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‘Ding’ film captures disappearing glaciers

As part of its Smithsonian Water/Ways exhibit, Oct. 28 to Dec. 7, “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) continues its free weekly Wednesday film festival, sponsored by LCEC, on Nov. 30 with *Chasing Ice*. The film will show at 10 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. in the “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center on Sanibel Island.

The 75-minute film tells the story of one man’s mission to turn the tide of history by gathering undeniable evidence of our changing planet. It follows acclaimed environmental photographer James Balog during a bold expedition he termed The Extreme Ice Survey.

Balog and his team deployed time-lapse cameras across the Arctic; his videos compress years into seconds and capture ancient mountains of ice as they disappear at a haunting rate. *Chasing Ice* also chronicles the trials and challenges of a photographer trying to deliver evidence and hope to our carbon-powered planet.

Admission is free to the film. Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. Before and after the film, visitors are invited to experience the hands-on, first-of-its-kind Water/Ways and accompanying exhibits. They include a photographic Everglades exhibit by Mac Stone and the juried “Engulfed” art exhibit by the Southwest Florida Fine Craft Guild.

For more information on Water/Ways programming and a complete calendar, visit dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/waterways.

Following is the schedule of Wednesday Water Film Fest documentaries. All showings are free at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Seating is on a first-come basis.

Nov. 30 - *Chasing Ice*

Dec. 7 - *Sharkwater*

ABOUT WATER/WAYS

Through a highly competitive bidding process, 'Ding' Darling was chosen as one of only six Florida locations to host the new Water/Ways. The exhibit, part of the Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street (MoMS) program, examines water as an environmental necessity and important cultural element. Water covers more than 71 percent of Earth's surface, having an impact on climate, health, economics, politics, agriculture, transportation, and industry. Water/Ways explores the endless motion of water on Earth's surface, below ground, and in the atmosphere, and it illustrates its effect on landscape, settlement, migration, and even spirituality. For information about the exhibit, visit www.sites.si.edu.

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 or contact Birgie Miller at 239-292-0566 or director@dingdarlingsociety.org.

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