



WILD & SCENIC[®] FILM FESTIVAL

where activism gets inspired



We are excited to bring you some of the favorite films of the Wild & Scenic Film Festival, the largest festival of its kind in the United States.



The Mianus Chapter of Trout Unlimited is a conservation organization dedicated to preserving, protecting and restoring the rivers and streams of lower Fairfield County.



The Norwalk River Valley Trail will be the longest trail in Fairfield County - 30 miles of trail connecting Calf Pasture Beach in Norwalk, Connecticut to Rogers Park in Danbury, passing through Wilton, Ridgefield, and Redding along the way.



To protect and restore water quality and fish and wildlife habitats in the Norwalk River Watershed.



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The Wilton Land Trust is a community-focused land trust dedicated to preserving land for open space, protecting biodiversity, and promoting environmental awareness and education.



The only nature center serving Wilton and Ridgefield, Woodcock Nature Center re-connects the community with nature and one another through creative programming and events for all ages.

Thank you to all of tonight's community organizations and volunteers for helping make this event a reality!

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Tonight's Schedule

6:00 - 6:50pm - Grab food and refreshments.
Mix and Mingle with community organizations.

6:50pm - Grab your seats

7:00pm - Festival Introduction



Film #1: From Gardeners to Guardians (13 minutes)

Amid collapsing biodiversity worldwide, Mary Reynolds of Ireland is building a movement to turn gardeners into guardians of the planet, by returning our own patch of land to nature and restoring hope that individual action can create lasting change.



Film #2: Nature for All (10 minutes)

An extraordinary forest in New Jersey offers sanctuary to a historically hidden community and a secretive endangered plant - but only through the combined work of indigenous leaders and land preservationists.

Film #3: Lights Out (9 minutes)

Lights Out uncovers the largely unknown issue of why Chicago is the most deadly city for migratory birds. Chicago's location, building design, and light pollution all contribute to the window collisions that kill thousands of birds each year. Experts David Willard and Annette Prince discuss how this happens and why it is detrimental to the balance of the ecosystem. We have a responsibility to protect these birds during their incredible feat of migration and the solution can be as simple as turning off the lights.



Film #4: Birds on the Brink (10 minutes)

Humans have introduced new species of plants and animals since they first arrived on the Hawai'ian islands, and these invaders have devastated many local species, including an incredible radiation of birds known as the honeycreepers. Now, counter-measures to mitigate the threats of predators and another invasive species — a mosquito that carries avian malaria — are helping to protect these amazing, endangered birds.





Film #5: Reconnected (20 minutes)

Made by Reel Quest Films in collaboration with the River Restoration Network, *Reconnected: Restoring the Rivers of Long Island Sound* is a short documentary film that highlights the importance of stream barrier removal through interviews with community members, environmental experts, and river advocates.

15 MINUTE INTERMISSION



Film #6: Brave Girl (8 minutes)

Brave Girl is a strong young adventurer who, with the help of her grandpa, is beginning her journey of finding out what it takes to climb mountains. Even though she's only 6, she has an unwavering ambition to climb the biggest mountains in the world, starting with the ones in her backyard in Wyoming.



Film #7: Toxic Art (16 minutes)

On a mission to clean up Ohio's leaking, abandoned coal mines, Ohio University Art Professor John Sabrah teamed up with an engineer to develop a process that turns the toxic runoff pollution into paint. John's artwork has been shown worldwide, and proceeds have helped numerous environmental organizations and projects, including a new water treatment plant on the Sunday Creek Watershed.

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Film #8: The Serpent's Lair (12 minutes)

In the face of extreme habitat loss, biologist Dr. Chris Jenkins puts an ambitious plan in motion to save two American reptiles, the eastern indigo snake and the gopher tortoise.



Film #9: Salted Earth (20 minutes)

This hard-hitting, tenderly woven documentary paints a picture of an environmental catastrophe, where the threat is not just the swelling sea but the encroaching salt that kills forests and decimates arable land, potentially returning the Atlantic Coast to its natural state.



Film #10: You Are Not Small (3 minutes)

Lucy Hawking, award-winning children's book author, and daughter of scientist Stephen Hawking, makes science accessible and engaging through her numerous books. Her latest book series, *Princess Olivia Investigates*, is about a young girl who would rather be a scientist than a princess. *You Are Not Small* was inspired by Olivia.

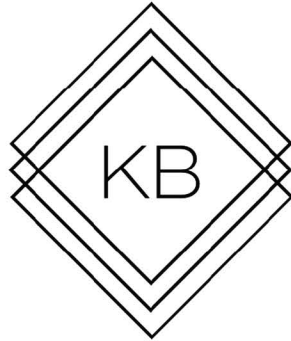
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In Connecticut, we work with the Wilton Land Conservation Trust to improve open space amenities and restore biodiversity. We removed invasive plant species and planted native plants and trees to support birds and wildlife at the Eugenia Slaughter Native Wildflower Meadow and Schencks Island in Wilton.



ASML & Wilton Land Trust, Forrest & Habitat Restoration Workday

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The Wild & Scenic Film Festival was started in 2003 by the South Yuba River Citizens League (SYRCL, pronounced 'circle'), a nonprofit river conservation organization located in Nevada City, CA in the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains. The organization was formed in 1983 when a small group of concerned citizens banded together to fight against several proposed dams. The festival's namesake is in celebration of achieving Wild & Scenic status on 39 miles of the South Yuba River in 1999. The festival celebrates its annual event in Nevada City and Grass Valley, CA each January featuring more than 100 award-winning films and welcoming filmmakers, celebrities, and activists who bring a human face to the environmental movement.

SYRCL's Wild & Scenic Film Festival is a call to action! Films can serve as a potent tool to educate and inspire activism and growth, and Wild & Scenic is committed to offering programming that addresses environmental injustice, racism, and inequity as well as lack of representation in the outdoors and environmental movements. The films chosen by WSFF illustrate not only the challenges facing our planet but the work communities are doing to protect the environment and the places we love. The stories give us a sense of place and what it means to be responsible stewards of the earth.

Once the curtain closes in Nevada City and Grass Valley, SYRCL shares their success with other organizations by taking the film festival On Tour to over 100 communities across the continent. The tour, now reaching over 30,000 people a year, is building a grassroots network of organizations connected by a common goal of using film to inspire activism. The festival's National Partners: Howard Hughes Medical Institute's Tangled Bank Studios, Sierra Nevada Brewing Company, Earthjustice, Oars Whitewater Rafting, and Nia Impact Capital have joined together to support this campaign. They help to bring these inspiring and provocative films to communities across the globe.

Enjoy the festival!



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