

Elaine Jacobson Education Fund

The Elaine Jacobson Education Fund was established after the death of its namesake to honor her memory and her love and appreciation for the natural world. Elaine exhibited a zest for life and the outdoors that was contagious to those she met.

While a J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge volunteer for more than a decade the self-taught expert on local Florida flora conducted a weekly visitor plant walk and, with her husband Jake, also led a weekly Refuge bicycle tour.



Elaine believed in becoming a part of the community where she lived. She also served as a board member and program chair for the Sanibel Captiva Audubon Society and volunteered with the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF), where she organized and led a native plant education program called Weeds & Seeds.

Elaine exuded enthusiasm for everything that interested her, and she would have been thrilled to know a conservation fund was established in her honor, knowing that support for the things she loved in nature will remain for generations to come and continue inspiring future conservation stewards.

Friends and family continue to contribute to this fund in Elaine’s memory, and any others with an interest in doing so can also support this fund to demonstrate their love of nature and the outdoors.

Individuals, families, businesses, or foundations interested in making a gift to support the Elaine Jacobson Education Fund can visit dingdarlingsociety.org and click the donate button.

To learn more about establishing your own permanent endowed fund, call 239-472-1100 ext. 4. Donors can establish an endowment with a gift of \$10,000 or more. Proceeds earned by the investment go towards supporting the Refuge mission.