

BEN HICKS: A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A NATGEO PHOTOGRAPHER AQUAPONICS: A SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP THAT IS CHANGING THE FUTURE SPOTLIGHT: REALITY DIRECTOR MARK JACOBS ON REALITY TV AND THE PURPOSE OF LIFE LIFE UNDER WATER: MEN AND THEIR ANCESTRAL ATTRACTION TO WATER

# The AQUATIC issue



### Ben Hicks

Through his photography, Ben aspires to raise environmental awareness by depicting the natural world in an endearing and relevant manner that all individuals can connect with. Ben is particularly focused on using his art to convey the importance of sea turtle conservation as these magnificent creatures are one of the most important indicators of the health of the world's marine ecosystems. Ben strives to serve the global community by using his art to communicate conservation, environmental activism and sustainability in hopes of inspiring others to restore the Earth.

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# Diane **Smith**

Applying her professional dental hygiene background, motherhood and common sense, Diane found her innate sense applicable to the animal world, remarkably similar, and profoundly fulfilling. From zookeeping at Oglebay Park, reptile keeper at Reptiles Alive, naturalist for the Northern Virginia Park System, a liscensed wildlife rehabilitator and teaching preschool at the National Zoo, she has continued to enhance her needs to teach and heal, the fascinating, beautiful creatures that have been created for our enjoyment and sustainability.

### Stephanie McCombie

Born and raised in Vancouver, BC, Stephanie has always had a connection with dogs, and been drawn to them as they have been drawn to her. Four years ago when she adopted Gus, a German Shorthaired Pointer, her life was forever changed, until a year ago, when their super senior Travis, became a part of their family - and The Pointer Brothers were born. It took her awhile to realize that she was meant to do the thing that she loved, but thanks to her "boys", her eyes were opened. instagram.com/ifitwags





## Alis<mark>sa **Boddie**</mark>

Alissa Boddie is the Executive Coordinator at Back to the Roots, an Oakland-based company committed to reconnecting people with their food. Alongside cofounder Nikhil Arora, Alissa oversees product development at BTTR, with the company's two products - the AquaFarm and the Mushroom Kit - now sold in over 2500 retailers nationwide. Alissa graduated

from Princeton University with a degree in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, a minor in Environmental Studies, and a thesis on aquaponics as it compares to conventional fish-

farming. www.backtotheroots.com



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