20th Annual

AMAZING EARTHFEST

May 7-10, 2026
Kanab, Utah

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Four Exciting Days!

Arts & Culture
Community
Documentary Films
Outdoor Adventure
Science & Land
Night Sky

Celebrate And Explore America's National Parks, Forests, Monuments, and Public Lands

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Welcome to Amazing Earthfest

Southern Utah's Festival of Learning, Discovery, Arts and Adventure!

"The Earth does not belong to man; Man belongs to the Earth. ...All things are connected. ...Man did not weave the web of life, he is merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself."
... Chief Seattle (1776 - 1866)

All Events are Utah time, unless noted. Please remember that 9 O'clock in Utah time is 8 O'clock in Arizona. Events are free of charge except where noted!

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Amazing Earthfest Information Table
Open 7:45am - 9:00am. Thursday - Sunday
Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument Visitors Center.
745 East Hwy 89.

Arts and Culture

Presented By: Bruce Hucko
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PERSONALIZING PLACE - Part 1

Employing The External Landscape To Express Our Inner Landscape With Photography

Date: Thursday, May 7, 2026
Time: 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Location: Kanab Library Community Room, 374 N. Main St. Kanab, UT

Description: Photographer and art educator Bruce Hucko will share his personal artistic evolution, from images made to illustrate books and NPS interpretive media programs, to ones that employ the external landscape to express the internal landscape of self. Using color and b&w images from his 50+ year career, he'll discuss the shift from creating images "of" places for others, to making images "about" thoughts and ideas for self. Both require strong compositions that use the language of art. Learn how Bruce enters a landscape, decides on subject, and then resolves the image using Lightroom and Photoshop. With practical and poetic means, you'll enhance your own photographic experience no matter what camera you use.

Among the mini-topics covered are: finding personal vision, creative intention, in the shadow of icons, photographic equivalence (making images that are like how we are), watch your language (our words influence our relationship to place, processing for personality, personal influences (Navajo & Pueblo culture, Minor White and other historic photographers, poets and dancers), and how technical considerations must serve our art, not the other way around! This program will be of interest to anyone wanting to enhance their outdoor experience, with or without a camera!

Presented By: Bruce Hucko
Contact: Bruce Hucko
Phone: 435-260-8300 **Email:** bhucko@icloud.com

PERSONALIZING PLACE - Part 2

A Photographic Workshop in Two Sessions (4 hours in the field plus 2 hours editing)

Cost: $75 per person, limited to 8 persons. Registration is required to attend this 2-part workshop.
To Register and Pay for the field photo/edit and print workshop with Bruce Hucko email him at bhucko@icloud.com . He will then send you detailed information and invoice you via PayPal.

Session 1
Date: Friday, May 8, 2026
Time: 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Location: Meet at Kanab Library community room, 374 North Main Street, Kanab, Utah. Carpool to the workshop site on Best Friends Animal Sanctuary property.

Session 2
Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026
Time: 10:30 am to 12:30 pm
Location: Meet at Kanab Library community room, 374 North Main Street, Kanab, Utah.

Description:
Session One will include short group discussions on image orientation, photography as an act of isolation/subtraction, focus stacking, lens selection and more. Hucko will demonstrate how he works an image in the field and why, but mostly he'll be working beside you on your image to create personally meaningful images, looking for the gestures of plants, the forms in the land, the flow of a stream and the lay of the light upon them all to find content that mirrors our own thoughts and feelings. Our goal is bringing home one image you're excited about with an understanding how you can better use your time in the field.

In **Session Two**, you'll be challenged to work your images so that they better equate with the thoughts and feelings you had about the scene in the field. Hucko will first demonstrate his own methods for resolving both color and b&w imagery. Participants will then work their own image with Hucko's guidance. The session will end with a large screen projected critique session. You'll be asked to write a brief essay about your image and workshop experience. Hucko will later produce a PDF Portfolio for the group.

Presented By: Retrograde Motion Pictures
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AXIS MUNDI - ORDER OF THE COSMOS

Date: Sunday, May 10, 2026
Time: 2:30 pm to 3:00 pm
Location: Kanab Library Community Room, 374 N. Main St. Kanab, UT

Description: Axis Mundi, a cultural astronomy documentary film series requiring years of dedicated research has been in production since 2012, the Year of the Dragon. Every equinox and solstice, the Axis Mundi team, led by Davd and Chloe Valentine, explores how celestial "alignments" may have been sacred to ancient peoples around the world. While contemporary society strives for ever more technology, other ways of knowing may be more critical to the survival of humanity. Meet the filmmakers to learn about this exciting project and then watch their film!

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Amazing Earthfest, in Kanab, Utah, inspires and educates people to value stewardship of natural and cultural resources on America's public lands, and to explore responsibility to present and future generations.

Community

Presented By: Amazing Earthfest
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INVOCATION TO SUSTAINABILITY

Date: Thursday, May 7, 2026
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
Location: United Church of Kanab Fredonia, 530 US-89A, Kanab, UT

Description: Kick off this week of adventure, discovery and connection by exploring the world of spirit, ethics, ideas and personal resilience through the beauty of nature. To set the mood the 20th Annual Amazing Earthfest welcomes local **Studio Musician Matt Stewart** whose expressive sound spans widely ranging musical genres!

Special guests include our keynote speaker, **Heidi Steltzer PhD**, scientist, theologian, mystic and founder of The Center for Earth Theology, and **Angelita Bulletts**, Tribal Cultural Resources Committee Member for the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians who will offer perspectives on sustainability and reciprocity from Tribal wisdom traditions.

