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Ghent Living

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Happy Father's Day!

TOGETHER WE ARE
GHENT STRONG



Jamie Summs
80/20 Burger Bar



Parker Harrington
Taphouse Grill
at Ghent



Eric Stevens
The Public House



Eric Nelson
Crudo Nudo



Ian Hock
CODEX

Restaurants Come Together in a Time of Need

Not Pictured: Redwood Smoke Shack | YNot Italian | Taste Unlimited

Chorizo Mexican Eatery | Press 626 Wine Bar | Mermaid Winery

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THE NATURE BUS



The recent stay-at-home order has thankfully allowed for individuals to exercise and take part in recreation outdoors. Many people have been turning to hiking, running, and walking local nature trails in order to stay sane. Ghent resident, Kevin Moss, Development Director for **The Nature Bus**, has long been advocating for people to commune with nature as part of his role. The Nature Bus is a small eco-tour business offering nature experiences for people of all ages. The company's mission is to "Be a vehicle for transformative, shared nature experiences," and, "To nurture people's affinity for the natural world."

The Nature Bus targets its experiences to private groups of 10-16 people and is fully customizable. In addition to private tours, they offer "Saturday Escapes" that are open to the public and depart from their community partner REI in Town Center. Tours can be tailored to a group's interests and have included experiences such as white water rafting, open-air painting sessions, yoga on the beach, early morning birding, and late-night stargazing. The bus has ventured to local wineries and breweries, and historical sites in Virginia Beach and Colonial Williamsburg.

The concept of The Nature Bus came from Suzanne Moss, the company's owner. Suzanne parlayed many years of experience working with nature experts and organizations, and her eco-tour guide certifications into a desire to get herself and others

to have more experiences with nature. She enlisted Kevin's background and experience as an artist in helping to promote and market the business.

Kevin grew up in the Talbot Park area of Norfolk and attended George Mason University, where he earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) degree in painting and sculpture. He notes, "Working for The Nature Bus allows me the opportunity to be creative through website work, graphic work, and designing the image on the bus. In addition to working for The Nature Bus, I show my artworks in a local art gallery."

Moss has lived in Ghent for almost eight years and currently lives near the Chrysler Museum in the Hague neighborhood. He encourages all his neighbors to "Spend more time outdoors and connect with nature!" As a visual artist, he enjoys experimenting with different mediums and sculpture. His most recent works are wall sculptures of jellyfish and were most recently shown at Gallerie Ukwensi on 21st Street in Ghent.

While The Nature Bus is not currently offering tours in order to comply with COVID-19 safety measures, they are maintaining an active social media presence and providing virtual tours weekly on their Nature Bus blog (www.naturebus.com/blog) and on their Instagram and Facebook pages.