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Caption: A scene from *The Swamp*: DDWS is airing the film, which was canceled in 2020 because of COVID, on Feb. 3.

Caption for sponsor: Sanibel Captiva Beach Resorts sponsors the 2021 film series. Pictured here: Sierra Hoisington, DDWS Development Officer and series organizer; Rick Boyd, General Manager of Beachview Cottages and Castaways Beach & Bay Cottage; Rene Affourtit, SCBR CFO; Laurent Bosc, SCBR Food and Beverage Director; Doug Babcock, SCBR Vice President and CEO; and Erin Myers, “Ding Darling Deputy Refuge Manager.

‘Ding’ Darling announces 2021 film series lineup

The ninth annual “Ding” Darling Wednesday Film Series kicks off its biweekly showings this winter with a schedule of seven films from Jan. 20 through April 14. The films explore natural topics -- from the world’s largest and rarest bird of prey, and conservation activist Rachel Carson; to food waste, and man’s interference with the Florida Everglades.

One of the season’s highlights, *The Swamp*, on Feb. 3, chronicles repeated efforts to transform the Florida Everglades into an agricultural and urban paradise, ultimately leading to a passionate campaign to preserve America’s greatest wetland.

In honor of International Women’s Day in March, *A Sense of Wonder* celebrates the life and conservation achievements of Rachel Carson, whose book *Silent Spring* drew attention to the tragic effects of pesticides on wildlife.

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge hosts the free film showings in the “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center with sponsorship from Sanibel Captiva Beach Resorts (SCBR). Seating is distanced, limited, and on a first-come basis.

Below are the season’s scheduled films. All films begin at 1 p.m. A short discussion will follow each 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. For more information, visit dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series.

Jan. 20 – *The Smog of the Sea*

Feb. 3 - *The Swamp*

Feb. 17 - *Bird of Prey*

March 3 - *A Sense of Wonder*

March 17 - *Just Eat It*

March 31 - *Science Fair*

April 14 - *Urban Roots*

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.

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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