

Linda Bowden

## **Lifelong Learning Coordinator**

### **ECHO Lake Aquarium & Science Center, at the Leahy Center for Lake Champlain**

Museums and Institutions industry

February 2003 – Present (8 years 5 months)

- Worked with University professors to interpret science to citizens for public education, through NSF Grants, for broader impact.
- Program Coordinator for ECHO's part in the Burlington Signature Quadricentennial Celebration: offered a 7-week speaker series averaging 40 adults/session, coordinated 7 programs/daily with Native American Indigenous Celebration 4-day encampment, plus coordinated Artist-in-Resident and served as Parade coordinator; guest on VT Public Radio program.
- Program Coordinator for Voices for the Lake which presents stewardship through social media; connecting people who care about the health of their watershed with shared stories and regional resources, answering questions for scientists through our ECHO facebook page, twittering about upcoming events, and presenting innovative social media programs for the floor.
- Developed two signature adult dialogue programs: Café Scientifique, 6 programs/year averaging 70 people/session; Meet the Scientist program/month averaging 20 people/session; . established partnership with VT Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society and Vermont Public Television to cross promote their science based program Emerging Science.
- Participated as an NGO Partner in training teachers for Champlain Basin Education Initiative and 18-month training program Watershed for Every Classroom.
- Managed 21 changing exhibit openings from September 2003
- Developed and taught education programs; developed public programs around changing exhibits.
- Gave keynote presentation for Vermont Forensics Lab Conference on Champ: The Unsolved Mystery of the Lake.
- Deliver monthly radio programs and TV spots as needed for exhibit and public program offerings.