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Wild & Scenic Film Festival presented by Peninsula Open Space Trust and Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

*The free, one-day film festival takes place on May 26, 2019 at
Smithwick Theatre, Foothill College*

Palo Alto, Calif. – April 18, 2019 — [Peninsula Open Space Trust](#) (POST) and [Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District](#) (Midpen) are co-hosting the [Wild & Scenic Film Festival](#) at the Smithwick Theatre, Foothill College, in Los Altos Hills on Sunday, May 26, 2019. This free film festival is the largest of its kind, showcasing the best and brightest in environmental and adventure films and filmmakers.

“The Wild & Scenic Film Festival brings together a remarkable array of acclaimed films that explore and celebrate the diversity of the natural world,” said **Walter Moore**, president of POST. “The films in this year’s festival combine stellar filmmaking, beautiful cinematography and first-rate storytelling.”

The line-up comprises 13 films, which range in length from three to 15 minutes. Each film aims to inform, inspire and

ignite solutions and possibilities to restore the earth and human communities while creating a positive future for the next generation. Festival-goers can expect to see award-winning short films about nature, community activism, adventure, conservation, water, energy and climate change, wildlife, environmental justice, agriculture, and indigenous cultures.



Wild & Scenic Film Festival, Smithwick Theatre at Foothill College, Sunday, May 26

Highlights from the festival include:

- [**Umunhum**](#) – a film about local efforts to restore the top of Mount Umunhum and open it to the public, led by Midpen in collaboration with the [**Amah Mutsun Tribal Band**](#)
- [**Wildlife and the Wall**](#) – Filmmaker Ben Masters goes into the heart of the Big Bend, the last true wilderness in the state of Texas, to consider what effects building a border wall might have on wildlife
- **Cowboys & Scientists** – Discover a partnership between scientists from Archbold Biological Station and cowboys from Buck Island Ranch, which has advanced scientific discovery on a 10,000-acre working cattle ranch in Florida's Northern Everglades
- **A New View of the Moon** - Watch as Wylie Overstreet takes a telescope around the streets of Los Angeles to give passersby an up-close look at the moon

The three-hour festival is free to attend but advance registration is required at www.openspacetrust.org/event/wild-scenic-film-festival/. Snacks will be provided during intermission. Those wishing to park at Foothill College will need to purchase a \$3 parking permit.

The festival is supported by Bay Nature, The Amah Mutsun Land Trust, Latino Outdoors, The San Francisco Bay Trail, REI, Sports Basement, Patagonia, Sierra Club (Loma Prieta Chapter), Our City Forest, Bay Area Ridge Trail, San Francisco Bay Bird Observatory, Acterra and Canopy.

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About the Peninsula Open Space Trust

POST protects open space on the Peninsula and in the South Bay for the benefit of all. As a private nonprofit land trust, POST has been responsible for saving more than 77,000 acres over the last 42 years. POST works with private landowners and public agencies to create a network of protected lands so that present and future generations may benefit from the careful balance of rural and urban landscapes that makes our region extraordinary. Visit openspacetrust.org for more information.

About the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

Created by voter initiative in 1972, Midpen has successfully protected more than 63,000 acres of open space. Midpen is a California special district governed by a publicly elected board of directors. Its mission is to acquire and preserve a regional greenbelt of open space land and agricultural land of regional significance in perpetuity, protect and restore the natural environment, and provide opportunities for ecologically sensitive public enjoyment and education. Visit openspace.org for more information.

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WHO: The films in this year's [Wild & Scenic Film Festival](#) combine stellar filmmaking, beautiful cinematography and first-rate storytelling. Festival-goers can expect to see award-winning short films about nature, community activism, adventure, conservation, water, energy and climate change, wildlife, environmental justice, agriculture, and indigenous cultures. The festival is co-hosted by [Peninsula Open Space Trust](#) (POST) and [Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District](#) (Midpen).

WHEN: **Sunday, May 26, 2019**
6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

WHERE: **Smithwick Theatre at Foothill College**
12345 El Monte Rd, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022
(650) 949-7360

COST: Free, advance registration required. Tickets available [here](#).

MORE INFO: For more information on the festival, visit <https://openspacetrust.org/event/wild-scenic-film-festival/>

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