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Caption: Joann Hinman

Refuge Nature Store welcomes new staff

Joann Hinman thought she was ready to retire when she left the Zion Natural History Association (ZNHA) in Utah's Zion National Park nearly three years ago. "But in reality I was ready to move to Florida," she said. "I missed working with a nonprofit that supports our public lands."

In her new position as part-time assistant for the "Ding" Darling Nature Store, Hinman can apply more than 20 years of nonprofit experience and satisfy her desire to remain in the field.

A native of Los Angeles, Cal., Hinman graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles, with a degree in biology. At ZNHA, she started as the nature center store manager and moved up the ladder to become director of finance and administration. She first toured "Ding" Darling Refuge 10 years ago while visiting a friend in Cape Coral, where she now lives.

"This job gives me the best of both worlds," she said. "I can stay semi-retired but still work in a job that supports a place that I really love."

"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge operates the Refuge Nature Store, proceeds from which benefit wildlife, habitat conservation, education, and research projects.

ABOUT DDWS

As a non-profit 501(c)3 organization, DDWS works to support J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge's mission of conservation, wildlife and habitat protection, research, and public education through charitable donations and Refuge Nature Shop proceeds.

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