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Caption: Clyde Butcher's most iconic image, The Ghost Orchid, is among prints available for purchase through the DDWS Nature Store.

Sales of Clyde Butcher prints to benefit refuge

Visitors will have the opportunity to purchase a photographic print that Clyde Butcher personally has hand-printed, signed, and individually numbered during the Refuge 75th Anniversary Clyde Butcher Photographic Exhibition through Feb. 5, 2020, at the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge on Sanibel Island.

For each print purchased through the "Ding" Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS) at its Refuge Nature Store, Butcher will make a contribution to benefit refuge wildlife conservation and education.

The fine art prints are available framed in a variety of sizes and price ranges, from 16" x 20" and larger, and will ship to homes and businesses directly from the artist.

"Clyde's nature art prints have become highly collectible throughout the world, not only for their clarity and aesthetics, but also because Clyde has perfected the labor-intensive process of hand-printing each photograph in his darkroom using fiber-based paper," said nature store manager and former gallery operator Ann-Marie Wildman.

"We are privileged to be able to offer, for this limited time only, some of the most popular images from The American Everglades Collection, which is currently on display at the refuge. I can't think of a better holiday gift for someone very special."

Butcher's American Everglades Collection is touring for the first time ever this year. "Ding" Darling is the second venue displaying the prestigious exhibition. From there, it leaves Florida for a nationwide tour.

The exhibition is open for free viewing daily from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. throughout the “Ding” Darling Visitor & Education Center. Visitors wishing to purchase a print of an original photograph from the collection can do so through the nature store.

“This is an example of Mr. Butcher’s devotion to nature and commitment to preserving the Everglades and other special lands and waters he has captured with his camera through the decades,” said DDWS executive director Birgie Miller. “We salute his talent, devotion, and generosity.”

For more information about the sale of Butcher’s prints and the exhibition itself, contact Wildman at 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 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 director@dingdarlingsociety.org.

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