

125th
Anniversary
Celebrations

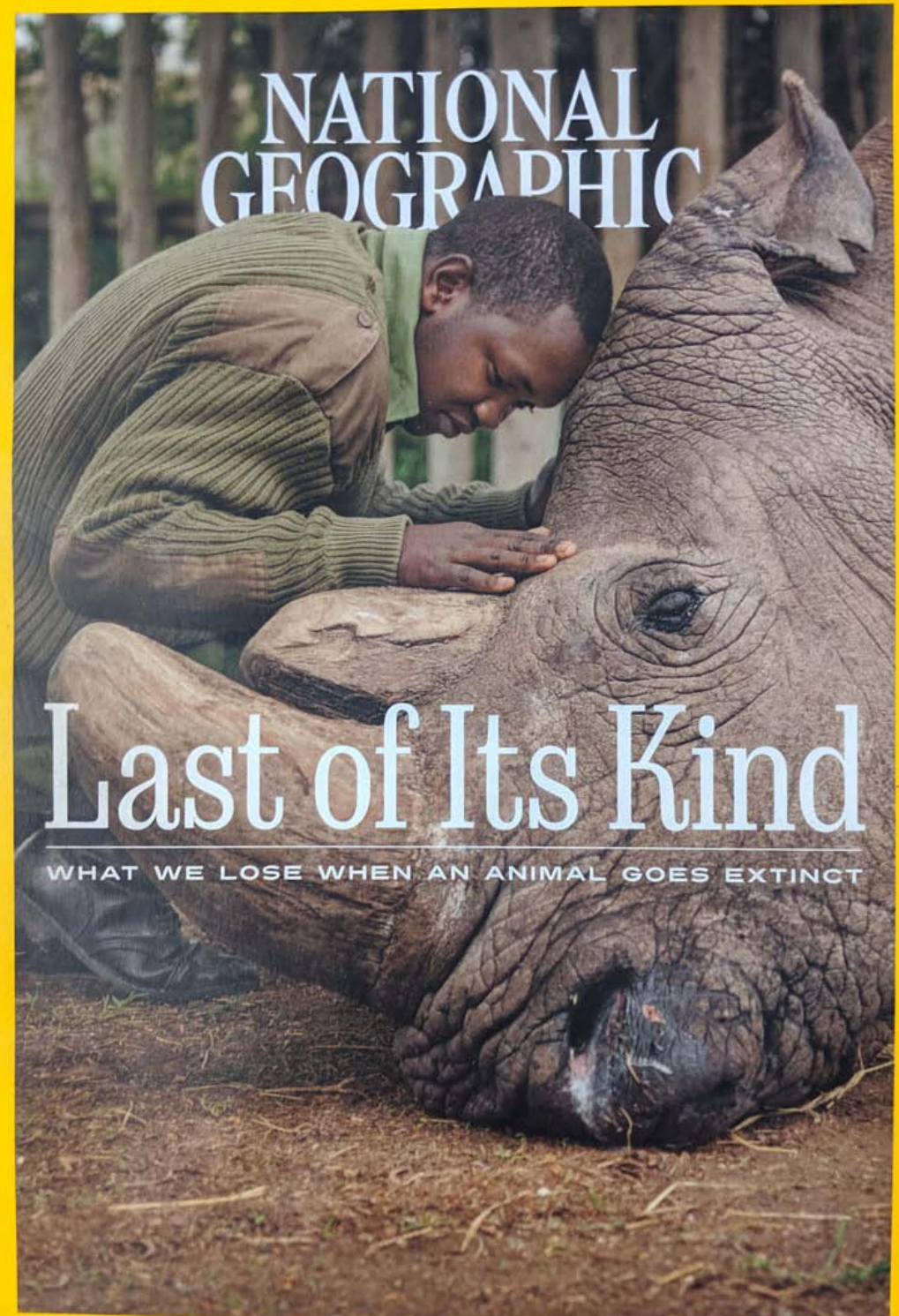
2020


Human beings and the natural world

In the October National Geographic photojournalist Ami Vitale wrote that her time covering violent and destructive human conflicts in Kosovo, Angola, Gaza, Afghanistan, and Kashmir led her to an epiphany. “If you dig deep enough behind virtually every human conflict, you will find an erosion of the bond between humans and the natural world around them.”

As a journalist, a messenger of truth, this made clear to her that, “If we choose to look for what divides us we will find it. If we look for what brings us together, we will find that too.”

“Today my work doesn’t focus only on the human condition. Rather, I tell stories about nature, and in so doing I tell stories about our home, our future, and the interdependence of all life.”





The attention
of the world,
the attention of
future leaders,
is focused on
our relation to
the natural world
right now.



