

*Central Coast State Parks Association presents*



**September 14-22, 2019 in San Luis Obispo County**

## **Film Schedule & Synopses**

**Saturday, September 14, 6 - 11pm**

Butterfly Ball Gala - SLO Brew The Rock



### **Aiden's Butterflies |**

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milkweed. (USA, 14 min)

**Thursday, September 19th, 7 - 9pm**

Pursuing the Monarchs - Black Box Theatre, Clark Center, Arroyo Grande



### **A New View of the Moon |**

Become reacquainted with awe alongside strangers interacting with a telescope trained on the moon. Watch as Wylie Overstreet takes a telescope around the streets of Los Angeles to give passersby an up-close look at a familiar object: a new view of the moon. (3 min)



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**Resilience at the Roots** | This short documentary follows a community in El Salvador who, after fleeing government repression and spending a decade in exile, returned to their country to rebuild their lives in the coastal lowland areas surrounding the Bay of Jiquilisco. But their challenges were not over: in 1998 Hurricane Mitch hit, and other severe storms followed, washing away homes, destroying crops, and burying the community in rising waters. They

recognized that these storms were linked to climate change and loss of protective mangrove forests, and so began to organize. Today, the movement they started has succeeded in creating a network of vibrant, democratic communities that protect and restore their natural resources and ecosystems, and has grown into one of the most successful global organizing models working for climate justice. (*El Salvador, 13 min*)



### **Fire Followers - Yosemite Nature Notes** |

Yosemite botanists search for fire-following flowers that germinate and bloom after a fire covering the landscape in a beautiful but brief wildflower display that may not return until the next fire. (*California, 6 min*)



### **The Last Green Thread** |

Amidst the backdrop of massive development and population growth, three friends embark on a journey through the Everglades Headwaters in Florida to survey a fragile wilderness corridor before it disappears forever. (*Northern Florida, 18 min*)



### **Pursuing the Monarchs** |

It's the story of a majestic species: symbol of American pride, embodiment of the returning dead in Mexico, it's the story of the Monarch butterfly. It would be a happy story, only, today they are dying. The Monarch butterfly population has declined by up to 80% in the last decade. Who is to blame?

Both the modern agricultural practices such as GMO and herbicide use, and the illegal logging carrying on in the Mexican forest of Michoacan, the butterflies' overwintering site. (52 min)

## **Friday, September 20th, 7 - 9pm**

Environmental Stewardship - South Bay Community Center



### **The Thunberg Effect** |

At the age of 15, Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg started what would become one of largest movements in history when she began walking out of school and sitting outside the Swedish Parliament. As the months went on, her platform grew when she gave her own TED talk and was even nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize at the age of 16. Her

influence has spread across the world, helping kick start a youth movement that has even reached San Luis Obispo. We followed the youth climate strikes throughout the county and interviewed several high school students of Slo's Environmental Youth Coalition as well as the mayor to talk about climate change and Greta's effect. (10 min)



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### **Backyard Wildlife |**

"Backyard Wildlife" is a story of the abundance of wildlife in San Luis Obispo County. Filmmaker Emmett Arries says, "I made this film to demonstrate the abundance of wildlife that lives among us. I hope it encourages you to venture into your own backyard and other local nature areas. See what nature has in store for you. You never know what wildlife you may find!" (10



### **Greenland Melts |**

Dr. Konrad Steffen, the Swiss climate scientist whose research propelled Al Gore's "An Inconvenient Truth" and "An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power", reveals his alarming findings around glacial melt impacts on global sea level rise, climate change, and mass migration. Greenland Melts is stunningly filmed at remote polar monitoring stations where Dr. Steffen has been tracking the melting of the Greenlandic Ice Sheet for over 25 years. (Greenland, 4 mins)



### **Growing Together |**

Sierra Harvest educates, inspires and connects families to fresh, local seasonal foods through farm to school education, training the next generation of farmers, and supporting low-income families in growing food at home. Their programs reach 96% of the K-8 students in Western Nevada County, CA. Prepare to get inspired by this regional model of food systems change. (California, 10 min)



### **WILD UTAH - America's Red Rock Wilderness |**

This short documentary advocates for protecting more than 9 million acres of federally managed public lands as Wilderness, areas of pristine natural beauty, unique and untrammeled ecosystems, and unfathomable cultural significance. Wild Utah: America's Red Rock Wilderness takes the viewer through the varied landscape and draws upon diverse voices to tell the story of why these lands are worth protecting and what can be done to ensure these public lands are protected for generations to come. (Southwest USA, 14 min)



### **Becoming**

The miraculous genesis of animal life is explored in great microscopic detail in Becoming. We see the "making of" an Alpine Newt in its transparent egg from the first cell division to hatching. A single cell is transformed into a complete, complex living organism with a beating heart and running bloodstream.



