Welcome to the 21st annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival!

We are thrilled to have you as our guests for our return to in-person festivities. After two years of gathering virtually, it feels incredible to be back together, embracing the 2023 theme of CommUNITY, and gathering together once again.

2023 marks the 40th anniversary of the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL). Founded on the premise that "people can save a river," SYRCL has been uplifting the community by uniting and engaging with local citizens to protect and restore the Yuba River watershed for decades. With this in mind, Wild & Scenic’s 2023 theme focuses on approaching challenges as a unified community and reflects the significance of grassroots movements in protecting nature for future generations.

We hope you are inspired by our film sessions, panels, and workshops. While out and about, embrace our theme—say hello to a stranger in line and maybe make a new friend. Let’s unite as a community behind the beauty of this world and the spirit of activism.

Melinda Booth, Executive Director
Lívia Campos de Menezes, Festival Director

Our Vision
SYRCL’s Wild & Scenic Film Festival is a call to action. Our audiences are inspired, educated, and moved to join a growing groundswell for environmental protection and justice.

Wild & Scenic presents environmental and adventure films that illustrate the Earth’s beauty, the challenges our planet faces, and the work communities worldwide do to protect our home. When the flagship festival ends, we take our films on tour to continue inspiring audiences throughout the year.
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Thank You Volunteers!

For 21 years, our community has come together for SYRCL’s Wild & Scenic Film Festival. It is because of the hard work of hundreds of volunteers that this event is such a tremendous success. They help us make the Wild & Scenic Film Festival the beloved community event it is. Please show our volunteers your gratitude when you see them working at a venue!
# Tickets

If still available, tickets also sold at our Fest HQs & Venue Box Offices:

**Nevada City Headquarters**
The National Hotel  
211 Broad Street  
- Friday, Feb 17 12pm - 9pm  
- Saturday, Feb 18 9am - 9pm  
- Sunday, Feb 19 9am - 7pm

**Grass Valley Headquarters**
The Center for the Arts  
314 Main Street  
- Friday, Feb 17 12pm - 8pm  
- Saturday, Feb 18 9am - 9pm  
- Sunday, Feb 19 9am - 7pm

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**Watershed Pass**  
$499  
Includes all-access to film sessions, 3D Thursday, Awards Screening on Sunday and Monday, Reserved Seating, select Special Programming, and a WSFF Klean Kanteen pint tumbler.

**Festival Pass**  
$150

**Youth Pass**  
$65

**Saturday Pass**  
$75

**Sunday Pass**  
$50

**Virtual Pass**  
$95

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**Buy Tickets in Advance!**

[ wildandscenicfilmfestival.org ](http://wildandscenicfilmfestival.org)

We strongly encourage all attendees to purchase tickets and make session reservations in advance. While some tickets may still be available for purchase during the festival, your chances of seeing the films you want are best if you reserve them well in advance.

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**The Fine Print:** We strongly encourage all attendees to purchase tickets and make session reservations in advance. While some tickets may still be available for purchase during the festival, your chances of seeing the films you want are best if you reserve them well in advance. All venues are first-come, first-served. We can guarantee you a seat at one of the venues, but not necessarily at the one you may prefer. If you are a Festival Passholder you can use your pass to reserve space at the sessions you plan to attend. You still need to arrive to the venue 15-30min prior to the start time to be able to get a seat. If you do not arrive within 15 minutes from start time your space will no longer be considered reserved and may be opened up for other attendees. If you arrive at a venue that is full, please check with the volunteers at the door on how to enter the Rush Line or go to the box office to see if there are seats at other venues. No Refunds. All Sales Are Final.
How to Festival

For 21 years, the Wild & Scenic Film Festival (WSFF) has welcomed audiences to Nevada County, CA, for this annual event. We are excited to return with an in-person fest in 2023, running February 16-20.

For those who cannot join us in person, we offer a virtual component running Feb 19-26. To learn more about the virtual festival, go to: WSFF.EVENTIVE.ORG.

About the Sessions

We have programmed 129 adventure and environmental shorts and features into 30+ themed sessions – some of which you can watch online. This makes your experience a cinematic journey as these sessions thoughtfully link subject matter, encouraging surprising connections.

What is a film session?
A film session is a grouping of films shown together in approximately 1.5-2 hour blocks. Some sessions may include elements such as a filmmaker panel, Q&A session, or introduction.

In-Person Screenings

You must buy tickets in advance to guarantee a seat at each screening. If you are a Festival Passholder, you can use your pass to reserve space at the sessions you plan to attend.

IMPORTANT: Even with a ticket/pass, you must arrive at the venue 15-30 min before the start time to guarantee your seat. If you do not arrive within 15 minutes of the start time, your empty seat will be considered open for those waiting in the "rush line" to buy last-minute tickets.

A Watershed Pass allows you to have a pre-reserved seat with your name on it for the sessions you attend. To have a pre-reserved seat for a given film session, you must reserve that space through Eventive in advance.

NOTE: if you do not arrive within 15 minutes from the start time and the theater is otherwise at capacity, your seat will no longer be considered reserved and will be opened up to attendees waiting in the "rush line" to buy last-minute tickets (unless you have a Watershed Pass).

What is a "Rush Line?"
When a session is sold out, we say that the session is "at rush." This means that last-minute tickets might be available 15 minutes before the session starts.

If you want to attend a session that is sold out, plan to arrive at the venue 30 minutes before and check with a volunteer to see if there are tickets available or if you need to wait in the "rush line" for a chance to buy last-minute tickets.
I really want to see a certain film. How can I make sure I get a spot?
Even with a pass, all in-person film session tickets must be reserved in advance. To ensure you will have a seat at a specific screening, we recommend you reserve your spot as soon as you decide on a session.

- **To see where a film is screening,**
  click on the Film Guide button at WSFF.Eventive.Org. Once you have selected the film you are interested you can find the list of when and where that film is screening under “Showings – select to order tickets:“ Once you have found which Showing you would like to attend, click on the teal Order Tickets button at the top of that film session’s page.

- **Looking for what is screening at a particular venue?** Click on the Schedule button at WSFF.Eventive.org. Then click on the Filter Events button on the top right. You can then filter the schedule by venue by selecting the venue you’d like from the list.

**What is the Activist Center?**
Sponsored by Earthjustice, the Activist Center takes place at the City Hall in Nevada City and serves as a hub of know-how and inspiration. Activists of all experience levels and passions can learn more about specific topics presented in the festival films and innovative ideas about how to make a lasting difference. Emphasizing our commitment to inspiring activism, we proudly offer these workshops and panels for FREE!

**How do I meet guest filmmakers and speakers?**
One of the coolest things about Wild & Scenic is meeting the great people behind the films. This year we will have various in-person events with guests in attendance, such as filmmaker Q&A’s, Fireside Chats, Coffee Talks, and more. Some of our filmmakers and special guests will also be facilitating panels and workshops at the Activist Center.

