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TAKE A VISUAL JOURNEY UNDER THE OCEAN TO MEET MONSTER SQUID AND SEA CREATURES FROM THE DEPTHS AT THE AQUARIUM

Meet deep-sea explorer Dr. Edith Widder, featured on Discovery Channel's recent giant squid documentary, and view her photographs from around the world at the Aquarium

An Art – Science Collaboration

WHAT: She has traveled around the ocean depths and seen mysterious animals. She has shared her discoveries and experiences at TED and on the BBC and National Geographic channels. Most recently her use of bioluminescence to lure the giant squid was featured in the Discovery Channel's documentary *Monster Squid: The Giant is Real*. The public is invited to meet Dr. Edith Widder during a special presentation at the Aquarium of the Pacific on August 27 and see some of what she has seen in a special underwater photography exhibit in the Aquarium's Great Hall through August 31, 2013.

Widder and photographer and inventor Dr. Steve Bernstein have collaborated to produce an exhibition of photographs featuring digitally enhanced images of marine life. The photographs, captured by Widder from locations around the world and altered by Bernstein, depict sea creatures like sea jellies and squid, accentuating their colors and shapes. The exhibit pieces are printed on aluminum via giclée dye sublimation. Widder's lecture at the Aquarium is titled *The Kraken Revealed: The Story Behind Finding the Giant Squid*. A deep-sea explorer, oceanographer, marine biologist, and co-founder of the Ocean Research and Conservation Association, Widder was the first to capture video recordings of bioluminescent animals and the first to film the giant squid in its natural habitat.

WHEN: **Photography exhibit: daily, now – August 31, 2013**
Lecture: Tuesday, August 27, 2013, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

WHERE: **Aquarium of the Pacific**, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

COST: **Exhibit:** Included with general admission--\$25.95 adult (12+), \$22.95 senior (62+), \$14.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members.
Lecture cost: \$5 per person; free for Aquarium members, seniors age 62 and up, teachers, and students with valid I.D. and advanced reservations. *(The lecture will be streamed live on the Aquarium's website and can be watched for free)*

AQUARIUM: The nonprofit Aquarium of the Pacific is a community gathering place where diverse cultures and the arts are celebrated and where important topics facing our planet are explored by scientists, policymakers, and stakeholders in search of sustainable solutions. Home to more than 11,000 animals, the Aquarium features the new *Wonders of the Deep* gallery. A world of discovery awaits people of all ages and interests.

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