What better place, what better time, than here and now
for people to discover their deeper connection to something higher
through their connection to nature?



Our origin story will be the subject of talks by historians, curators,
authors, and scholars as the core of our celebrations.

Our church is also a reminder of our connection to the Divine
corresponding with our connection to the natural world.
We can demonstrate that in all of our celebrations.

NATURE & SPIRIT

THE SAN FRANCISCO
SWEDENBORGIAN CHURCH

125TH
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

MARCH 13 -15



Why
do we feel
calm,
uplifted,
rejuvenated,
inspired
by being in
nature
?



Why
do we feel
awe,
humility,
curiosity,
wonder,
by being in
nature
?



How
does it affect
our perception,
our feeling of
connection
to the world
and to
each other
?





**“Divinity is the same
in the largest and the smallest
of things.”**

- Emanuel Swedenborg, Divine Love and Wisdom 79

THE PEACE OF WILD THINGS

Wendell Berry

When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

How
can we
create
experiences
that remind us
of this
and spark
change
?



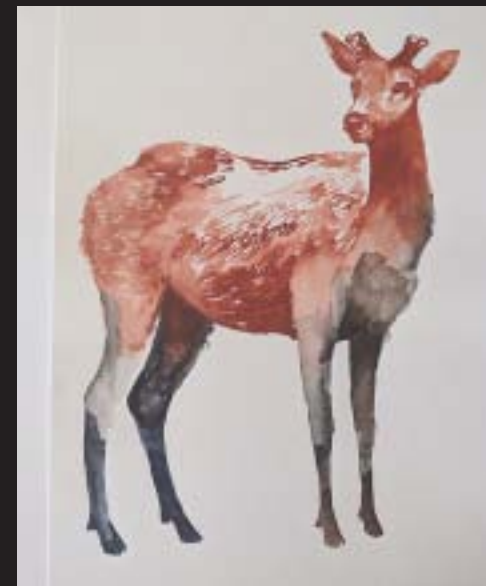
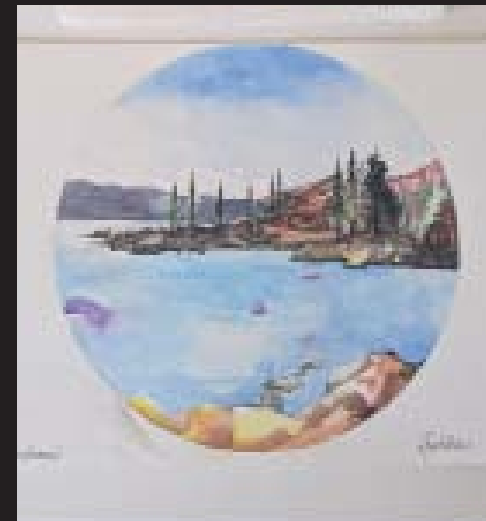
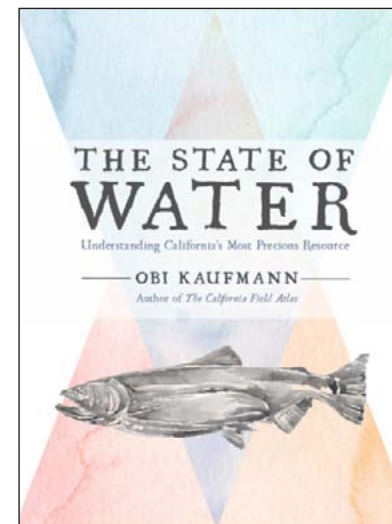
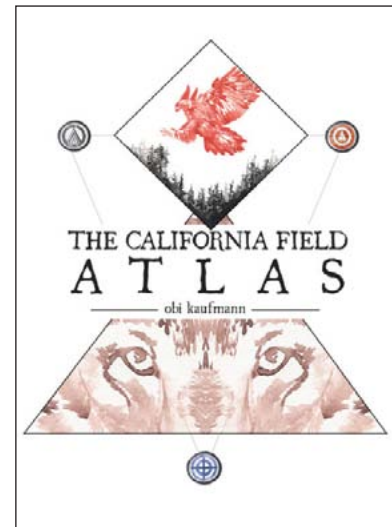
How
can we
do this
right
in our own
backyard
?



Our plenary speaker in March will be Obi Kaufmann, naturalist, activist, rising artist and writer of books on our relation to nature.



Animal Heart portfolio of original paintings
by Obi Kaufmann
2016-2019
author of the
California Field Atlas
and the State of Water



Discovery & Awareness Activities for:

kids & families

young teens

adults

- art/craft activities
- walks, hunts,
exploring
- photo scavenger hunts
(church interior,
garden, presidio)
- poetry readings
- mindful, meditative walk
- art in the landscape



Raffles?