**Accessibility**
To increase the accessibility of our in-person festival. 6 unique sessions (4 of which screen with captions multiple times) will have captions present for every film. When exploring the festival schedule, please look for the *All Films w/ Captions* denotation in the session’s title.

**Need more info?**
Scan the QR code below to check the How-to-Fest page.
Virtual Screenings

This year we are offering a virtual portion composed of 10 sessions. All films are available on demand, so you can watch a session anytime during the virtual festival window (February 19-26, 2023).

NOTE: Geographic restrictions and ticket caps may limit the ability to unlock some sessions. Where applicable, this information will be noted within each session in the Virtual Catalog.

To access films, you must “unlock” that session within the Virtual Catalog once it becomes available. You may also “pre-order” a session to register in advance. Once you have unlocked individual session tickets, visit the My Tickets page for a complete list of film sessions you’ve pre-ordered or unlocked.

I have slow internet - can I still attend?
Our virtual platform, Eventive, offers adaptive bitrate streaming, meaning that the resolution will adjust based on your internet speeds. That said, it all depends on your provider and their speeds, so expect similar results to what you experience when streaming other videos online.

Need more info?
Scan the QR code below code below for the Virtual How To Fest page.
Getting Around Green

Ride the Wild & Scenic Shuttle Bus!

A FREE express shuttle bus runs between Nevada City and Grass Valley on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The shuttle runs continuously and loops approximately every 15 min.

BUS STOPS
Nevada City: Broad St at Union St & Hwy 20/49 Bridge
Grass Valley: Center for the Arts

HOURS
Friday 6 - 10pm
Saturday 8:30am - 11pm
Sunday 9am - 11pm

See the maps for shuttle stops, pgs 52-53

Eating and Drinking

Purchase or bring a Klean Kanteen or MiiR cup and receive a discount on coffee, beer, and wine throughout the festival. Available at SYRCL-run concessions, located at Nevada Theatre, Oddfellows Hall, Seven Stars Gallery, and The Stone House.

Bring utensils, plate, and napkin. We have compostables, if you forget, but bringing your own is much better. Don’t have reusable items? Check out our Wild & Scenic bamboo utensil kits available for purchase at Festival HQ.

Bring a water bottle! No bottled water is sold at the festival. Please bring a reusable water bottle with you. Water fountains and fill-up stations are located at many venues, so refills are easy. In the market for a new bottle? Head to Festival HQ for options from MiiR and Klean Kanteen.

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Nevada City Headquarters

National Exchange Hotel
Empire Room (2nd floor), 211 Broad Street

- Purchase festival passes & tickets.
- Get info about the festival and directions to venues.
- Visit our Festival Shop for Wild & Scenic gear.
- Find out about SYRCL and the Yuba River watershed.
- Learn more about our National Partners and their enviro and social impact initiatives.
- Meet our On Tour team and learn how to bring WSFF to your community.

NEVADA CITY
HQ HOURS:
Friday
12pm - 9pm
Saturday
9am - 9pm
Sunday
9am - 7pm

Grass Valley Headquarters
The Center for the Arts
314 West Main Street

- Purchase festival passes & tickets.
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GRASS VALLEY
HQ HOURS:
Friday
12pm - 9pm
Saturday
9am - 9pm
Sunday
9am - 7pm

Hungry? Thirsty?
If you are attending in-person or having a private viewing with your family at your home locally, consider visiting or ordering food or drinks from one of our Featured Eateries!

Nevada City:
Lola at The National Hotel
Three Forks Bakery & Brewing Co.
The Pizza Joint
Communal Cafe

Grass Valley:
Diego’s - Grass Valley
Lucchesi Mill Street Tasting Room
Back Porch Market
Media Lounge

@ Communal Cafe, 233 Broad Street, Nevada City

Hosted by Elisa Parker

Tune in for interviews with special guests at Wild & Scenic! The Media Lounge helps kick off the festival with exclusive interviews with filmmakers and activists. The lounge kicks off on Friday, 4 - 6pm. Watch a live stream of the Lounge on our social media channels, 4:30 - 5:30pm. And tune in to KVMR 89.5 FM for a broadcast of the interviews on Friday, 7 - 8pm.

Host Elisa Parker is Co-Founder of See Jane Do; Co-Creator, Project Director & Facilitator with 50 Women Can Change the World in Media & Entertainment; and Co-Founder of Indivisible Women.

Live Podcast: Conservation Connection from Last Chance Endeavors, Inc.

Every day, scientists and conservationists around the globe are working to answer critical questions about our rapidly changing environment and the organisms that live there; the minute details of their work reveal both the beauty and the precarious balance of the natural world. Join the Last Chance Endeavors team as we interview today’s leading wildlife scientists and conservationists about their most recent discoveries. Listen in to hear the ongoing story of the scientific studies being conducted to protect our planet’s future! Learn more at: lastchanceendeavors.com/podcast
Every year, the wonderful venues of Nevada City and Grass Valley become hallowed halls of inspirational Wild & Scenic films and connections. This year’s venues are the Nevada Theatre, Miners Foundry, NC City Hall, NC Oddfellows, SAEL, The Stone House, Center for the Arts, The Gold Miner’s Inn, and the Del Oro Theatre, with additional programming at Communal Cafe, Three Forks Bakery & Brewing Co., Seven Stars Gallery, NC Methodist Church’s Fellowship Hall, and the Lucchesi Mill Street Tasting Room.

Nevada City

Nevada Theatre
401 Broad Street
This 150+ year old venue has plush chairs, balcony, & snacks for sale. Seats 370.

Miners Foundry
325 Spring Street
This gold-rush era building has two viewing spaces. Concessions available at the inside bar, + there’s a WSFF merch store. Tip: It has chair pads! Osborn Woods seats 360; Stone Hall 240.

The Stone House
107 Sacramento Street
This historic venue was built in 1857 and hosts an intimate screening space that seats 75.

City Hall
317 Broad Street
Home to our FREE Activist Workshops, sponsored by Earthjustice. Seats 100.

Grass Valley

Oddfellows Hall
223 1/2 Broad Street
A hidden gem! This upstairs venue is accessible via a stair lift at the Spring St. door, if needed. Tip: Bring a chair pad. Seats 190.

Sierra Academy of Expeditionary Learning (SAEL)
505 Main Street
An elementary school since 1937, this school lends its gymnasium as a film venue. Tip: Bring a chair pad. Seats 260.

Del Oro Theatre
165 Mill Street
This historic theater provides a classic film viewing experience in comfy seats. Seats 360.

Center for the Arts
314 W. Main Street
The Center is the hub for music and the arts in GV. Also home to the GV HQ. The main theater seats 500 and the adjacent Off Center Stage holds 75. Tip: entrance for Off Center is around back at 315 Richardson St.

Gold Miners Inn
121 Bank Street
This large hotel screens films in the conference center. Seats 200.

