Green Film Series: Issues & Dialogue

3rd Thursday each month, January - June 2015

Location: 6002 Hesterberg Hall, Michigan Tech Forestry Bldg

Time: 7:00-8:30 pm; enjoy coffee, dessert, and facilitated discussion

Cost: FREE; $3 suggested donation

Jan. 15 - The Human Scale
How we can make our cities and towns more attractive and healthy? Based on the work of famed architect and urban planner Jan Gehl, the film brings real solutions that promise a more humanistic dimension to cities where people are not displaced by congested streets, skyscrapers, and the car-centric urbanism of the 1960s and ‘70s. (83 min)

Feb. 19 - Forks over Knives
Two out of every three of us are overweight; cases of diabetes are exploding, especially amongst our younger population; about half of us are taking at least one prescription drug. Heart disease, cancer and stroke are the country’s three leading causes of death, even though billions are spent each year to “battle” these very conditions. Millions suffer from a host of other degenerative diseases. (96 min)

March 19 - DamNation
Explores changes in national attitude from pride in big dams as engineering wonders to growing awareness that our future is bound to the life and health of our rivers. Where obsolete dams come down, rivers bound to life, giving wild fish the right of return to primeval spawning grounds, after decades without access. DamNation’s majestic cinematography and unexpected discoveries move through rivers and landscapes altered by dams, but also through a metamorphosis in values, from conquest of the natural world to knowing ourselves as part of nature. (87 min)

April 16 - Symphony of the Soil
Explores the complexity and mystery of soil. Filmed on four continents and sharing the voices of some of the world’s most esteemed soil scientists, farmers and activists, the film uses a captivating mix of art and science to show that soil is a complex living organism, the foundation of life on earth. Yet most people are soil-blind and “treat soil like dirt.” (104 min)

May 21 - Story of Stuff, Story of Change and Story of Solutions
Three short films produced between 2007-2013 explore our production and consumption patterns, the policies and business practices behind them, and how we can move our economy in a more sustainable direction, starting with orienting ourselves toward a new goal. (60 min)

June 18 - A Will for the Woods
Musician, psychiatrist, and folk dancer Clark Wang prepares for his own green burial while battling lymphoma, determined that his last act will be a gift to the planet. Documenting one community’s role in the genesis of a revolutionary movement, the film explores the growing movement for green burial. (102 min)

More info: http://www.wupcenter.mtu.edu/

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