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The Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival Comes to Charlottesville and Staunton

Wild Virginia is proud to be hosting for the fourth consecutive year the Wild and Scenic Film Festival "On Tour." The festival spans two evenings and two venues in two cities: Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30 in Charlottesville at the Dickinson Fine & Performing Arts Center at Piedmont Virginia Community College, and Thursday, April 18 at 7:00 at the Visulite Cinema in Staunton. Tickets are \$10 each night. There will be an entirely different slate of films at each venue.

The Wild and Scenic Film Festival brings together a selection of films that tell stories about our planet, our beautiful and precious wildlands, and the people of the communities who love them, play in them and defend them. They open our eyes and hearts to fantastic experiences in remarkable places. They inspire a sense of wonder, beckon us towards action, highlight issues, and provide solutions.

The Charlottesville show will feature a series of short films, including *Seeds of Freedom*, which challenges the myth that large-scale, industrial agriculture is the only means by which we can feed the world; *Last Light* which photographs the breathtaking beauty of Alaska's steepest mountains and the people who ride them; and *Tailings*, about uranium mining in New Mexico. The Staunton show will feature the film, *Marion Stoddart: The Work of 1000* that tells an inspiring story of a citizen leadership, grassroots organizing and coalition building; *Gimp Monkeys*, showing how a team of climbers in Yosemite National Park overcome physical handicaps; and *Carbon for Water*, where Kenyans find a common natural solution to pollution, poverty and disease. These are films for the whole family. A full list of the films can be found on the Wild VA website.

Door prizes will be awarded. Admission is \$10 each night. Advance tickets are available at Blue Ridge Mountain Sports in Charlottesville at Mint Spring Frame Shop in Staunton, and online at www.wildvirginia.org.

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