Post Your Selfies!
#WSFF2023
**Thursday**

**Wild & Scenic Art Reception & Award Ceremony**  Join us for drinks, small bites, and community at our annual Art Reception and Awards Ceremony. Meet the 2023 art judges, and celebrate the featured artists and award-winners. **5pm - 6:30pm, Seven Stars Gallery, Nevada City**  **FREE**

**3D Films Session**  Take the whole family to our 3D Films Night! Featured films are *Secrets of the Sea* and *Wings Over Water*. **7:30pm, Del Oro Theatre, Grass Valley**

**Friday**

**Welcome Ceremony**  Start the fest with a warm welcome, including beer from Sierra Nevada Brewing Co and opening remarks from SYRCL staff, Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribal Council member and spokesperson Shelly Covert, Nevada City Vice Mayor Daniela Fernández, and California’s Natural Resources Secretary Wade Crowfoot. **5pm - 6:30pm, The Stone House, Nevada City**  **FREE**

**Media Lounge**  The lounge opens on Friday at 4pm. Watch a livestream of interviews on our social media channels, 4:30pm - 5:30pm. You can also tune in to KVMR 89.5 FM for a broadcast of the interviews on Friday from 7- 8pm. **4 - 6pm, Communal Cafe, Nevada City**

**CONGRATULATING SYRCL ON 21 YEARS OF INSPIRING FILMS AT WILD AND SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL**

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Special Events

Coffee Talks

SATURDAY & SUNDAY
8:30am @ Three Forks
211 Commercial Street
Nevada City

SATURDAY
Growing Green with Down OM Farms
Alpaca Powered Flowers
Join SYRCL for coffee and conversation with Daniel Fink, owner of the Sierra Foothills’ award-winning Down Om Farms, to explore regenerative cannabis cultivation practices. This session will explore best practices for environmentally conscious cannabis cultivation, current challenges and opportunities in the licensed cannabis cultivation space, and more. Join us for an insightful discussion followed by a Q&A.

Workshops
Activists of all passions can learn more about the WSFF films’ issues and ideas about how to make a difference. If you’re a budding filmmaker, learn the secrets of industry pros who make the films that change the world! Emphasizing our commitment to inspiring activism, we are proud to offer these workshops for FREE thanks to our partner, Earthjustice. Pages 20-21 for specifics. 9:30am - 5pm, Activist Center, Nevada City’s City Hall FREE

Media Lounge
Live interviews with filmmakers, activists and guests! 9am - 4pm, Communal Cafe, Nevada City FREE

Youth Workshop
“How can we live with integrity as a global family?” See pg 20. 2pm, Activist Center, Nevada City’s City Hall FREE

Get Outside
Join the Free to Run team, Carrie and Tim Highman (directors) and Zeinab and Zahra (characters), on an easy Tribute Trail hike. Hear first-hand stories about Afghanistan and the characters’ journey with running. Capacity: 30. RSVP required via the Schedule at WSFF.Eventive.org, 2pm - 4pm, meet in front of Miners Foundry at 1:45pm FREE

Saturday

Coffee Talk
“Growing Green with Down OM Farms Alpaca Powered Flowers.” See sidebar for info. 8:30am, Three Forks Bakery & Brewing Co., Nevada City FREE

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**Fireside Chat**  "Art in CommUNITY." See sidebar.
3pm - 4pm, Seven Stars Gallery, Nevada City  **FREE**

**Poetry**  "SACRED EARTH: Crystal Singing Bowls, and Poetry Reading." Journey to the heart of the Earth through a beautiful collaboration by Miyu Tamamura, with the uplifting sounds of her crystal singing bowls, and Rev. Don Baldwin, along with other poets, reciting their nature-inspired writings. Together they take us on a meditative journey that evokes our deep reverence for the Earth. Local poets include Doc Dachtler, Una Kobrin, Julie Carville and Guari Delgado. Other readings will be selections by Mary Oliver, Wendell Berry, Edward Carpenter, and John Muir. An informal tea social will follow in the church’s fellowship hall. Capacity: 85.
RSVP required via Schedule at wsff.eventive.org
4pm - 5:15pm, United Methodist Church  **FREE**

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**Sunday**

**Coffee Talk**  "The Hope of Systemic Change." See sidebar.  8:30am, Three Forks Bakery & Brewing Co., Nevada City  **FREE**

**Workshops**  See page 21.  9:30am - 12pm, Activist Center, City Hall, Nevada City  **FREE**

**Youth Workshop**  "Stop Motion for Beginners." See pg 21. Capacity: 25.  RSVP required via the Schedule at WSFF.Eventive.org, 10am, Center for the Arts, Off Center Stage, Grass Valley  **$5 contribution**

**Nevada City's Mardi Gras Parade**  For the first time ever, the Nevada City Mardi Gras Celebration and SYRCL’s Wild & Scenic Film Festival fall on the same weekend. In the spirit of this occurrence, this year’s Mardi Gras Parade will mirror the theme of our festival: CommUnity. More than ever, we all need to put aside our differences and come together to work on solving issues locally. We also can all come together as a community and have some fun.  2pm - 4pm, downtown Nevada City  **continued**
Special Events

Sunday continued

**Fireside Chat**  “A Conversation with Film Festival Programmers.” See sidebar. 3pm - 4pm, Lucchesi Mill Street Tasting Room, 128 Mill St, Grass Valley  **FREE**

**Awards Ceremony**  Join us to raise a glass of bubbly or Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. and celebrate the 2023 Award Winners. 5 - 6:30pm, Nevada Theatre  **FREE**

**Award Screening**  A selection of the 2023 WSFF award-winning films, the lineups are a surprise! Separate ticket required. 7:30pm, Nevada Theatre, and 8:15pm, Center for the Arts

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**Monday**

**Local’s Night Award Screening**  To honor and thank our hometown audience for 21 years of supporting WSFF, we will have a special discounted screening showing a selection of award-winning films. Join us for these special sessions! Separate ticket required. 6pm, Nevada Theatre, Nevada City, and 7pm, Del Oro Theatre, Grass Valley
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Festival Art

Wild & Scenic Art Exhibition
The Wild & Scenic Film Festival and Nevada County Arts Council have again partnered to produce a Wild & Scenic Art Exhibition. Throughout the Festival, juried art can be viewed at the following venues:

Seven Stars Gallery, 210 Spring Street, Nevada City
Communal Cafe, 233 Broad Street, Nevada City
Lucchesi Mill Street Tasting Room, 128 Mill Street, Grass Valley
Center for the Arts, 314 W. Main Street, Grass Valley

Thank you to our 2023 Art Committee, as well as our Art Judges:
Joshua Harrison, Piper Johnson, and Rachael Nez

Wild & Scenic Art Reception & Awards Ceremony
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Thursday, 5pm - 6:30pm, Seven Stars Gallery, Nevada City

2023 Official Artist
Shar Tuiasoa

The 2023 official artwork by Shar Tuiasoa celebrates the 2023 theme of CommUNITY. Shar is a freelance illustrator based in Kailua, Oahu. After studying Fine Art at her community college for 6 years, Shar moved to California to earn her BFA in Illustration. She moved back to Hawai‘i shortly after and started Punky Aloha Studio in the summer of 2018.

