

"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society's 2nd Annual

PROJECT REFUGE

A Couture Fashion Show Using Trash

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Event Date: Thursday, March 31, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.

Design Materials: All designs must be made from at least 75% of materials that have been previously used or rescued from the trash or recycling bin. Examples can include, but not limited to paper, magazines, plastic containers, cardboard, packaging, plastic straws, wine corks, aluminum etc. Vintage/thrifted clothes and designs made only out of trash bags will not be accepted. Do not use "new" materials that have not been previously used, even if you consider them trash (for example: newly purchased garbage bags, duct tape, plastic cups, straws, etc.). A criterion is that the materials you use must be considered junk or would have ended up in the landfill if you hadn't rescued them for art and fashion.

Design Construction: All designs must be able to be safely worn on the human body. Garments should be able to be removed without a lot of difficulty. If you need base fabric to adhere items, please do not purchase something new. You may acquire such items from a garage sale, thrift shop, or family, etc. Designs may be made for men or women. All garments must be clean and safe to wear and touch with no sharp edges, glass, liquids, or food waste. You may stitch, tape, hot glue, rivet, staple, or do whatever it takes to hold pieces together. Materials can be written on, printed on, painted on, dyed, manipulated, etc. The "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society and its Project Refuge Committee reserve the right to decline participation in the show if the artist/designer's design is not finished, is considered unsafe, is not appropriate for a family audience, is not made from recycled materials, or for any other reason deemed necessary.

Accessories: Accessories are not required. However, if they are included for the runway show and to enhance the overall design, they must also be made from 75% recycled or reused materials. Shoes must be worn, but do not have to be made by the designer, nor made of recycled/reusable materials. There will be a special prize for Best Accessories.

Models: Participants/designers are responsible for providing a model to wear their designed garment in the show. The committee may have access to individuals willing to model if needed. Designers may act as their own model. Models do not need any prior experience but should be ready to best represent the fashion on the runway. Designers may create a garment to be modeled by a child, teen, or adult.



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Design Progress: Similar to the television show “Project Runway,” designers will be assigned a “design manager” for this runway show. Your manager will be in contact with you periodically to track progress and answer any questions or find help if needed. Photos must be submitted to your design manager of your sourced, rescued, and recycled materials with an explanation of where they were found/acquired. In addition, progress photos will be requested.

Design Completion: **All designs must be completed and ready to be photographed by March 7, 2022.** No exceptions. The committee will want to see the completed or nearly completed garment to accurately describe your design as your model struts down the runway by February 28. Please allow 15 minutes to discuss the materials used, concept, model’s information, hair and make-up, design, etc. Changes to your concept and/or materials will not be accepted after this meeting. *There will be areas to do hair and make-up at the Community House on the day of the event.*

Mandatory Rehearsal: Designers and models must attend the scheduled rehearsal on **March 30, 2022**, to be eligible for prizes. Time to be determined.

Day of Show: Designers and models must arrive **between 9:15 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. on March 31, 2022, at the Sanibel Community House** for check in. A complimentary buffet lunch will be provided to all participants, volunteers, and helpers.

Luncheon/Runway Seating: Due to limited seating, each team who submits a design and is selected for the show will receive only one (1) complimentary ticket for the luncheon and show. Additional tickets may be purchased.

Judging: A jury of artists and design professionals will review and evaluate designs during the fashion show. First, Second, and Third place and Best Accessories will be announced at the luncheon. A People’s Choice Award will be announced in the weeks following the event. Judges’ decisions will be based upon creativity, design, artistry, originality, craftsmanship, innovation, and the environmental message of the piece.



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Promotion: Artists/designers and models must be willing to collaborate with the DDWS in regard to photography, video recording, interviews, social media postings, and any other promotional activities. All participants must be willing to be photographed and, in signing this application, agree that these images may be used for the purpose of publicity and promoting conservation efforts at the Refuge.

Application Deposit Fee: There is a \$50 application “deposit” fee for each design entry due upon acceptance by the Project Refuge Committee. If you are selected to be part of the show, you will be notified by email or phone and will receive a **Designer Questionnaire** to complete (your bio, model’s name, design title, accessories, and description for the show). If you are selected, a \$50 entry fee* must be sent to:

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society
PO Box 565
Sanibel, FL 33957

*This fee will be refunded upon the designer’s completion of participation in the fashion show performance.

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