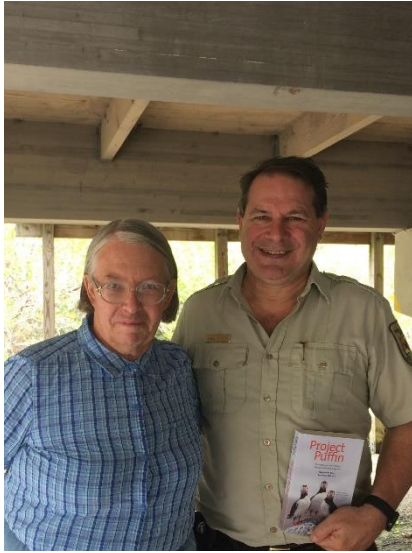


Betty Bishop Education Fund



*Betty with former Refuge
Manager Paul Tritaik.*

Betty Bishop established this fund to ensure a permanent source of education support for the Refuge she has come to love and an understanding for the importance of inspiring future conservation stewards.

She first visited J. N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge in 1963 while spending Christmas vacation with family in Naples. The causeway was new, and facilities at the Refuge were much more basic. However, she vividly remembers Wildlife Drive with its close-up views of pelicans and wading birds more than 50 years later with the establishment of this endowment.

Betty started coming to Sanibel regularly in 2010. The highlight of her visits was bird watching at “Ding.” When visiting the island, she tours Wildlife Drive most mornings and usually sees more than 20 species of birds in a couple of hours. She avidly does nature photography along the Drive and at the Bailey Tract and the beach.

She set up this educational endowment so teachers and other educators can help children experience the excitement of exploring “Ding.” She believes in the need for the next generation to learn about birds, mammals, plants, insects, and marine life so they realize the importance of protecting places like national wildlife refuges around the country. As a clinical child psychologist working in private practice in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Betty sees daily the importance of education at all levels. She wanted to make a lasting gift to “Ding” that will support conservation education efforts into the future.

Individuals, families, businesses, or foundations interested in making a gift to support the Betty Bishop 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.