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Caption: The Refuge Nature Store is decorated and ready for its festive annual Happy Hour Holiday Shopping event.

### **‘Ding’ Darling extends holiday happy hours for shoppers**

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, Nov. 30, the date of the Refuge Nature Store’s fourth annual Happy Hour Holiday Shopping event in the “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center. The “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge will keep the store open two extra hours after the center closes, from 5 to 7 p.m.

The Refuge Nature Store has stocked special holiday gift items for the event, and it will have gift consultants ready with suggestions and free recycled paper gift-wrapping. A few local artisans will also be on hand for meet-and-greet.

The store will serve wine and cheese for the event. Shoppers who spend more than \$20 get a free gift.

“All proceeds from Nature Store purchases go directly to benefiting wildlife and conservation,” said store manager Jeanne Walsh. “ So we thought it would be a fun way to get everyone in the holiday spirit with an altruistic twist.”

The Refuge Nature Store carries a complete line of birding and nature books for adults and kids, wildlife toys and games, holiday ornaments, gifts made from recycled materials, nature-themed jewelry and home décor, logo T-shirts and hats, and a wide variety of stocking stuffers and other gifts for men, women, and children.

For more information on the Refuge Happy Hour Shopping, call 239-472-1100 ext. 241.

### **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 proceeds.

To support DDWS and the refuge with a tax-deductible gift, visit [www.dingdarlingsociety.org](http://www.dingdarlingsociety.org) or contact Birgie Miller at 239-292-0566 or [director@dingdarlingsociety.org](mailto:director@dingdarlingsociety.org).

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