

ARTISTS STATEMENT



Salt water runs in my blood.

As a Florida-based artist, scuba-diver and treasure-hunter, I've created jewelry that endures an active aquatic lifestyle. I am drawn to the sea and the creatures that inhabit it. But my love of the ocean is tempered by a healthy respect for its power and a recognition of the dangers found upon and below the water. Men and women throughout time have taken to the sea and many have brought with them a talisman for protection.

I create bone-carvings inspired by the tribal fishhooks of South Pacific peoples who knew to bring protection when traveling on the water. I carve hooks, sharks, mythological deities and sea-creatures both real and imagined and, though I reference traditional designs worn by ancient seafarers, my pendants are unique and distinctively modern.

My work is made specifically for a life that includes salt water and is favored by surfers, boater, fisherman and beachcombers. My materials are salt resistant, sturdy featuring stone and bone carvings that tolerate frequent visits under the waves.