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Wild & Scenic Film Festival comes to the Palace Theatre

A CELEBRATION OF OUR ENVIRONMENT!

Netcong, NJ (June 26, 2019) - The Lake Hopatcong Foundation will be hosting the Wild & Scenic Film Festival On Tour on Saturday, July 13, at the Palace Theatre, 7 Ledgewood Avenue, Netcong, New Jersey.

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival On Tour is a collection of films from the annual festival held in Nevada City, CA which is now in its 17th year. Wild & Scenic focuses on films which speak to the environmental concerns and celebrations of our planet.

The festival will be free and open to the public; however, reservations are requested and can be made at lakehopatcongfoundation.org. Doors will open at 6 pm and films will start at 7 pm. Funding for this event was provided through a grant from the New Jersey Council for the Humanities, a state partner of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

"We welcome any opportunity to celebrate and learn about the natural world around us," said Lake Hopatcong Foundation President Jessica K. Murphy. "This should be a fun and engaging way to bring people together to watch some great short films about water and natural resources, which I'm sure will resonate with those of us who love Lake Hopatcong."

The Lake Hopatcong Foundation fosters a vibrant and healthy Lake Hopatcong and its surrounding community through programs and initiatives in the following areas: environment, education, community and historical preservation, arts and culture, and recreation. The festival is a natural extension of the Foundation's work to inspire people to act on behalf of Lake Hopatcong and the environment.

Eleven films will be featured at the tour event in Netcong, including "Aiden's Butterfly" (2018), a heartwarming 14-minute film featuring 11-year-old Aiden Wang, who has been growing milkweed to preserve endangered monarch butterflies since he was 6.

"River Connections" (2017) is a 16-minute film focusing on the many ways water enhances our well-being. It highlights three rivers, including the Musconetcong, noting the inspired efforts of communities that come together to protect them.

The Wild & Scenic Film Festival is being presented in conjunction with the Smithsonian Water/Ways exhibit showing from July 1 – August 10 at the Lake Hopatcong Foundation Environmental and Cultural Center, 125 Landing Road, Landing, NJ.

The Lake Hopatcong Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to protecting the lake environment and enhancing the lake experience by bringing together public and private resources to encourage a culture of sustainability and stewardship on and around New Jersey's largest lake, for this and future generations. To learn more, visit lakehopatcongfoundation.org.





