

Ventura Hillsides Conservancy • Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival

March 12 & 13, 2010 • 7 – 10pm • Poinsettia Pavilion 3451 Foothill Rd Ventura

Friday Film Program [film length - # minutes]

- **Lady Bug Swarm** [3] Enjoy one of the wonders of nature ... and rediscover the beauty of nature through the eyes of a child. www.onespokenimage.com
- **Why Don't We Ride Zebras?** [12] Have you ever wondered why we don't ride zebras? Or why we aren't drinking moose milk or eating hippo hamburgers? Follow a young zebra as he discovers what keeps him from becoming a domesticated animal. Act Locally Award - Earthvision Film Festival, Educational Value Award - Intl' Wildlife Film Festival. www.smithwalkerproductions.com
- **Trading Bows and Arrows for Laptops** [8] Chief Almir Surui asked Google for help with preserving his Amazon tribe's culture and protecting his indigenous territory from deforestation. The Google Earth Outreach team went to the Amazon to train over 20 indigenous tribes to use the internet to preserve their land and their way of life. www.childrenoftheamazon.com
- **Planting Hope: Wangari Maathai** [7] The simple act of planting trees by Kenyan Wangari Maathai grew into a nationwide movement to safeguard the environment, protect human rights, and defend democracy—a movement for which this charismatic woman became an iconic inspiration and the winner of Nobel Peace Prize. www.takingrootfilm.com
- **Every Day at School** [5] Follow a class down under as they spend the first five minutes of every day at school taking action to change the world in positive ways. www.tristanbancks.com
- **Brower Youth Award - Alec Loorz** [5] Earth Island Institute established the Brower Youth Awards to honor legendary environmental activist, David R. Brower and to call forth a new generation of leaders. The 2009 award honors Ventura's Alec Loorz for his activism and achievements in the fields of environmental and social justice advocacy. www.broweryouthawards.org
- **Historia de un Letrero** [6] With a stroke of the pen, a stranger transforms the afternoon for another man in this short film. 2008 Cannes Award Winner. <http://www.shapeshift.net/2008/08/historia-de-un-letero/>
- **A Year in the Desert: Anza Borrego** [15] Each season in the Anza Borrego desert has its special creatures: tiny hummingbirds, darting lizards, slithering snakes, head-butting bighorns. Their land is seared by ground temperatures of 180 degrees, swept by a flash flood, even blanketed by a snowstorm. Both filmmakers have received numerous regional and national Emmy Awards. www.theabf.org
- **Paprioflexia** [2] Spanish for “origami”, Papiroflexia, is the animated tale of Fred, a skillful paper folder who could shape the world with his hands. Multiple awards. Animation www.pixelnitrate.com
- **Secret Life of Paper** [6] Ever wonder what happens to the newspaper we read in the morning? Have you ever considered what impacts these products have on the environment, from beginning to end? INFORM's Secret Life Series is a collection of videos that highlight the environmental impacts of everyday products we all use. www.informinc.org
- **The Fun Theory: Piano Staircase** [2] “Take the stairs instead of the escalator or elevator and feel better” is something we often hear or read in the Sunday papers. Few people actually follow that advice. Can we get more people to take the stairs over the escalator by making it fun to do? See the results here. www.thefuntheory.com
- **A Simple Question: The Story of STRAW** [35] Simple hope and inspiration can be found in the Stemple Creek Watershed of Northern California. In 1992, a fourth grade class-project began what is now a remarkable program restoring over 20 miles of habitat, galvanizing the local community, and leading to significant educational innovations. 2010 WSEFF Spirit of Activism Award. www.bay.org, www.asimplequestion.org

Saturday Film Program

- ***The Good Life*** [3] A businessman takes a vacation on a small island. He tries to teach the fisherman about business but the fisherman teaches him about life.
www.makingalife.com,
www.freerangestudios.com
- ***Big River*** [27] The filmmakers of KING CORN are back! Curt and Ian have returned to Iowa with a new mission: to investigate the environmental impact their acre of corn has had on the people and places downstream. In a journey that extends from the American heartland to the Gulf of Mexico, the guys trade their combine for a canoe and set out to see the big world their little acre of corn has touched.
www.bigriverfilm.com
- ***Get Up, Stand Up*** [4] Surfing in Wyoming? These guys make it look easy. Wyoming Short Film Contest Winner. www.thesnaz.com
- ***Garbage Angels*** [6] What happens when trash meets trash? Could there be life in a dump? Best Canadian Short, Planet in Focus.
www.pierretrudeau.com
- ***Plastic Perils of the Pacific*** [4] A neurotic little crab does his part in cleaning up the ocean.
www.plasticperils.com
- ***V for Volunteer*** [3] A 7- year old girl and her dogs invite kids to volunteer in their local communities to help keep the earth healthy and green.
www.mygreenspots.com
- ***Sheltered Sea*** [23] There is a pioneering conservation action taking place along the coast of California. The Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) brings together diverse stakeholders—fishermen, conservationists, scientists, government, divers, and ocean-loving citizens—in a process to set aside marine refuges akin to our country’s National Parks. Best Ocean Conservation Film, Blue Ocean Film Festival.
www.caloceans.org,
www.thebaumfoundation.org
- ***Watershed Revolution*** [30] Rich Reid and Paul Jenkin ask, “What is a Watershed? The answer is explored through interviews with concerned citizens, including Ventura Hillsides Conservancy past-president Stephen Svete, working to protect and preserve our local Ventura River watershed.
www.surfrider.org, www.watershedrevolution.com