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Caption for Clyde in swamp: Butcher shoots with large-format cameras. Photo by Woody Walters

Caption for Ghost Orchid: The exhibition will include one of Butler's most iconic portraits of the elusive ghost orchid. Photo by Clyde Butcher

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Refuge to celebrate opening of Clyde Butcher exhibition

The public is invited to the free kickoff celebration of the Refuge 75th Anniversary Clyde Butcher Photographic Exhibition on Wednesday, Nov. 13, starting at 9 a.m. in the "Ding" Darling Visitor & Education Center on Sanibel Island.

Guests will be the first to view Butcher's American Everglades Collection. The opening will include refreshments and, at 10 a.m., an opportunity to meet the world-famous photographer, who will be available for a limited number of book signings outside the Refuge Nature Store. The store will be carrying books, notecards, and other Clyde Butcher gifts.

The 35-piece photo exhibition will run daily free-of-charge through Feb. 5, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Often tagged "the Ansel Adams of Florida," photographer Clyde Butcher has made for himself a big reputation based on big black-and-white nature images taken with big cameras. The award-winning artist captures the Florida Everglades, coastal islands, and other unspoiled areas with stunning majesty. "Wilderness, to me, is a spiritual necessity," says Butcher.

"The underlying message to this important exhibition is the value of preserving the fragile Everglades habitat and the quality of our waterways in the pristine state Clyde Butcher has captured them," said DDWS executive director Birgie Miller. "We thank Mark and Gretchen Banks for sponsoring the exhibition and Wayne and Linda Boyd for sponsoring the opening reception."

For more information on the exhibition and 75th anniversary calendar of events, visit Ding75.org.

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 profits.

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