer" of the saltwater hobby for his quick acting moves to try new things in the hobby. Mark has helped hundreds (and maybe even thousands) of hobbyists around the world as a truly passionate hobbyist. He's created, designed, and set up dozens of thriving natural aquarium systems over the years making him one of the most successful hobbyists of our time.

Charles Phipps



Charles lives in an undisclosed location in Canada. Due to the incredibly high quality of nutritional value found in his frozen food, he must hide from the general public. His competitors are always trying to get to him... good luck we have super security at the Mountain West Reef Fest and Charles can travel to the US in comfort.

Captain Jack



Captain Jack is widely known for his adventures at sea. A love of rum and wealth has guided (and misguided) Captain Jack from port to port. While wildly successful at finding friends, heroic battles, and life-threatening predicaments; Captain Jack has found two things to be ever elusive.... women and gold. Welcome to the club Captain Jack. Anyway, bring your kids and let them climb aboard the ship, and meet the man you've only heard of.

Evan Jamison



Evan is the top aquarist at The Living Planet Aquarium. Evan is responsible for the day to day operations of several aquatic displays. He has experience with both hobbyist systems and commercial systems and integrates different methods into his madness. He is always looking for a simple solution to improve a situation. His work is nearly entirely behind the scenes, as he creates visually appealing and healthy systems.

Lindsey Kayal



Lindsey Kayal is frikin smart. She is a graduate from the University of Georgia with a Bachelor's degree in Biology, and is a complete whiz with aquatic chemistry. Over the years, she has become an avid and experienced hobbyist herself. While interested in all aspects of the aquarium hobby, her particular interest is in the branch of reef keeping chemistry and water ion dynamics.

Marc Levenson



Marc Levenson is a professional stripper. When he's not at work stripping hardwood floors he spends his time as an author and lecture helping aquarists around the globe. He is widely known for his site www.melevsreefs.com and has been a true friend of the hobby. He's loved by many because he infectiously shares his love of the hobby. Marc is always excited to meet as many hobbyists as he can to join him in his aquatic obsession.

Premium Vendors

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	Fish4U
P1	WMAS
P2	SeaChem
P3	Richins Carpentry
P4	PE Mysis
P5	Sera USA
P6	The Living Planet
P7	MarineLand
P8	Oceanic

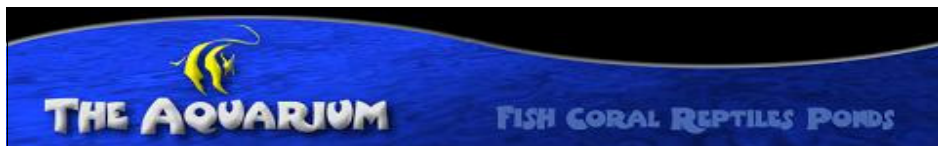
Demos / Workshops

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D1	Dive Utah
D2	Seabase Scuba Gear
D3	Neptune Divers

Vendors

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	Ocean in Motion
	Aquatic & Terrestrial Research
1	The Aquarium
2	Current USA
3	Ecological Laboratories
4	Aquatic Dreams
5	AquaticLife
6	Reef Nutrition
7	Reef Brite
8	Aquatic Tranquility
9	Karen Talbot Art
10	Boyd Enterprises
11	Red Sea
12	Rod's Food
13	Wet Thumb Frags / Reef Kingdom
14	Brine Shrimp Direct
15	Cerameco
16	Custom Aquaria
17	Reef Koi
18	Steel City Coral
19	Apogee
20	Neptune Divers
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22	Ecototic
23	Sustainable Aquatics
24	Reef Addicts

Vendors, Promoters & Exhibitors



Forrest Gahn



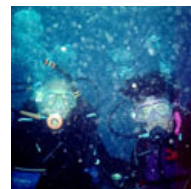
Dr. Gahn is an invertebrate paleontologist that specializes in the evolutionary ecology of marine life, especially echinoderms. Forest has integrated his newfound passion for reef aquaria with his research interests, and has successfully kept all five classes living echinoderms and has begun an active research program involving captive echinoids and crinoids. His research has been published in *Paleobiology*, *Science*, *PNAS*, and featured in *Science News*, *Smithsonian* magazine, and on MSNBC.

Kevin Gaines - Sustainable Aquatics



Kevin is the main man. A lot of people talk about doing the right thing, but he actually does it. Kevin has developed an ecologically friendly production system that raises juvenile fishes from ocean environments and tank raises them for the hobby. His projects are building an infrastructure in island communities to support an active and successful marine aquarium hobby. Sustainable Aquatics has been tank-breeding fish commercially for 4 years and started the SI (Sustainable Islands) project last October with young juveniles from the wild

Brad & Becky Grubel



This dynamic duo leads the way in dive travel. Their worldwide adventures take them on several trips per year to the far reaches of the globe. When not off on a wild adventure they are busy teaching scuba classes here in the Salt Lake area. Advanced diving techniques and underwater photography are just a part of where they excel.