Punky Aloha Studio houses various branches of illustration work, ranging from Murals, Freelance and Client work, Product Sales, Fine Art, and Licensing. Shar has worked as a freelance illustrator with multiple editorial clients on Oahu, including Honolulu Magazine, Hawai‘i Magazine, and Hawai‘i Business Magazine. She has also created work for local organizations and businesses like Liliokalani Trust, the Honolulu Museum of Art, and Foodland. Besides that, Shar has created artwork for Apple, Facebook, Disney, Pixar, AT&T, Sephora, Benefit Cosmetics, and The New York Times. Shar is working on her first of two picture books as an author and illustrator for Harper Kids, an imprint of Harper Collins.

When she is not creating illustrations for books, magazines, and product packaging, Shar sells a wide range of art prints and products in her online shop and in retailers throughout Hawai‘i, Japan, and the mainland of the US.
Congratulations to our 2023 Festival Artists

View artists' work at: Seven Stars Gallery and Communal Cafe in Nevada City, and the Lucchesi Tasting Room and the Center for the Arts in Grass Valley.

Alexander Diederich
Andie Thrams
Angela Apostal
Anke Fachmann
Annette Wolters
Dave Weixelman
Deborah Bridges
Denise Wey
Donna Dutra
Ellen Davis
Eric Engle
Eric Bevel
Frank Francis
Gary Anawalt
Gideon Beinstock
Henry Goodman
Janice Rosner
Jennifer Rugge
Jim Bair
John Seivert
Jori Phillips
Jose Trejo Maya
Jude Bischoff
June Anderson
Kathy Triolo
Kian Berreman
Kirk Keeler
LeeAnn Brook
Leslie Hamilton
Linda Galusha
Marta Rocamora
Marsha Stone
Michael Shea
Michelle Jewett
Mieke Blees
Molly Jochem
Rachel Rosenthal
Resa Crowell
Richard Swayze
Robert Stelson
Ron Kenedi
Rose Shulman
Ross Guy
Sylviane Giacoletto
Terence Baxter
Tom Ogden
Tom Quinn
William Jacobson

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Nevada County Arts Council

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Workshops

Join us to explore issues presented in this year's films and learn about innovative ideas that can make a difference. If you’re a budding filmmaker, take advantage of workshops on filmmaking techniques. We are proud to offer all these workshops and panels for FREE, thanks to our partnership with Earthjustice.

Saturday

9:30 - 10:30am  *Restoration in our CommUNITY*

Restoration is crucial to helping us correct the environmental mistakes of the past and encouraging environmental systems that are more resilient in the future. But restoration benefits more than just the species and systems being targeted. It has the potential to bring together unlikely partners, create rural economic benefits, work towards shared goals, and strengthen the social fabric of communities. Join SYRCL and some of our project partners for a panel discussion exploring how restoration projects help build community.

11am - 12pm  *Critical Times | Mobilizing Artists & Culture Bearers*

Nations and states have looked to artists and culture bearers to create awareness for issues critical to society, but never with such urgency as now. Join Josh Harrison, filmmaker and educator, co-director of the Center for the Study of the Force Majeure and leader of the Living Forests Project, for a conversation on how artists might take up this mantle, while taking a look at exciting programs in California today that are stirring this movement.

12:30 - 1:30pm  *Digging into Documentary Accountability*

Sponsored by REI  What does it mean for filmmakers to be accountable to the people and communities featured in their films? And how are values-based and non-extractive approaches especially critical when telling stories related to the environment and climate change? This interactive workshop will use the Documentary Accountability Working Group framework and case studies to prompt reflection and discussion about how the values and ethics of reciprocity can ground filmmaking practices in ways that benefit everyone involved, the quality and authenticity of the final film, and its impact on the world. This panel is sponsored by REI and presented by Faith Briggs, Documentary Filmmaker, Molly Murphy, Director of Partnerships and Innovation at Working Films, and Hannah Hearn, Impact Coordinator and Fellowships Lead at Working Films.

2 - 3pm  *YOUTH WORKSHOP: How can we live with integrity as a global family?*

We live in such an amazing, mysterious, and beautiful world. There is so much for which to have immense gratitude. Though, sometimes it feels like life can be defined as pure mayhem and beautiful chaos. Join Nat Geo explorer Mike Libecki and his daughter and founder of The Joyineering Fund, Lilliana Libecki, for a discussion to learn, grow and come together to make the world a better place for everyone.
3:30 - 4:30pm  **Earthjustice: The Harmful Impacts of Dirty Mining to Indigenous Communities + Solutions for a Clean Energy Future**

The transition to clean energy is underway, but the race for minerals used in electrification threatens Indigenous communities. Of the minerals considered key for the energy transition, 97% of nickel, 89% of copper, 79% of lithium, and 68% of cobalt are within 35 miles of Native American reservations. Join a panel discussion featuring Laura Berglan, Senior Attorney at Earthjustice, Blaine Miller-McFeeley, Senior Legislative Representative at Earthjustice, and Dr. Martina Dawley, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Hualapai Tribe. The panel will discuss the impacts of dirty lithium mining on a hot spring sacred to the Hualapai Tribe and how Earthjustice is defending the spring while pushing for mining reform and a circular economy to ensure a sustainable transition to a clean energy future.

Hybrid event, RSVP via Schedule at WSFF.Eventive.org for more details.

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**Sunday**

9:30 - 10:30am: **Toward a Politics of Beauty**

The film *Steward Udall: The Politics of Beauty* begs the question: what might the politics of beauty look like now? In this panel discussion, John de Graaf, Tim Palmer, and Daryl Grigsby analyze Stewart Udall’s remarkable successes in promoting environmental justice and protecting our lands, and debate if a new focus on beautification can help reduce polarization and bring our nation together.

10am - 12pm: **YOUTH WORKSHOP: Stop Motion for Beginners**

*Note: This workshop is at the Center for the Arts - Off Center Stage, Grass Valley  
Capacity: 25. RSVP required via the Schedule at WSFF.Eventive.org  
Kids who like cartoons will love this youth workshop! Join SYRCL's Education Manager, Monique Streit, and her friend and Octo Lab leader, Courtney Buel, to learn how to create a mini stop-motion animated film. $5 contribution requested.

11am - 12pm: **Investing for Environmental & Social Justice - Financial Activism Case Studies**

In this interactive panel discussion, the Nia Impact Capital team, Kristin Hull (Founder, CEO and CIO), Leah Davis (Manager of Community and Advisor Relations), and Angie Mertens (Strategic Advisor) will share insights, tools, and solutions for investing in environmental justice. Join us to learn about real-world activism case studies of how we can create impactful change in small and large corporations. Nia Impact Capital is a women-first investing firm that promotes diversity and sustainability to create an economy that works for all.
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The Wild & Scenic Film Festival is proud to work with many outstanding organizations devoted to protecting the earth and its inhabitants and creating sustainability for all. Large and small, hometown groups and ones with an international scope, you’ll find them here! We host our annual EnviroFair to let all of these critical organizations showcase their work and inform us about how we can engage in a meaningful way. Learn more and get involved at the Wild & Scenic EnviroFair.

