Coordinators Column

**Spoiler Alert - I'm going to say right up front that I don't have answers to the questions this column raises, and I'm not sure there are easy answers, but as educators that use live creatures we need to at least think about them.**

Last week my family and I went to Sea World Orlando. We debated supporting Sea World with our money and attendance right up to the last minute, but in the end decided that going, and basing any opinion on the experience by having been there, was worth it. We attended three shows - a dolphin show, an orca show, and a sea lion/walrus/otter show. In all cases the animals were not, or did not appear to be, animals that could not survive in the wild. All the animals looked (to my untrained eye) well-cared for, and the staff I talked to did seem both knowledgeable and concerned about the welfare of the animals. However, the issue remains - is it morally acceptable to keep wild animals for entertainment and/or educational purposes? Click Here to continue.
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**Saturday, May 3**
Great Bay Discovery Center opens for season, Wednesday-Sunday.

**Monday, May 5**
WADE Study Group meets at 4:00 pm at Ellen & Herb Kingsbury's home. Social time begins at 4:00, discussion from 4:30 to 6:00. The host provides the venue and drinks and the guests bring snacks for the group to enjoy.
We will be finishing Oxygen at this meeting. Please think of a selection for our next book - check the list sent out in January or any other new books that look interesting.
For more information contact Brian Fitzgerald, *brifitz@comcast.net*

**Tuesday, May 6**
May Monthly Meeting, 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Durham Evangelical Church.
Denny Chasteen, Professor of Chemistry at UNH and certified solo diver will share his diving experiences from around the world.

[Click Here](#) for the entire month of May Printable Calendar.
May 7th
from 9:30 to 11:30 AM

**Grand-parenting 101**
(or when to speak up and when to shut up!)
This will be a presentation and discussion of the pitfalls of grand-parenting, what is new (and why) in raising kids, and how to help your kids with their parenting. Given by Skip Small, a retired pediatrician and now practicing Grand Parent, it's recommended for experienced, new, and hopeful to be Grand Parents. [Email Dari](#) or sign-up [online](#) if you plan to attend. Class will be held here at Mast Road. 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Bioluminescence -The Light of the Oceans**
Upwards of 90% of deep marine life is estimated to produce light. This talk will explore the how, where and why this happens.

Wednesday,
**June 25th at 10:00 AM** at the MDC.
Presented by Skip Small.
[Sign-up](#) at online calendar.

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