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Caption:

***STRAWS* documentary advocates for elimination of plastic straws at ‘Ding’ airing**

The documentary *STRAWS* winds up the sixth annual free “Ding” Darling Wednesday Film Series on April 4, at 1 p.m. in the “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center auditorium.

An official selection for film festivals around the world, *STRAWS* is a 30-minute documentary about plastic straw litter and how we can make a sea of change - one straw at a time. It points out that U.S. consumption of straws in a single day could circle the earth 2.5 times.

With colorful straw history animation and segments narrated by Oscar winner Tim Robbins, *STRAWS*, which premiered in April 2017, leaves audiences with a clear understanding of the problems caused by plastic pollution and empowers individuals to be part of the solution.

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge hosts the free seven-film, biweekly series with sponsorship from Sanibel-Captiva Beach Resorts. Seating is free, but limited and on a first-come basis. A short discussion will follow the film to allow visitors to gain more from their documentary-viewing experience by listening to other people's points of view and analyzing what they just watched.

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 239-472-1100 ext. 4, or dingdarlingsociety@gmail.com.

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