Don’t Miss a Visit to the EnviroFair!
Saturday  9am - 5pm, York Street, NC
Sunday  12pm - 4pm, Pine Street, NC
(as part of the Mardi Gras Street Fair!)

EnviroFair Performers (all on Saturday)
Picklebarrel Puppets  11am - 12pm
Placer Nature Center’s puppet show
Mignon Geli  1 - 2:30pm
Native-style traditional & contemporary music with flutes, drums, rattles, vocals, and guitar
ILAN NAVAH  3:30 - 4:30pm
Performing original inspiring/uplifting songs

EnviroFair Organizations
American Rivers
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Wildlife Rehabilitation and Release
Need a break from films? Head outside for a nature field trip!

Nature Walk & Talk
Downtown Nevada City's Tribute Trail
Saturday, 2 - 4pm

Join the Free to Run team, Carrie and Tim Highman (film directors) and Zeinab and Zahra (film characters), on the beautiful Tribute Trail, adjacent to downtown Nevada City.

Hear first-hand stories about the current women's situation in Afghanistan, the film characters' journey with running, and how the sport has impacted their lives. This easy hike will be guided by Wild & Scenic Film Festival's friend, Daniel Boarman. Capacity: 30.

RSVP required via the Schedule at WSFF.Eventive.org
Meet in front of the Miners Foundry at 1:45pm.

The Tribute trail’s suspension bridge. Photo courtesy of the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce.

RSVP for this event and get the most up-to-date info about field trips and all special events, WSFF.Eventive.org/schedule
Watershed pass holders have access to the 3D Films, Kids Films, and the Award Winner sessions. All other festival pass holders need a separate ticket to attend these sessions.

**3D Films**  Take the family! Featured films are *Secrets of the Sea* and *Wings Over Water*. **7:30pm** Thursday, Del Oro Theatre, Grass Valley **$15**

**Saturday Morning Kids Films**  This family-friendly film program will take kids and adults alike on an exciting journey! From a kayak adventure to elephants and termites depending on each other, these films are sure to inspire awe in our natural world! **9:30am**, Del Oro Theatre, Grass Valley **$10**

**Free Community Screening**  Sponsored by HHMI Tangled Bank Studios. Includes coffee and pastries before the films screen. **11am Saturday, and 1pm Sunday**, Center for the Arts, Off Center Stage, Grass Valley **FREE**

**Sunday Award Winners**  Join us for a selection of the 2023 award-winning films. **7:30pm**, Nevada Theatre **$25**  **8:15pm**, The Center for the Arts **$20**

**Monday “Local’s Night” Award Winners**  To honor and thank our hometown audience for 21 years of supporting WSFF, we will have a special discounted screening showing a selection of award-winning films. **6pm**, Nevada Theatre, and **7pm**, Del Oro Theatre **$15**

The Award Screenings’ lineups will be announced **Sunday, February 19**, and each session will feature different award-winning films.

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Tuesday - Friday
Four carefully selected, age-appropriate programs are offered, accompanied by film-specific, standards-based lessons for classroom enrichment. (This program is not open to the general public).

Want to bring the school programs to your community? Talk to our On Tour team at Festival HQ.

Saturday
Saturday Morning Kids' Films
This family-friendly film program is fun and inspiring for all ages!
9:30am, Del Oro Theatre, Grass Valley

Youth Workshop: How can we live with integrity as a global family? See sidebar for details. 2 - 3pm, Activist Center, City Hall, Nevada City

Sunday
Youth Workshop: Stop Motion for Beginners. See sidebar. Limited capacity.
10am - 12pm, Center for the Arts, Off Center Stage, Grass Valley

Wild & Scenic offers plenty of events where kids can learn and get inspired to take care of the planet!

Youth Workshops

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Sharing the Festival with Schools
Every year, the Wild & Scenic Film Festival team partners with schools to present film programming for the local community and neighboring counties. During the festival week, K-12 graders participate in the Wild & Scenic School Program at the Del Oro and Don Baggett Theaters.

K - 2 Films
Tails on Ice, Cool for You, Plastic Pandemic, Bad Bugs, Imara, Kayak

3 - 5 Films
I Am Salmon, Packing a Wave, High Road, Yellowstone 88 - Song of Fire, Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, The Rock Pool Waltz

6 - 8 Films

9 - 12 Films
Riparia, Returning England’s Forgotten Frog, From My Window, High Plains Wild, Black Like Plastic

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Every year our Program Committee watches hundreds of films submitted to the Wild & Scenic for consideration. These volunteers evaluate the films and recommend them for the final selection. Then our Festival Director and Head of Programming, Lívia Campos de Menezes, curates the film sessions so you can enjoy them in theaters or at home.


**Special Awards**
The Festival Director decides on two awards: the Student Filmmaker Award and the John de Graaf Award for Environmental Filmmaking. The Wild & Scenic Kid's Jury, facilitated by Wild & Scenic co-founder, Janet Cohen, selects the Best Children's Film Award.

**Thank you to our dedicated elementary and middle school children of the 2023 Kid’s Jury:** Banyan Rhodenhill, Blake Harper, Bo Rinne, Cayden Whittlesey, Elias Audelo, Ellieanna Whittlesey, Jasper Hitchcock, Maggie Miller, Naomi Adams, Quinn Rhodenhill, Scarlet Dotson, Siena Harper, Zoe Aronow

**People's Choice Award**
Completely Electronic Voting! Available only through in-person screenings, ballots will automatically be emailed (or texted, if you opt-in) to you after each in-person session ends, allowing you to vote by rating your favorite films of the sessions you attend.

**The 2023 Awards Jury** comes together from throughout the United States, bringing a rich and varied experience in film and activism. The Jury watches a shortlist of films selected by the Festival Director to decide upon the following awards: Best of Festival, Best in Theme, Spirit of Activism, Most Inspiring Adventure Film, Best Short, and a variety of Jury Awards and Honorable Mentions. Many thanks to our talented and prestigious Jury for the long hours they spent selecting the 2023 awards. **Join us for the Awards Party on Sunday, 5 - 6:30pm at the Nevada Theatre. Free & open to the public.**

**Melinda Booth, Head Juror** SYRCL's Executive Director since 2017, Melinda served as the Director of the Wild & Scenic Film Festival from 2011-17. Melinda’s experience in conservation and advocacy, combined with her work in film programming, makes her role as Head Juror for 2022 a natural fit. Before joining SYRCL, she focused her career on saving iconic species like bears, wolves, and salmon in the American West.
Yasha Aginsky, a Nevada City local, is a documentary filmmaker and teacher. During his long career as a director and editor, Yasha has twice been nominated for Academy Awards: in 1986, *Las Madres de la Plaza de Mayo*, and in 1991, *Forever Activists*. The films he has produced with his wife have won awards in many festivals, including Cine International, American Film Festival, National Educational Media Network, Silver Images in the USA, and Jean Rouch International Film Festival in Paris.

