

## **Kris Whipple CIP, CIT, CIG**

### **Interpretive Consultant**

Kris's professional background includes over twenty-five years as a curator, education specialist and naturalist for parks, museums, zoos and aquariums. Most recently, Kris served for fourteen years as the education curator for Walt Disney World Animal Programs and was responsible for the development of student and visitor programs, activities, presentations and educational materials for visiting students and adults and interpretive training at Disney's Animal Kingdom, The Seas, Disney's Wilderness Adventures and Disney's Discovery Island. Her education background includes a Bachelor's degree in Parks and Natural Resource Management.



With clients ranging from government agencies and non-profit organizations to private institutions, Kris's project sites include visitor centers, botanical gardens, zoological parks, aquariums, museums, parks and nature centers.

Recent projects include:

- DisneyNature Workbooks for the following nature series: African Cats, Chimpanzee and Bears as well as Pixar's Finding Nemo 3-D.
- Interpretive planning and media development for Garvan Botanical Gardens in Arkansas.
- Interpretive graphics and children's activity guides for the Naples Botanical Garden.
- Developing interpretive graphics for the Huntington Beach Wetlands Conservancy and Wildlife Care Center (CA)
- Developing live and on-line interpretive training programs for The San Diego Zoo and San Diego Zoo Safari Park.

Kris is certified as an interpretive planner, trainer, interpretive guide instructor and guide with the National Association for Interpretation. As an interpretive guide instructor she facilitates Certified Interpretive Guide Courses around the U.S. that focus on interpretive foundations, techniques and exceptional visitor service. Kris is also a member of the NAI Certification Review Team and Professional Standards and Practices Committee. Her In Training column is regularly featured in NAI's Legacy magazine.

Kris has presented workshops and presentations at international, national and state conferences including The International Zoo Educators Association, International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions, The American Zoo and Aquarium Association, National Association for Interpretation, National Science Teachers Association, Association for Science and Technology Centers, Florida Association of Science Teachers, League of Environmental Educators of Florida, NASA Teacher of the Year Awards and the Disney American Teacher Awards.



**Karen J. Malesky**, Museum Educator at GWIZ the Science Museum in Sarasota. A Manatee county native, she holds a B.A. in Anthropology (Archaeology) from the University of Florida. 31 years were spent teaching Science in Manatee County schools. A member of The Florida Association of Science Teachers she served as President in 2006-2007. Other S.T.E.M. activities include serving as an N.A.S.A. Resource Teacher, Board member of the Florida Foundation for Future Scientists (State Science and Engineering Fair), and committee member –Committee on Pre College Education for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Florida DOE has had Karen work on various teams for Science curriculum and standards.