

# **MARY STELLA**

CERTIFIED TOUR DIRECTOR/GUIDE

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## CERTIFICATIONS

Tour Director Certification- TripSchool 2023 -CPR

## **PERSONAL INTERESTS**

Passionate advocate for animals Photography Birding Exploring nature on land and at sea Community theater Community service

# **DESTINATION KNOWLEDGE**

Florida Keys, including Key West St. Augustine, FL Clearwater/Dunedin area, FL Familiar with and have contacts at attractions throughout FL Atlantic City and surrounding area, NJ

# **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

#### **Director of Media & Marketing**

Dolphin Research Center| 20 plus years Grassy Key, FL

Responsible for developing and implementing media, marketing, public relations, and social media for this non-profit marine mammal education and research facility. Whether hosting our live streams, welcoming fam tours, or curating engaging content, I shared the story of our animal family and our mission to enliven the experience of our visitors and attract new guests to visit.

## **Published Author**

2005 - 2010

Always a storyteller, I crafted entertaining, romance novels for contemporary audiences

#### President / Owner

#### **On-Call Creative Services**

Freelance journalist; public relations and marketing professional for a variety of clients.

# ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

#### **Monmouth University**

B.A. English | Graduated 1980

# **PROFESSIONAL AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Florida Attractions Association Outstanding Attractions Member
- Phil Sadowski Community Development Award
- Stand Up for Animals Animal Hero Award
- Romance Writers of America Service Award