Teresa Baker is an avid champion for diversity in the outdoors. Teresa is the founder of the In Solidarity Project, spearheading several community events such as Hike Like a Girl, Women’s Outdoor Summit For Empowerment, the renaming of the highway into Yosemite National Park in honor of the Buffalo Soldiers, and leading the Outdoor CEO diversity pledge. Teresa also enjoys engaging underrepresented communities in outdoor spaces in hopes of fostering a shared sense of responsibility for environmental protection.

Brad Forder is the Director of Programming for the Environmental Film Festival in the Nation’s Capital, where he has curated programs screened throughout that region for nearly a decade. He is also a videographer at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, as well as a cinematographer for various documentary projects, including the award-winning short film *Painted City*. Brad’s experience has earned him spots on film selection committees, industry panels, and juries across the country and abroad.

Mike Libecki, the Nat Geo Explorer/Nat Geo Adventurer of the Year defines his life in two ways: An obsession with exploring the world’s most remote and untouched corners of the planet to find world class first ascents and exploration ... and being a dedicated father to a daughter who wants to save the world. Libecki has completed more than 85 major expeditions all over the planet. Mike is a producer, director, videographer, photographer, humanitarian, and conservationist.

Chris Metzler’s film career has taken him to some strange places making subculture documentaries on subjects like rogue economists, lucha libre wrestlers, swamp rat hunters, ganja-preneurs, Black punk rockers, and evangelical Christian surfers. His award winning films include: *Plagues and Pleasures on the Salton Sea* (WSFF ’06), *Everyday Sunshine: The Story of Fishbone*, and *Rodents of Unusual Size* (WSFF ’18). He also serves as the Director of Programming for two irreverent film festivals, SF DocFest and the Green Film Festival of San Francisco.

Hayley Nenadal is Festival Director of the environmental film festival, EarthX. Hayley lives in Telluride, Colorado, and has worked in the film industry for the past 20 years both on the creative and distribution side, including working with festivals like Sundance, Telluride, and Mill Valley.
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Activism

A Vision of Here
Yasha Aginsky, USA World Premiere

Crossing the Divide
Ralph King, USA

Diverse We Run
Sashwa Burrous, USA

Inseparable: Skye
Andrew Harrison Brown, USA

Miles to Go
James Saunders, USA
Co-Presented by Frameline San Francisco International LGBTQ+ Film Festival

Sisters in Arms
Henri de Gerlache, Belgium/Canada US Premiere

Stewart Udall: The Politics of Beauty
John de Graaf, USA

Uncharted Waters
Jack Armstrong, USA

Uýra: The Rising Forest
Juliana Curi, Brazil
Co-Presented by Frameline San Francisco International LGBTQ+ Film Festival

Wading For Change
Jr Rodriguez/Sofia Jaramillo, USA World Premiere

Yuba is the Heart
Palmer Morse, USA World Premiere

Dear President Biden
Jon Bowermaster, USA
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Adventure

A Baffin Vacation
Erik Boomer/Sarah McNair-Landry, USA/Canada

Breaking Trail
Jesse Roesler, USA

Elevated
Palmer Morse, USA

Exposure
Holly Morris, USA
Co-Presented by California Film Institute

Franklin
Kasimir Brugess, Australia

Free to Run
Carrie Highman/Tim Highman,
Afghanistan/Italy/USA

From My Window
Frank Pickell, USA

High Road
Lindsey Hagen, USA

Kayak
Solène Bosseboeuf/Flore Dechorgnat/Tiphaine Klein/Auguste Lefort/Antoine Rossi, France

Lost on Purpose
Christopher Ruedy, USA

OUTLIER: Trust
Faith Briggs/Dani Reyes-Acosta, USA

Ripples
Erik Petersen, USA World Premiere

Tails On Ice
Miranda Currie, Canada

The Long Rider
Sean Cisterna, Canada

Traverse
Chris Lee, USA World Premiere

What’s in a Name?
Jules Jimreivat, USA

Energy/Climate Change/Resources

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Lukas Bieri, Switzerland

ANTARCTICA: The Intersection of Technology and Climate Action
Mike Libecki/Keith Ladzinski, Antarctica/US World Premiere

Bear Witness: Subarctic
Neil Ever Osborne/Raymond Friesen, Canada

Big Basin Speaks
Sarinah Simons/ Portia Halbert, USA World Premiere

Congratulations to all entrants of the Wild & Scenic Film Festival.

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Bitter River
Mark Albini/Khushnuda Shukurova/Savva Svet

Cool For You
Sherene Strausberg, USA

Plastic Problem PSA
Brian Hall, USA

Punchline
Kaare Iverson, Daniel Holz, USA

Rockies Repeat
Caroline Hedin, Canada

Sagebrush Gold
Marcus Widger, UK

The Scale of Hope
Josh "Bones" Murphy, USA

This is Fracking
Rocio Rodriguez Almaraz/Paula Otero, Argentina/USA  World Premiere

Tracks
Viktor Björnström/Kajsa Määttä, Sweden

Environmental Justice

Angel of Alabama
Elijah Yetter-Bowman, USA
Co-Presented by Southern Documentary Fund

Bad Bugs
Bryn Wright, USA

Bleeding Gold
Juan Urgell/Thaelman Urgelles, Venezuela

Blue Room
Merete Mueller, USA

Bring The Salmon Home
Shane Anderson, USA

Devil Put the Coal in the Ground
Lucas Sabean/Peter Hutchison, USA

Green the City
Kika Tuff, USA

Our way
Laura Fontaine/Yasmine Fontaine, Canada

Powerlands
Camille Manybeads Tso, USA

The Mud on Their Hands
Jason Whalen, USA

The Smell of Money
Shawn Bannon, USA

The Wind Blows The Border
Laura Faerman/Marina Weis, Brazil

Walking Two Worlds
Maia Wikler, USA
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Health

Attack & Release
Tom Attwater, USA

Feeling the Apocalypse
Chen Sing Yap, Canada

Fight or Flight
Lindsey Hagen, USA

HEALING IN THE OPEN
Dewi Sungai Marquis, USA

KUMARI: A Father’s Dream
Sean O’Connor, USA/Nepal

This is Beth
Jen Randall, Canada

When it comes from the Earth
Katalin Egely, Hungary/Argentina

Food/Farming

Coffee for Water
Danny Schmidt/Augusto Bila/Rakhi Varma, Mozambique  World Premiere

