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HISTORICAL MUSEUM HOSTS DING DARLING STAFF

June 14, 2014 - Fifteen members of the J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge staff came of the Sanibel Historical Village June 11 and were taken on a tour by Karl Rodman, a long-time volunteer and now vice president of the museum board.



Ding Darling Refuge Biologist Jeremy Conrad; Arthur Williams, greening youth intern at the refuge; and Karl Rodman, historical museum vice president and tour guide

"What a great tour we received from the Sanibel Historical Village!" said Toni Westland, supervisory refuge ranger at the J.N. "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge. "This village is one of our island's gems! I'm glad we can partner to learn and cross promote!"

Westland said visitors to the refuge regularly ask staff and volunteers about the Historical Village and said a tour would help them talk about the village in more detail.

“It was a great learning experience and we had a lot of fun at the same time,” said village manager Emilie Alfino. “It’s wonderful to host a group that is so engaged and interested in Sanibel’s history. We’d love to have them back anytime and hope they do recommend the village to refuge visitors and friends alike.”

Westland has offered the same opportunity to historical village volunteers: a tour of the J.N. “Ding” Darling Wildlife Refuge at some time in the future.

Visit the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village, open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A full guided tour takes place at 10:30 a.m. at no additional charge, depending on the availability of a docent. The museum closes for the summer after August 2 and re-opens November 5. The Sanibel Historical Village is located at 950 Dunlop Road (next to BIG ARTS) and there is handicap access to all buildings. Admission is \$10 for adults (18 and over). Members and children are free. For more information, call 472-4648 during museum hours or visit www.sanibelmuseum.org.
