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Caption: *Untold Stories: Sanibel I* features historic black-and-white photographs of the Woodring family by their late neighbor Charlie McCullough.

### **‘Ding’ Darling film series shares ‘Untold’ Sanibel stories**

The seventh annual “Ding” Darling Wednesday Film Series continues its bi-weekly showings on Jan. 23 with a showing of the WGCU Public Television documentary *Untold Stories: Sanibel I* at 1 p.m. in the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge Visitor & Education Center on Sanibel Island.

Discover the history of Sanibel Island from local historians, family members of original settlers, and other islanders. The film covers topics such as the island’s involvement in the Civil War, its hurricane hardships, life before the causeway, and the rich culture that continues to make up the island today.

The half-hour film is part of the public unveiling of the Woodring 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Exhibition that day. Ralph Woodring speaks in WGCU documentary about his family’s deep island roots and islander camaraderie back in the pioneering era. The exhibition opens at 9 a.m. that day and other presentations will take place at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

“Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge hosts the free film showings with sponsorship from Sanibel-Captiva Beach Resorts. Seating is limited and on a first-come basis.

Below are the season’s remaining scheduled films. All films begin at 1 p.m. A short discussion will follow each film to allow visitors to gain more from their documentary-viewing experience by listening to other people's points of view and analyzing what they just watched. For full descriptions of the films, please visit [dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series](http://dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series).

Jan. 23 - *Untold Stories: Sanibel I*

Feb. 6 - *A Plastic Ocean*

Feb. 20 - *Saving Sea Turtles*

March 6 - *JANE*

March 20 - *Invasion of the Giant Pythons*

April 3 - *Saving Atlantis*

#### 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](http://dingdarlingsociety.org) or contact Birgie Miller at 239-472-1100 ext. 4, or [dingdarlingsociety@gmail.com](mailto:dingdarlingsociety@gmail.com).

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