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Caption: Naturalist and prolific nature author Stan Tekiela will zero in on bird nests for “Ding.”

‘Ding’ wraps lecture series with bird nests

Few creatures craft such brilliant and involved homes as birds do, says Stan Tekiela, author of *Bird Nests: Amazingly Ingenious and Intricate*. He explores bird construction techniques at his free lecture on Friday, March 25, for the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS). It will take place at The Community House at 2173 Periwinkle Way on Sanibel Island starting at 10 a.m. as the lecture series finale.

“From holes drilled into trees to intricately woven cups, these magnificent structures are worthy of our admiration,” says Tekiela. The Minnesota naturalist, wildlife photographer, and writer originated his popular state-specific field guides birds, trees, wildflowers, and other topics. Over the past three decades, he has authored more than 190 field guides, nature appreciation books, and wildlife audio CDs for nearly every state in the nation.

An active professional naturalist for more than 35 years, Tekiela studies and photographs wildlife throughout the United States and has received various national and regional awards for his books and photographs. Also a well-known columnist and radio personality, his syndicated column appears in more than 20 newspapers, and his wildlife programs are broadcast on a number of Midwest radio stations.

DDWS hosts the 18th annual lecture series, and Vortex Optics, a Fellow Minnesotan, and the Jenni & Kyle Foundation co-sponsor Tekiela’s lecture and the book-signing that will follow.

Socially distanced seating for the free lecture is limited and available on a first-come basis. Staff will be taking temperatures and distributing a limited number of entry wristbands to attendees beginning at 9 a.m. that day. Guests must be wearing wristbands and facemasks to enter the lecture room. Early arrivals may save their seat and one other with personal items. Saved seats must be filled by 9:45.

Note: Opinions expressed in guest lectures do not necessarily reflect the views of refuge and DDWS management, staff, and board of directors.

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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