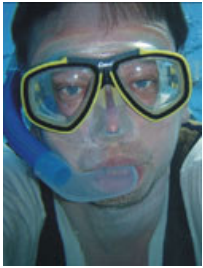
Shane Heil



Shane Heil is an uber reefer. He's traveled the globe visiting aquarium stores in Turkey, China, Japan, Germany and more. As an expert in SPS coral care Shane has helped hundreds of hobbyists in their goals to keep beautiful aquatic displays. As a former WMAS president Shane helped to build a thriving aquarium hobby in

Utah. Shane has a very loving and understanding wife who continuously encourages him to spend as much time as he can away from his family living it up with his fish friends.

Johannes Duerbaum



Johannes Duerbaum is a marine biologist from Germany specializing in echinoderms and copepods among other aspects in Zoology and Ethology. For over 15 years, Johannes has traveled to remote areas to further his knowledge of marine reef keeping. Johannes has studied interesting marine animal interactions and has had the pleasure of developing top of the line nutritional and environmental care products for captive systems.

Ike Eiganbrode



Ike Eiganbrode is a super dude. Known throughout the industry for his cool attitude, helpful disposition and friendly face. Ike has worked at a marine/freshwater fish hatchery as a fish pathologist and continued to work in the commercial aquaculture industry for over 10 years. However, where Ike truly excels is in his eco friendly knowledge of electrical usage and ecosystem design. Ike currently lives in San Diego and when not working, spends time with his wife, 2 kids and his second passion- -being an amateur chef.

Harvey Fell



Harvey is a longtime industry professional working with Freshwater Ponds, Freshwater Aquariums, and Marine Aquariums. Harvey has helped to develop new products for all phases of aquatic husbandry. He is constantly developing new products and is now a leader in a multi-chip led technology.

Ariel Freudenthal



Ariel is the ultimate reefer. Always the center of attention, and deservedly so. Ariel has lived the dream and even at such a young age she has been involved in many areas of the industry. She's worked in aquatic product development, Sea World, wholesale distribution and more. Ariel has a fascinating life filled with aquatic adventures and a Disney movie about her teenage years has become a children's movie classic (yet to be verified). Ariel has been to Japan, China, Hong Kong, Cambodia, Thailand, India, Egypt, Croatia, Bosnia, Ukraine, Turkey, Hungary, Spain, England, Germany, France, Switzerland, Italy, BVI, Costa Rica, Mexico, and Vietnam.

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Matthew Carberry



Matt is a life-long marine aquarium hobbyist, Matthew channeled this passion into building a hatchery focused on high quality, optimization of color and size, and a commitment to preservation of natural reef habitats. He is a true biologist working to preserve and cultivate reef fishes. Matthew enjoys outdoor activities and playing the flute and piano.

John Ciotti



John Ciotti broke onto the scene when he was named American Reef Aquarist Networks "Sexiest Aquascaper 2010." He then competed in the high profile [Reef Stock Reefscape competition](#). John bested the then undefeated Scott Fellman to claim the Reefscape title. The women chanting "John Ciotti uncover that body" may have started as a joke/request, but when he works up a sweat he is a true competitor.

Matt Clement



Matt Clement is a local dive instructor. He has over 200 dives and specializes in the habitats of Utah. He loves local diving and sharing nature's wonders with his fellow fish geeks.

Justin Credabel



Justin Credabel knows how to rock. He rocks with music, with live rock, with rock plugs, and even with rubble rock. At the Coral Research Lab at the Science and Technology Magnet High School of Southeastern Connecticut Justin refined the techniques of fusing multiple coral together to create new varieties, and micro-culture techniques. Justin now travels around teaching hobbyists the methods of coral care, with a strong focus on uncommon techniques.

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Speakers, Industry Professionals and Honored Guests

Laura Birnebaum



Laura Birenbaum is not just a reef hottie. She has several years experience as a hobbyist, store owner, product rep, and marine scientist. Her formal education has provided her with the laboratory experience to create and design amazing projects. Her research projects target cutting edge information with topics that truly push the envelope on aquatic husbandry.

Adam Blundell



Adam Blundell is not only Utah's top marine biologist, but he also made HS Weekly's list of the Top 10 Sexiest Scientists of 2010. He has contributed greatly to the hobby with his research and writings on captive aquatic husbandry, and the ability to integrate biological principles from natural reef settings. When not in the lab Adam spends his time testing samples at the nearby Baskin Robbins ice cream parlor.

Rod Buehler



Rod became an icon in this hobby when he started breeding hundreds and even thousands of anemone fishes. Rod's clowns demonstrated that great foods coupled with great care can produce thriving babies. The success seen in using his own food blend launched Rod's food line to help other hobbyists in their aquaculture endeavors.



Donations & Contributions