### **The New Environmentalists - From Hanoi to Paris |**

The New Environmentalists share a common goal, safeguarding the Earth's natural resources from exploitation and pollution. The film features portraits of seven passionate and dedicated activists around the globe who have placed themselves squarely in harm's way to battle intimidating adversaries for environmental justice in their communities. Narrated by Robert Redford, The New Environmentalists illustrates how ordinary people are affecting extraordinary change. (30 min)



### **Great Old Broads for Wolves |**

Welcome to the southwest, where the land is wild and the women...might be even wilder. Introducing the Great Old Broads for Wilderness and their fight to keep southwestern Colorado's wilderness an intact and natural environment. These women have come together to find their voice, and now are using it to give these lands a fighting chance. *(Colorado, 5 min)*



### **Cowboys & Scientists |**

Thirty years ago, a partnership between Archbold Biological Station and Buck Island Ranch inspired a new mission: cowboys and scientists working together to advance scientific discovery on a ten thousand acre working cattle ranch in Florida's Northern Everglades. Bridging this cultural divide has resulted in a series of transformative discoveries that have begun to reshape our misconceptions about agriculture, sustainability, and conservation in the 21st century. *(Florida's Northern Everglades, 8 min)*



### **What Does it Take? |**

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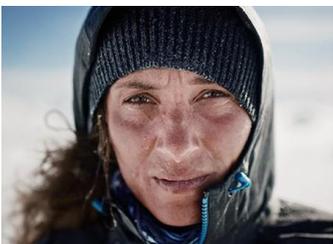
## **Saturday, September 21st, 7 - 10pm**

Seas to Streams - Fremont Theatre



### **Pacific Gold |**

The Morro Bay Oyster Company and their floating fields are found where high winds and strong waves meet streams that flow from age-old volcanic aquifers. See the labor of love it takes to raise and deliver Pacific Gold oysters from Morro Bay to your favorite local restaurant or seafood market. From unpredictable weather to wet working conditions, watch what it takes to make it in the world of sustainable aquaculture.



### **In Perpetual Motion |**

Surfers and free divers know well those dark, lung-searing seconds waiting to surface after a wave has pinned you to the ocean floor. It can feel like an eternity. In those underwater minutes, Australian adventure photographer, Krystle Wright, envisions herself in a desert with roiling grey skies and bootpacking a snowy ridgeline, her trusty camera capturing the stunning dreamscapes. Vivid and ethereal, In Perpetual Motion, is about the remarkable beauty revealed when time stands still for just a moment. *(5 min)*



### **Junk |**

On June 1st, 2008, Marcus Eriksen and Joel Paschal embarked from California for Hawaii aboard a plastic bottle raft. Without a motor or support vessel, the duo set out determined to raise awareness about the proliferation of plastic waste in our seas. Guided by Eriksen's first-person narration, viewers will be transported from the North Pacific to war-torn Kuwait, down

the Mississippi River, and back again as the raft's origins are revealed and a movement is born. *(Pacific Ocean, 29 min)*



### **Blue Carbon |**

"Blue carbon" is carbon that's captured and stored by coastal wetlands, helping to mitigate climate change. This film is about mud and the multiple benefits that estuaries provide for us. "You never go into a wetland and just restore one benefit," says wetlands ecologist John Rybczyk. It improves water quality, provides salmon habitat, protects our shorelines, and also

benefits our climate. *(Pacific Northwest, 6 min)*



### **Defending the Deep |**

A tireless defender of the oceans and marine life, Claire Nouvian led a focused, data-driven advocacy campaign against the destructive fishing practice of deep-sea bottom trawling, successfully pressuring French supermarket giant and fleet owner Intermarché to change its fishing practices. Her coalition of advocates ultimately secured French support for a ban on deep-sea bottom trawling that led to an EU-wide ban. Narrated by Robert Redford, Defending the Deep is part of The New Environmentalists, which illustrates how ordinary people are effecting extraordinary change. *(France, 6 min)*



