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Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) and Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Midpen) Present Fourth Annual Wild & Scenic Film Festival, Available Online

*The free, environmental film festival opens online at 7 p.m. on
Saturday, April 23 and runs for one week*

Palo Alto, Calif. – March 10, 2022 — From Indigenous use of fire to connecting children to the annual salmon run, the 2022 edition of the [Wild and Scenic Film Festival](#) has something for every nature lover of any age.

[Peninsula Open Space Trust](#) (POST) and [Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District](#) (Midpen) today announced the third annual presentation of the jointly sponsored Wild & Scenic Film Festival. The free, virtual festival goes live online beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 23 and can be watched at any time, on demand, through midnight Friday, April 29, 2022. Advance registration is required and available [here](#).

“Film is a terrific medium for connecting people with nature. Our goal is to highlight stories that don’t often get the big screen treatment and that are told by a collection of engaging and diverse voices,” said **Mark Medeiros**, senior manager of community engagement at POST. “By keeping the festival online this year, we can continue to safely reach a broad audience. And while the featured stories address topics from across the country and around the world, we’ve carefully selected films that offer a significant connection to the issues we’re facing here in the Bay Area.”

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival showcases award-winning environmentally inspired short films. POST and Midpen’s 2022 presentation features a two-hour curated program of 13 films for all

ages and offers viewers an opportunity to learn more about POST and Midpen's work protecting and managing open space on the Peninsula and in the South Bay.

The complete list of films included in this festival is available [here](#). Highlights include:

"Finding Salmon" Directors Jeremy Monroe and David Herasumtschuk follow 11-year-old, Keyona, into a wondrous world of trees, water, and friendly fish... and find the spirit of Salmon Watch, a program that connects Oregon youth to their backyard river ecosystems. POST and its partners at San Vicente Redwoods are restoring waterways, including [removing an obsolete dam](#) to open spawning grounds.



"The Facemask" A face mask inadvertently slips from a woman's grasp and whisks away through the skies, traversing across the city on its way to the coast and threatening to end its journey at the bottom of the ocean.

"Oshkigin: Spirit of Fire" – Native people have used fire as a method of wildfire control for ages. Oshkigin - Spirit of Fire shows the ways that traditional fire uses can reconnect us with the land and preserve the natural world. Both POST and Midpen collaborate with Indigenous groups across their working areas to [reintroduce cultural burning practices](#) and [protect sacred sites](#), among many other projects.



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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 80,000 acres since its founding in 1977. POST works with private landowners and public agencies to connect people and nature. Visit openspacetrust.org for more information.

About the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District

The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District's mission is to acquire and preserve a regional greenbelt of open space land of regional significance in perpetuity, protect and restore the natural environment and provide opportunities for ecologically sensitive public enjoyment and education. On the San Mateo County coast, our mission also includes preserving agricultural land of regional significance and rural character and encouraging viable agricultural use of land resources. Throughout 2022, Midpen is celebrating our 50th anniversary and we invite you to join in celebrating the accomplishments that we, as a community, have made in open space since 1972. Celebrate with us all year long at [openspace.org/50-years!](https://openspace.org/50-years/)

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Peninsula Open Space Trust and Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District present the 2022 Wild and Scenic Virtual Film Festival

**Free, online program showcases the best in environmental and adventure films
for all ages beginning April 23**

- WHAT:** The [Wild & Scenic Film Festival](#) highlights the best and brightest in environmental and adventure films and filmmakers. The free, virtual festival is co-hosted by [Peninsula Open Space Trust](#) (POST) and [Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District](#) (Midpen).
- WHO:** The films in this year's [Wild & Scenic Film Festival](#) combine stellar filmmaking, beautiful cinematography and first-rate storytelling. Festival viewers 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.
- WHEN:** Streaming from Saturday, April 23, 2022, 7 P.M. – Friday, April 29, 2022, at midnight PDT
- WHERE:** Online (virtual event)
- COST:** Free, advance registration required. Register [here](#) to access the films.
- MORE INFO:** For more information about the festival, visit: <https://openspacetrust.org/event/wild-scenic-film-festival/>

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