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Caption:

‘Ding’ Darling film series explores bee buzz

The eighth annual “Ding” Darling Wednesday Film Series continues its free biweekly showings on Jan. 22 with *Queen of the Sun: What Are the Bees Telling Us?* at 1 p.m. in the J.N. “Ding” Darling National Wildlife Refuge Visitor & Education Center on Sanibel Island.

Taking us on a journey through the catastrophic disappearance of bees and the mysterious world of the beehive, *Queen of the Sun* weaves an unusual and dramatic story of the heartfelt struggles of beekeepers, scientists and philosophers from around the world in an engaging and ultimately uplifting film.

Selection and award winner in film festivals from Nashville to Abu Dhabi, the 82-minute documentary follows colorful, alternative, and inspiring beekeepers from all around the globe as they keep bees in natural and holistic ways.

“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.

For the showing of *Queen of the Sun*, the “Ding” Darling Nature Store will feature bee products such as local honey and eco-friendly Bee’s Wrap waxed food wrappers. Profits from the store benefit wildlife research and education at the refuge.

Below is the full schedule of the film season’s showings. All films begin at 1 p.m. A short discussion follows 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.

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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