Life-enhancing/changing,
perspective altering
EXPERIENCES:

Auctions?

Local -

- hot air balloon adventure

- whale watching

- diving

- meditation classes

- retreats

Aspiring

to

higher

experiences

&

awareness

Voluntourism Abroad

- Earthwatch Institute, others

YOUR
IDEAS

YOUR
PLAN

YOUR
PRODUCTION

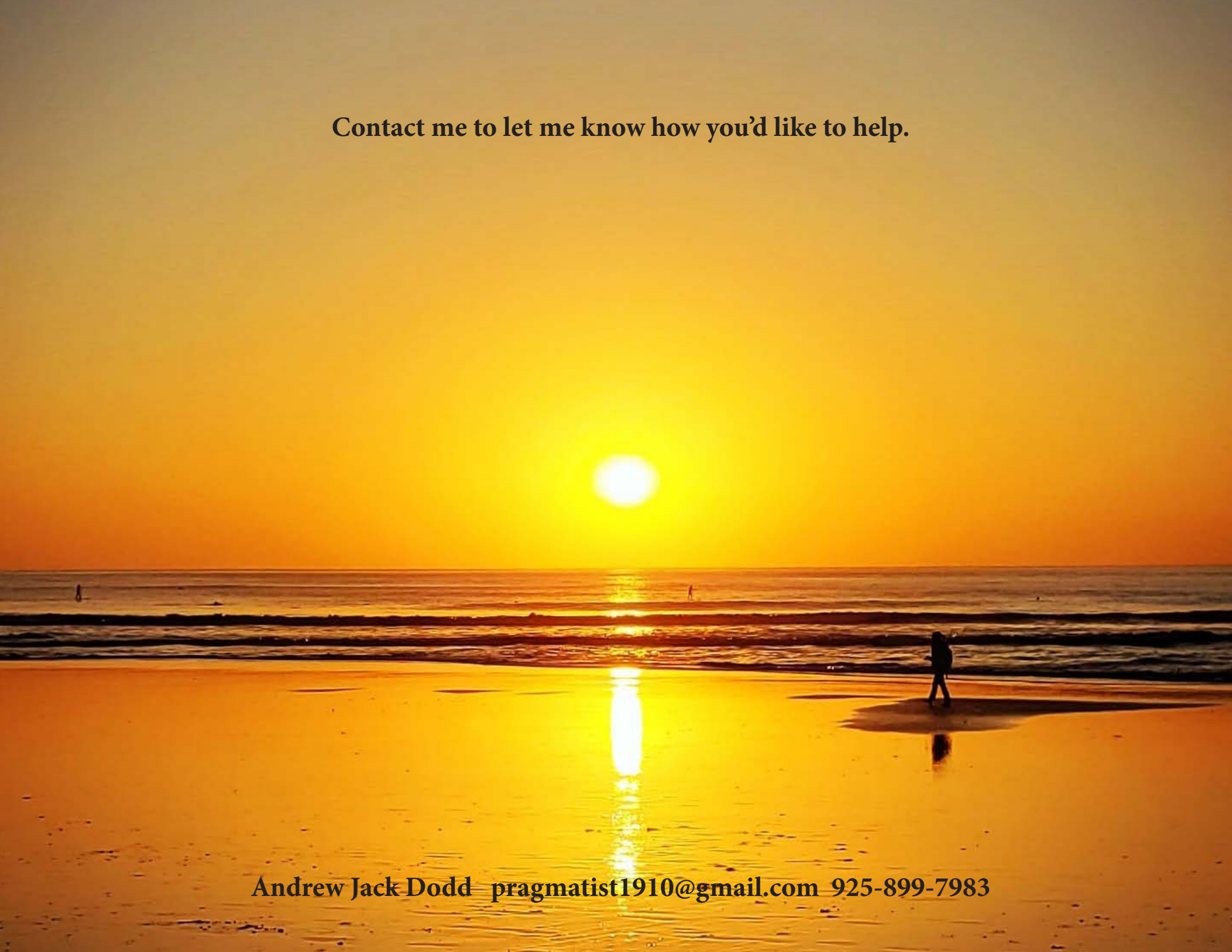
Volunteer time to:

- brainstorm
- plan and lead events/activities
- obtain resources
- ask for material donations
- recruit organizations, merchants
- talk to neighbors and friends for ideas, suggestions, examples

FIND THINGS OF JOY AND
DISCOVERY IN THEMSELVES !!!

Connect people to their spiritual side
through their connection to
the natural world.

Contact me to let me know how you'd like to help.



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