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"Ding" Darling Wildlife Society - Friends of the Refuge

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Caption: On a narrow path through Florida's Everglades Headwaters, three friends embark on a journey in *The Last Green Thread*.

'Ding' virtual film series airs double feature

On April 6, the 10th annual "Ding" Darling Film Series will virtually discuss two relevant short documentaries via Zoom. *The Last Green Thread* follows three friends on a journey through Florida's Everglades Headwaters to survey a fragile wilderness corridor before it disappears forever. Winner of "Best Ecosystem Film - Short Form" and "Best Science in Nature Film - Short Form" at the 2020 Jackson Wild Media Awards, *Chasing Ghosts* chronicles a three-year quest to identify and record the pollinator of Florida's elusive ghost orchid.

"Both films are set in Florida, and both feature the work and commentary of extraordinary Florida environmental photographer, Carlton Ward, Jr.," said film series organizer and associate executive director of the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS), Sierra Hoisington. "We believe they make a locally relevant and stunning visual double-feature for anyone interested in our state's conservation."

DDWS hosts the free film showings. Pre-registration for the films and follow-up discussion is currently open via dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series and will be required by, at latest, April 5, depending upon availability. (Registrations are limited to 200 for each film.)

Films will be available to viewers on various platforms to watch at a time and link assigned via email. The discussion at 5 p.m. on April 6 allows visitors to gain more from their documentary-viewing experience by listening to other people's points of view and analyzing what they just watched. Watch dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series for details. See the calendar of remaining film discussions, below. Early registration is recommended.

April 6 – *The Last Green Thread & Chasing Ghosts*

April 13 - *Troubled Waters: A Turtle's Tale*

To learn about sponsorship opportunities for the film series, contact Sierra Hoisington at shois@dingdarlingsociety.org or 239-472-1100 ext. 233.

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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