Kumu Niu
Alex Cantatore, USA

Range Rider - Colin Arisman, USA

Scaling Up: Hawai’i’s Food Future
Kimberlee Bassford, USA

When They’re Gone
Kristen Hwang, USA

Land Preservation

Giant Sequoias - Yosemite Nature Notes
Steven Bumgardner, USA

Kohunlich: Guided by Nature
Rob Holmes, Mexico  World Premiere

Like a River
Jim Aikman, USA

Monumental Divide
Brian Olliver, USA

Motus Avium: A Mission to Save California’s Last Wetlands
Rob McAllister, USA

Women of the Earth, Twila
Chiara Hollender, USA

Wood Hood
Alexander Cullen, USA

This is Beth
Jen Randall, Canada

When it comes from the Earth
Katalin Egely, Hungary/Argentina
Rangers of the Ulaan Taiga
Eric Daft, USA
Sonora
Johnny Holder, Colombia
The Last of the Nightingales
Masha Karpoukhina, USA  World Premiere
Yellowstone 88 - Song of Fire
Jerry van de Beek/Betsy De Fries, USA

Oceans
Black Like Plastic - Nature, Culture and People
Graciela Cabello, USA
La Voz del Mar: Hope for Hawksbill Turtles
Jon Bougher, El Salvador
nowhere to go but everywhere
Erik Shirai/Masako Tsumura, Japan/USA
PACKING A WAVE
Eduardo González Camiña, Spain

Reclaim Your Water: Natasha Smith
Faith E. Briggs, USA
Secrets of the Sea
Jonathan Bird/Howard Hall, USA
Washed Ashore
Cameron Nielsen/Ley Heimgartner, USA/Mexico  World Premiere

Sustainable Living
From Light and Dust
Hao-Jan Chang, Taiwan
Plastic Pandemic
Calvin Araki/Esta Smith/Justin Pe Benito, USA
Space to live
Nastaran Rahnama, UK
The Birdcarver
Felipe Santos Rosa, Brazil
The Last Ski Maker in Scotland
Euan Wilding, Scotland
The Prospector
Michelle Aguilar, USA
The Recycling Myth
Tom Costello/Benedict Wermter, Germany
Together We Grow
Jordan Osmond/Antoinette Wilson, New Zealand

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### Water/River Issues

**#DamBusters**  
Francisco Campos-Lopez, Netherlands, USA

**Belle River**  
Guillaume Fournier/Samuel Matteau/ Yannick Nolin, Canada/USA

**Desert Lights** -  
Katherina Harder Sacre, Chile

**Hasta la última gota**  
Ben Derico, Chile

**I Am Salmon**  
Whit Hassett, USA

**No Other Lake**  
Duane Peterson III/Jordan Rowell, USA

**Our 100 Year Floods**  
Fernando Rocha, USA

**Riparia**  
Olivia Mater/Mikayla Wujec, Canada  
*World Premiere*

### River

**River**  
Jennifer Peedom, Australia  
Co-Presented by California Film Institute

**Tad’s Emerging World - Glen Canyon Exposed**  
Dawn Kish, USA

**Voices From The Water**  
Jamie Flanagan, USA

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Yuba is the Heart
by Spruce Tone Films
directed by Palmer Morse

Forty years ago, the South Yuba River Citizens League began caring for the South Yuba River by advocating for dam removal and gaining Wild and Scenic protection.

Today, SYRCL’s work encompasses the entire Yuba River watershed – from the Sierra crest to the valley floor. As the organization looks towards the next forty years, community members reflect on the future of their work in the face of climate change and protecting the river for future generations. Posed as a love letter to the river and the community that surrounds it, Yuba is the Heart considers what it means to love and be loved by a river. Yuba is the Heart screens many times throughout the festival. Screenings are above. For the complete sessions, visit: wsff.eventive.org/schedule
Wildlife

All that Breathes
Shaunak Sen, UK, India, USA
Co-Presented by Nevada City Film Festival

Counting Cranes
Mariah Lundgren, USA

Eco-Hack!
Brett Marty/Josh Izenberg, USA

Endangered Migration:
A Monarch Butterfly Story
Andrew Ackerman Mexico, USA

Game Hawker
Shawn Hayes, USA

High Plains Wild
Mariah Lundgren, USA

Imara
Hal Hollingworth, South Africa

Iridescent
Keith Ladzinski, USA

Kahuli
Chris Johns, USA

My Neighbour is a Bear
Mattia Cialoni, UK/Italy

Path of the Panther
Eric Bendick, USA

Returning England’s Forgotten Frog
Katie Garrett, UK

Rhapsody for a Rock Wren
Lauren Schaer, New Zealand

Song of the Hermit
Sarinah Simons, USA  World Premiere

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Neil Losin/Nate Dappen, USA  World Premiere

The Dukha
Carmen Morrow/Zach Wolf, Mongolia

The Elephant & the Termite
Victoria Stone/Mark Deeble, UK

The Lost Salmon
Shane Anderson, USA

The Rock Pool Waltz
Marlon Denning, Australia

Transmission
Dan Minsky, Canada

Ursa - The Song of the Northern Lights
Natalia Malykhina Bratli, Norway

Wings Over Water
Andrew Young, USA

Woodpecker Wars
Danny Schmidt/Katie Schuler, USA  World Premiere

Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area
Jonathan Serna, USA
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Our 2022 Tour Hosts:

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- Baronymore Theatre
- Blue Hill Heritage Trust
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- CCL Alameda Chapter
- CCL Waterville
- Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
- CLA Law Conference
- Coastal Rivers
- Copper River Watershed Project
- Corvallis Environmental Center
- Couderay/Landmark
- Dan Riverkeeper and Dan River Basin Partnership Event
- Dickinson College
- Eagle River Watershed Council
- Eagle Summit Alliance/Arapahoe Basin Ski Area
- Elevation Outdoors
- Evanston Environmental
- Farmington River Watershed Association
- Feather River Nature Center & River Center
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- Haw River Assembly
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- Idaho Sierra Club
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- Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse
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- Kentucky Waterways Alliance
- Kettle Range Chewelah
- Kootenai Environmental Alliance
- Larimer County Conservation Corps
- Lime Creek Nature Center
- Living Earth School
- Main Street Pops
- Middle Colorado Watershed
- MineWatch
- Mono Lake Committee
- Mountain Area Preservation
- Musky Watershed
- Nature Now
- New Hampshire Rivers Council
- Northern Alaska Environmental Center
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- Ohio River Foundation
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- Outdoor Afro Utah
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Nevada City and Grass Valley are designated California Cultural Districts, an honor bestowed by the California Arts Council to regions of cultural distinction.

Land Acknowledgment

SYRCL and Wild & Scenic Film Festival work throughout the Yuba River watershed on the Ancestral and Traditional homelands of the Nisenan Tribe, and shares boundaries with the lands of the Mountain Maidu, Konkow, and Washoe peoples. These tribes have lived here for millennia and live here still. We acknowledge and mourn the painful history of genocide and the devastation of lands and waters irreversibly altered. We are grateful for opportunities to partner with the tribes to create a shared vision and rebalance our relationship with this place.
The Wild & Scenic Film Festival exists to support the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL). Become a member today and join the movement to protect the Yuba River from threats and help us keep the Wild & Scenic Film Festival going year after year. When you become a Friend of the Festival and SYRCL Member, you fuel our ability to be a powerful voice for a thriving Yuba River.

