

## **MAMEA's 2021 Informal Educator Award was presented to Susie Hill.**



Susie has provided quality marine education for the past 23 years as an education specialist for Nauticus. As the current Special Programs Manager, she enhances the knowledge for local students, educators, and the public through her many programs. Susie took charge of the MATE Mid-Atlantic Regional ROV competition and has implemented teacher trainings for leaders and organized the regional competitions. She recently traveled to Bermuda to work with Bermuda Institute of Ocean Sciences (BIOS) and coordinate their ROV Challenge for local middle school through community college-aged students. She assisted them in combining robotics with other topics they are studying including corals, fish, and plankton. While there, she helped with other BIOS programs including microplastics and water cycle workshops.

Susie invests a lot of her personal time and energy into attending professional development opportunities such as Teacher at Sea and Nautilus Exploration Program. She has used these experiences to enhance her trainings and programs including organizing a Facebook Live event for local students to meet Robert Ballard and the scientists aboard SRV Nautilus. Susie works hard to create other partnerships with organizations such as Jason Project and NOAA to facilitate workshops for local teachers.

Susie has been an active supporter of MAMEA. As a long-term member, she has written many articles for the Masthead editions, shared her expertise and creativity at conference presentations, and acted as a liaison for the recent MAMEA conference held in Portsmouth. Her energy, enthusiasm and positive attitude make her a perfect marine science ambassador. You've done an amazing job serving your community. Congratulations Susie!