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Caption: A scene from *The Swamp*: DDWS is airing the film in conjunction with local appearances by Michael Grunwald, author of *The Swamp: The Everglades, Florida, and the Politics of Paradise*, which informed the documentary.

### **‘Ding’ Darling announces 2020 film series lineup**

The eighth annual “Ding” Darling Wednesday Film Series kicks off its biweekly showings this winter with a schedule of seven films that explore natural facets from bluebirds and bees to man’s interference with water supplies and the Florida Everglades.

First up on Jan. 8, *Bluebird Man* focuses on the efforts of 91-year-old Alfred Larson, who has been monitoring and maintaining over 300 nest boxes for bluebirds in Idaho for 35 years to stem the bird’s decline. One of the season’s highlights, *The Swamp*, on March 18, chronicles repeated efforts to transform the Florida Everglades into an agricultural and urban paradise, ultimately leading to a passionate campaign to preserve America’s greatest wetland.

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

Below are the season’s 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 more information, visit [dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series](http://dingdarlingsociety.org/articles/lecture-and-film-series).

Jan. 8: *Bluebird Man*

Jan. 22: *Queen of the Sun: What Are the Bees Telling Us?*

Feb. 5: *Water & Power: A California Heist*

Feb. 19: *BLUE*

March 4: *Ghost Bird*

March 18: *The Swamp*

April 1: *Bird of Prey*

## 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.

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