

## The President's Pen

In case you haven't noticed, our website has undergone some serious upgrades. While the homepage and forums are still a work in progress, we are light-years ahead of where it was only a year ago. I would like to thank Wes Parton (Webmaster), Chris Ford (Asst. Webmaster), and all those involved with testing and tweaking the site to help make these improvements. If you have any thoughts feel free to post a thread in the Comment/Suggestion forum.

I would like extend a huge thanks to our board of directors. Everyone has been working hard to help put together some exciting, upcoming events. DFWMAS strives to educate fellow hobbyists so please take notice that we are providing quite a few events that fall on Saturdays between November and December this year. We will be bringing in some guest speakers that should not be missed! Please make an effort to attend as I don't think you will be disappointed. Did I mention these are going to take place on Saturdays?!

I would like to announce that DFWMAS has a new Librarian and that would be Jeff Dheere. He is also a Moderator of our forums (DheereCrossing). Jeff is at most meetings and events. If you are interested in checking out an item don't hesitate to contact him via e-mail/private message.

As always, we appreciate the support we receive from our club sponsors. Please take a moment to visit them and/or their websites to see what they have to offer both you and your tank!

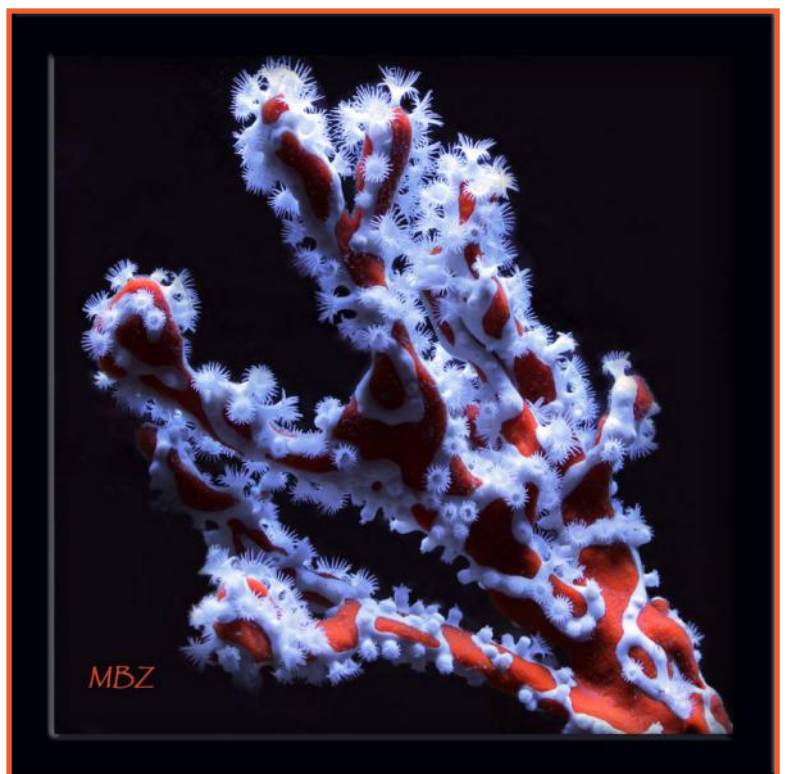
Happy Reefing!

Matt Little  
President DFWMAS

### October Picture of the Month Submitted by MBZ

This month, the Photo Contest was a bust.  
So here's a picture that caught our eyes.

Scientific name is *Triakentron flabelliforme*  
Common names: White Line Sponge  
Origin: Australia



## Coming to Market

By Marc Levenson

At MACNA, this new frag station was unveiled. It should be on the market by December, hopefully.

The overall look is very appealing and will fit nicely in a nano tank or even a larger set up. The rock has been colored up to look like it has been encrusted with coralline algae, and there are a total of 12 frag plugs available for use. It feels heavy, so it should stay in place nicely. Each frag disk has a rough surface to help bond a frag upon.

Eshopps is the vendor releasing this product to the market, and at the time of this writing, the price is estimated at \$30.





## **And you thought you knew...**

### **David Johnson a.k.a. DaveJ**

How long have you been in the hobby? Since 2001. I jumped right in with a 140G Mixed Reef.

Where do you live? Fort Worth TX

Where are you from? I was born and raised in Hayward, California located in the East Bay Area. I lived there until '99, before moving to Ohio. I moved here to Texas in '03.

What brought you to Texas? Work. I had signed a long-term contract with a local company and since the travel expenses were included in the deal at a flat rate, I moved here to increase my 'take' on it. I had always considered Texas an area I would be willing to live because of the lifestyle around here: no state income taxes and low cost of living.

What do you do for a living? I am a software consultant.

Favorite movie: *Animal House*, I can watch it all day long.

Favorite Actor: Harrison Ford, a very versatile actor with a huge amount of talent.

Favorite Actress: Jessica Alba, the dancing in Sin City... enough said.

Favorite Musical Group: This is a tough one since I have so many, but I will fall back on Motley Crue.