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DALLAS
BISHOP ARTS DISTRICT
earthxfilm.org

Building Trust Since 1887

Post-acute emergent marsh restoration, Sacramento County, CA
**Art Reception & Awards**
Join us for drinks, small bites, and community at our annual Art Reception and Awards Ceremony. Meet the art judges, and celebrate the artists and award winners. **5pm - 6:30pm, Seven Stars Gallery, Nevada City**

**3D Films Night**
Bring the whole family! Featured films are Secrets of the Sea and Wings Over Water. **7:30pm, Del Oro Theatre, Grass Valley**

Visit watch.eventive.org/wsff for up to date details on all programming.

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**Thursday**

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**Friday**

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**NEVADA CITY FILM VENUES**

**doors open 30 minutes before start of films**

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**5PM**

- Welcome Ceremony 5 - 6:30pm

**6PM**

**7PM**

- **Sponsored by Yuba Water Agency**
  - Healing in Nature* 7pm Start
  - Yuba is the Heart (11min)
  - Blue Room (12min)
  - nowhere to go but everywhere (14min)
  - The Scale of Hope (87min)

- **Sponsored by Big Springs Garden Retreat Center**
  - Food for Thought 7:30pm Start
  - Yuba is the Heart (11min)
  - When It Comes From the Earth (4min)
  - Scaling Up: Hawai‘i’s Food Future (27min)
  - When They’re Gone (15min)
  - Kumu Niu (15min)
  - Women of the Earth, Twila (29min)

- **Sponsored by Briar Patch**
  - Love of Rivers 1
  - Yuba is the Heart (11min)
  - River (75min)

- **Sponsored by The National Hotel**
  - Adventure Shorts 1
  - Yuba is the Heart (11min)
  - Diverse We Run (3min)
  - Fight or Flight (14min)
  - Inseparable: Skye (14min)
  - OUTLIER: Trust (16min)
  - What’s in a Name? (14min)
  - Free to Run (31min)

- **Sponsored by Klean Kanteen**
  - Threatened Planet 1
  - Yuba is the Heart (11min)
  - Plastic Problem PSA (30sec)
  - Antarctica: The Intersection of Technology and Climate Action (10min)
  - 3.50% (3min)
  - Big Basin Speaks (4min)
  - Space to Live (20min)
  - Yellowstone 88 - Song of Fire (7min)
  - The Recycling Myth (52min)

*ALL FILMS WITH CAPTIONS*
SAY NO TO THE IDAHO-MARYLAND MINE!

The proposed Idaho-Maryland Mine has significant and unavoidable environmental impacts that endanger our community’s health and quality of life. Businesses and residents from all walks of life agree that a toxic mine in the middle of our vibrant community is reckless and a huge step backwards – it’s simply not worth the risk. Protect our air, water, and quality of life.

Tell the Nevada County Board of Supervisors to SAY NO to the Idaho-Maryland Mine.

Sign the Petition at: YubaAction.org

GRASS VALLEY FILM VENUES

SPECIAL EVENTS

Welcome Ceremony
The Stone House
5 - 6:30pm

Media Lounge
Communal Cafe 4 - 6pm
Livestream 4:30 - 5:30pm
Broadcasted on KVMR Radio 89.5
7 - 8pm

Sustainability Science 1
7:30pm Start
500 seats

Yuba is the Heart (16min)
My Neighbour is a Bear (16min)
Path of the Panther (90min)

Creature Coexistence 1
7pm Start
75 seats

Yuba is the Heart (16min)
I Am Salmon (30min)
Bear Witness: Subarctic (12min)
sym•bee•o•sis (17min)
The Lost Salmon (59min)

Sustainability Science 1
7:30pm Start
200 seats

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I Am Salmon (30min)
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Nature in Art 1
7:30pm Start

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**Sunday**

#### NEVADA THEATRE

- **9AM**
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#### MINERS FOUNDRY STONE HALL

- **11AM**
  - Wonder Adventure (repeat)
  - 11am Start

#### ODDFELLOWS NEVADA CITY

- **10AM**
  - Award Winners
    - 7:30pm Start
    - Films TBD

- **9AM**
  - Feeling the Apocalypse (7min)
  - Dear President Biden (40min)
  - Sisters in Arms (70min)

#### SAEL

- **11AM**
  - Thirsted Planet 2 (repeat)
  - 11:15am Start
  - Wood Hood (16min)
  - Crossing the Divide (15min)
  - Monumental Divide (25min)
  - Together We Grow (38min)

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#### THE STONE HOUSE

- **11AM**
  - Wonder Adventure (repeat)
  - 11am Start

#### MINERS FOUNDRY OSBORN/WOODS

- **10AM**
  - A Baffin Vacation (12min)
  - The Long Rider (96min)

- **11AM**
  - For Our Rights
    - 11:30am Start
    - Hasta La Ultima Gota (15min)
    - The Wind Blows the Border (77min)

- **12PM**
  - Adventure Shorts 3 (repeat)
    - 10:30am Start
    - Feeling the Apocalypse (7min)
    - From My Window (19min)

- **1PM**
  - Adventure Shorts 2 (repeat)
    - 10:30am Start
    - Feeling the Apocalypse (7min)
    - From My Window (19min)

- **2PM**
  - Threatened Planet 2 (repeat)
    - 11:15am Start
    - Wood Hood (16min)
    - Breaking Trail (30min)

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#### Sponsorship

- **Sponsored by Loren Swift-Merritt & Scott Merritt**
- **Sponsored by Earthjustice**
- **Sponsored by Ray & Pamela Bryars**
- **Sponsored by Diane Robertson**
MAIN FESTIVAL VENUES

ACTIVIST CENTER (City Hall) 317 Broad St.
FEST HQ The National Hotel, 211 Broad St. second floor
MINERS FOUNDRY 325 Spring St. (Stone & Osborn Woods Halls)
NEVADA THEATRE 401 Broad St.
SAEL 505 Main St.
THE STONE HOUSE 107 Sacramento St.
ODDFELLOWS 223 1/2 Broad St.

ADDITIONAL FESTIVAL VENUES

FEATURED EATERIES

SHUTTLE ROUTE The FREE shuttle will run on a 15 minute loop.
1 - Broad St at Union St & Hwy 20-49 bridge, Nevada City
2 - The Center for the Arts, Grass Valley

SHUTTLE SCHEDULE FRI 6-10pm SAT 8:30am-11pm SUN 9am - 11pm
MAIN FESTIVAL VENUES

DEL ORO THEATRE  165 Mill St.
THE CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Fest HQ & Films, 314 W Main St.
CFTA’S OFF CENTER STAGE
Entrance at 315 Richardson St.
GOLD MINERS INN  121 Bank St.

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