### **Visions of the Lost Sierra |**

This film examines the past, present, and future of the Middle Fork of the Feather River, one of the first eight rivers protected by the Wild & Scenic Act in 1968. Through the eyes of local Maidu, fisherman, and conservationists, viewers will experience this unique place and understand the hopes and dreams of those who are working to keep it wild. *(California, 15 min)*



### **Carpe Diem |**

In a city full of people trying to catch a break, one lucky man hooks into an unexpected dream that becomes the role of a lifetime, reminding him to seize each new day as a chance to do what he loves. *(Los Angeles, 6 min)*



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kids safe, but you have to teach them to take risks and follow curiosity. Life is undeniably richer with a little bit of daring." (*Nepal, 13 min*)



### **Think Like A Scientist |**

Featuring an emerging young scientist from the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, *Renewal* is a heart-warming story of transformation and restoration. Produced with HHMI Tangled Bank Studios, this film is part of HHMI's Think Like A Scientist series. It follows up on Producer Jessica Plumb's award-winning feature, *Return of the River*, which chronicled the largest dam removal in history. (*Pacific Northwest, 8 min*)



### **Mexican Fishing Bats |**

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### **Hear the Call: Salmon Nation |**

In *Hear the Call: Salmon Nation*, singer Ashleigh Ball of Hey Ocean! travels with filmmaker Josh Thome to the remote coast of British Columbia where marine biologist Alexandra Morton and First Nations Chief Ernest Alfred are on the front lines of a battle that will decide the fate of wild salmon and the entire coastal ecosystem that depends on them. (*Pacific Northwest, 24 min*)



### **March of the Newts |**

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**Sunday, September 22nd, 2:30 - 4pm**

"Wild Child" Family Films - Morro Bay Natural History Museum



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### **Meet The Real Wolf |**

What happens when fairy tales and reality collide? Throughout history, myths about the “big bad wolf” have generated fear and concern that creeps out of our storybooks and into the real world. Meet The Real Wolf introduces a new chapter where the apex predator becomes the protagonist, changing the narrative of the ecosystems they are rebuilding. We learn what happens when the wolf is no longer antagonized, but instead realized as the missing link, and the denouement of our story. *(3 min)*



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### **How Animals Hibernate |**

What if hibernating animals of different species formed an orchestra and performed a symphony about their winter’s sleep? Well, they did—sort of. Because this is the science version of “Peter and the Wolf,” starring a frog, a turtle, a bird, a mosquito, a bear, and a fish... Ladies and gentlemen, “The Sleep Cycle” by L’orchestre D’hibernation Animaux. *(5 min)*



### **The Path Back |**

For thousands of years, the buffalo or plains bison sustained the many native tribes that inhabited the Great Plains region of North America. But when Europeans arrived in the area, they nearly exterminated the buffalo and an indigenous way of life. In recent years, however, the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of Montana’s Fort Peck Reservation have joined with other tribal groups throughout the region to bring buffalo back to their ancestral lands and into their lives. *(5 min)*



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### **Moonline |**

When night falls on the mountains, it is by no means time to go to bed for Valentin Delluc. It's in the dark that one of the best speed riders in the world finds a whole new playground. Like a firefly, it illuminates the darkness... *(France, 2 min)*



### **Blue |**

Fresh off training wheels, a four-year-old growing up in Valdez, Alaska begins to push her boundaries and explore what's possible on her bike, her eyes naturally drifting to the mountains. We dive into the world of her fantasy and explore the mountains, glaciers, and rivers of Valdez by fat bike with a crew of boundary-pushing female athletes hailing from Alaska and beyond.

Blue is a fantastical journey into a young girl's imagination and a testament to the inherent creativity, innovation, and strength forged in women of the north. *(USA, 4 min)*



### **Girls & Glaciers |**

This film follows teenagers Akua and Melodie as they expand their personal boundaries in challenging high alpine glaciated terrain. They learn field science, art, wilderness skills, and teamwork through the nonprofit organization Girls on Ice. *(USA, 10 min)*



### **My Mom Vala |**

Life has a way of putting us where we need to be. For Vala, that's in both Greenland – where she works at her family's fishing lodge – and Reykjavik, where she teaches her daughter how to do it all on her own, too. *(Greenland & Iceland, 10 min)*



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