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### ***Remarkable Women* wraps up ‘Ding’ Darling lecture series**

Author Jeri Magg shares the stories of 36 island females in her book *Remarkable Women of Sanibel & Captiva*. Her lectures wrap up the 2020 “Ding” Darling Friday Lecture series on April 3 at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the J.N. “Ding’ Darling National Wildlife Refuge Visitor & Education Center on Sanibel Island.

From pioneers like Esperanza Woodring and savvy businesswoman and Chico’s cofounder Helene Gralnick to bike path proponent Mariel Goss and current city manager Judie Zimomra, *Remarkable Women* takes an inspiring ride through island bygones.

A Sanibel resident since 1980, Magg has been writing about island history as a freelancer for more than 20 years. She will sign copies of her books, available in the Refuge Nature Store, following the two lectures. Profits from Nature Store sales directly benefit refuge education and research.

HighTower/Thomas & Swartz Wealth Management and Sanibel Carts co-sponsor the free 12-lecture series with support from the “Ding” Darling Wildlife Society-Friends of the Refuge (DDWS). The free lectures take place every Friday at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis. Early arrivals can save their seat and one extra with personal items and then can explore the Visitor & Education Center or Indigo Trail before the lecture starts. Saved seats must be filled 15 minutes before lecture time or risk being reassigned. DDWS will be filming Magg’s lecture and broadcasting it on Facebook Live at [www.facebook.com/dingdarling](http://www.facebook.com/dingdarling).

As usual, Wildlife Drive closes on Friday, but visitors are welcome to enjoy the Visitor & Education Center, Indigo Trail, Bailey Tract, and recreational opportunities at Tarpon Bay Explorers, the refuge's official recreation concession located at its Tarpon Bay Recreation Area.

Note: Opinions expressed in guest lectures do not necessarily reflect the views of refuge and DDWS management, staff, and board of directors.

#### 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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