Favorite Author: R.A. Salvatore

Favorite Quote: "You can't fix stupid."

Favorite Holiday: Christmas

Favorite Restaurant: Everett and Jones BBQ – Oakland, Calif. Best ribs I have ever had....

Pet Peeve: People who stand on the sidelines and complain. Get in the game.... Then I'll take you seriously.

Do you have pets? Just my fish and corals right now. I had a cat up until a couple years back. He was with me 14 years, traveled across country on three moves with me. Had to put him to sleep and just haven't been able to consider getting another one yet.

Dream Vacation: An unrestricted tour of Egypt.

Hobbies: Golf, Reefing, Football

Family: I have two older sisters left in my immediate family, a handful of aunts and uncles, etc. all spread around the country.

How do you want to be remembered? A fierce and loyal friend.

Who would you like to have as a guest for dinner? Ronald Reagan

Something you probably don't know about me? I'm a closet romantic.

Like, Do you know any famous people? Personally, no but I have met quite a few over the years. Terry Bradshaw, Jim Brown, Tim Brown, Jim Plunkett, Ricky Henderson, Mark McGwire, Sandy Alderson, Billy Bean, Ricardo Maltabon, David Beckham, Paul Stanley, Pat Benatar, Ken Stabler, Marcus Allen, Kat Von D and many others.





## Upcoming Events Calendar entries - Saturday Meetings Galore until the end of the year!

### Nov 7: Brian Plankis & Eric Borneman

Reef Stewardship Foundation (RSF)

1:00pm - 4:00pm

Schedule

1:00pm - Introduction by DFWMAS

1:15 - 2:00: Brian Plankis - "How can the Reef Stewardship Foundation and Hobbyists Work Together to Protect Coral Reefs and Contribute to Sustainability?"

2:00 - 2:45: Eric Borneman - "Breeding Corals- what has been accomplished so far, and how the ornamental trade can contribute to and be affected by future coral breeding efforts."

2:45 - 3:30: Fundraising Raffle (to benefit RSF) and Questions

3:30 - 4:00: RSF Annual Meeting: Paid RSF Members Only

**Grapevine Convention Center**

(817) 410-3459

1209 South Main Street  
Grapevine, Texas 76051

### Nov 14: Tyree Coral Farmers Market

Dallas/Ft. Worth Coral Farmers Market

Second Annual Fall Event

10:30am to 4:00pm

Holiday Inn Select North Dallas  
2645 LBJ Freeway (I-635)  
Dallas, TX 75234

DFWMAS members can buy tickets online for only \$8 ([click here](#)) while supplies last. \$25 in advance online through Tyree or \$35 at the door.

### Nov 14: Greg Hiller Presents...

**Reefkeeping Chemistry - What You Need to Know - from Novice to Annoying Know-It-All**

Greg Hiller of the Boston Reefers will be speaking to our members about water chemistry. One of the requests that comes up from time to time by our members is the need for deeper topics. While we have many newer hobbyists in the club, we also have a lot of members that have been in this hobby for years and years. This special meeting is to satisfy that need, and we invite our members to not miss this event.

If you are new to the hobby, don't be scared off - however, you better plan on taking notes since part of it may go right over your head. ;) That's okay, the same thing happened to me in 2002. What you hear may not make sense now, but later you'll be saying - *ooooh, I remember that, and it makes total sense now!*

4:00pm - 7:00pm (presentation will start around 5pm)

**Addison Conference Center**

"Sephora" room  
15650 Addison Rd.  
Addison, TX 75001

[Google Maps](#)

### Nov 21: Fall Frag Swap

\$10 each for non-members wishing to sell livestock or used gear.

12:00pm to 4:00pm

Schedule:

12pm-1pm - set-up

1pm-3pm - swap

3pm-4pm - clean up

St. Barnabas Presbyterian Church  
1220 W Belt Line Rd  
Richardson, TX 75080-5801

[Google Maps](#)

This event is for members and guests trade (or sell) corals. People bring bagged corals in coolers. Others set up small aquariums to display their livestock. Some ideas that have worked well:

- 1) Bring a cooler with you to take your corals home. You want the water temperature to stay stable, especially now that the weather has cooled off.
- 2) Bring pictures of the parent colony. This can be photographs in a plastic sleeve, on a laptop, in a picture frame with rotating images, or even on your fancy cell phone.
- 3) Bring towels to clean up your area completely. When done, it should look like you were never there, better than when you arrived.
- 4) Mark bags clearly. Print up a price list. Mark prices on the aquarium. The easier it is, the more smoothly it will go.
- 5) If you need electricity, be prepared. (Let us know, first of all. ) Bring a long extension cord, tape to tape it to the floor, power strip, etc.
- 6) Share a table if you don't plan to bring a lot of items.
- 7) Used equipment can be sold as well.
- 8) Bring lots of cash.

### Dec 5: John Coppolino – Angelfish

4:00pm - 7:00pm

Irving Bible Church  
2435 Kinwest Pkwy # 100  
Irving, TX 75063

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\$10 if you are a guest / non-member.

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