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Caption: The Refuge Nature Store is in the holiday spirit.

‘Ding’ Darling extends holiday happy hours for shoppers

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, Nov. 29, the date of the Refuge Nature Store’s fifth annual Happy Hour Holiday Shopping event in the “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center. The “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) will keep the store open two extra hours after the center closes, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Refuge Nature Store has stocked special holiday present items for the event, and it will have gift consultants ready with suggestions and free recycled paper gift-wrapping. The store will serve wine and cheese for the event. Shoppers who spend more than \$20 receive a free gift.

“All proceeds from Nature Store purchases go directly to benefiting wildlife and conservation,” said store manager Jeanne Walsh. “This has been a fun way to get everyone into the holiday spirit with an altruistic twist.”

The Refuge Nature Store carries a complete line of birding and nature books for adults and kids, wildlife toys and games, wildlife holiday ornaments, gifts made from recycled materials, nature-themed jewelry and home décor, logo T-shirts and hats, and a wide variety of stocking stuffers and other gifts for men, women, and children.

For more information on the Refuge Happy Hour Shopping, call 239-472-1100 ext. 241.

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.

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit dingdarlingsociety.org or contact Birgie Miller at 239-292-0566 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.

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