Enjoy live music and inspiring words in prose and poetry exploring our relationship to each other and to nature. May these moments together remind us that sustainability requires both spiritual awareness and an active, daily commitment to sharing and caring for Earth's resources.

Presented By: Amazing Earthfest
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THE NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM IN OUR BACKYARD

Old Spanish National Historic Trail, and Arizona National Scenic Trail

Date: Thursday, May 7
Time: 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Location: Kanab Library Community Room, 374 N. Main St. Kanab, UT

Description: Join US. Dept. of the Interior and National Park Service veteran John Hiscock for a fascinating introduction to our relatively unknown National Trails System as an important part of America's National Conservation Lands. John's talk will emphasize the location, importance, and conservation challenges faced by two local and regional trail landscapes - the Old Spanish National Historic Trail and the Arizona National Scenic Trail.

John served nearly forty years with the Department of the Interior and National Park Service as legal clerk, park ranger, regulations and policy specialist, park manager, and Utah State Coordinator, including park assignments along the Old Spanish NHT, at Great Sand Dunes NP, Pipe Spring NM, and Death Valley NP. In retirement, he is a tireless advocate for protection of public lands along the national trails and served as manager of the non-profit Old Spanish Trail Association from 2015 – 2018.

Presented By: Willow Canyon Outdoor
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Climate Action Event!

MEET BILL BARRON

Utah climate activist

Date: Sunday, May 10
Time: 8:00 am – 9:00 am
Location: Willow Canyon Outdoor, 263 S. 100 East, Kanab,

Description: Bill Barron has spent more than a decade turning passion into action. Since 2012, through climate campaigns, climate tours, and one-day fundraisers, he has biked over 4,700 miles and raised nearly $34,000 for Citizens' Climate Education. Bill is riding another 650 miles through the stunning landscapes of Utah's National Parks, stopping in Kanab to host conversations about the power of relationships, common ground, and collective action. His journey and fundraiser will highlight the mission of Citizens' Climate Lobby: empowering everyday people to bridge divides and build the political will needed in Congress to reduce emissions, remove climate pollution, and protect people. Superbly brewed coffee will be provided by Willow Canyon Outdoor!

Presented By: Grand Canyon National Park
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GRAND CANYON NATIONAL PARK

North Rim Recovery Update

Date: Friday, May 8, 2026
Time: 10:30 am to 11:30 am
Location: Kanab Library Community Room, 374 N. Main St. Kanab, UT

Description: Join others for an overview of the Grand Canyon North Rim summer 2026 operations, as well as the ongoing recovery and planning efforts following the devastating Dragon Bravo Fire of 2025.

Presented By: BYU Redd Center
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WILDERNESS ADVENTURING IN THE WEST

Histories and Present Challenges

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026
Time: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Location: Kanab Library Community Room, 374 N. Main St. Kanab, UT

Description: Associate Director of the BYU Redd Center, Professor of History, and outdoor enthusiast Brenden Rensink will speak about his ongoing research on the histories of wilderness adventuring in the American West. Learn why people have intentionally sought out the most rugged and remote Western mountain and desert landscapes for their adventuring activities and what kinds of experiences they were hoping to have there.

Brenden's research aims to provide context for considering the current state of outdoor spaces in the American West and whether they can still provide those historical experiences. Prof. Rensink will reserve time for discussion with the audience and will solicit participation in future surveys for community members to share their experiences.

Presented By: Creative Community
Contact: Rich Csenge
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Climate Action Event!

POTLUCK SOCIAL

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026
Time: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Location: Jacob Hamblin Park Small Pavilion, north end of 100 East in Kanab.

Description: Enjoy feasting together at an outdoor dinner party for friends, presenters and supporters of Amazing Earthfest. Let's discover, share, preserve and celebrate the places we love! From healthy snacks to delectable desserts, this is a community-building event where resident and visiting festival goers meet organizers, volunteers and contributors, artists, authors, musicians and scientists who present the events that you enjoy.

Two visiting guests will add a special dimension to the occasion. **Classical/Spanish Guitarist Julian Harmon** will provide live music and cycling **Climate Activist Bill Barron** will stop by on his solo ride from Springdale to Moab to raise awareness for action in Utah on climate change. Whether you're omnivore, vegetarian, or vegan, bring your favorite home-cooked recipe and enjoy a welcoming atmosphere and conversation.

Presented By: Scout Wilkins
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WORD TRAILS

Date: Sunday, May 10, 2026
Time: 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Location: Kane County Hospital Ambulance Barn meeting room, at the north end of 100 West, Kanab, Utah

Description: WordTrails is a tabletop game that has proven to be a tool for deep fun connection and sharing between people of widely diverse backgrounds. Its a place for people to put down masks, protections, roles and expectations, and to explore. The game can best be played by up to four people and usually takes 30 and 45 minutes. The most common results people report after playing are relief, euphoria, increased curiosity, wonder, delight and surprise! Most common side effects are an increase in

OBSERVE BACK COUNTRY ETIQUETTE
Respect and Protect Native American Rock Writing
It's Humanity's Precious Legacy.
Leave No Trace

hugging and laughing, greater willingness to talk openly, ask questions and relax together. Please join the fun!

Outdoor Adventure

Presented By: Creative Community
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NATURE HIKE AND SCAVENGER HUNT!

Date: Thursday, May 7, 2026
Time: 8:00 am - 11:00 am
Location: Meet at 7:45 am at the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Visitor Center, 745 East Hwy. 89, just east of the Exxon station in Kanab. Carpool to the trailhead.

Description: Join a moderately-paced and informative hike led by an experienced local guide while discovering nature's treasures in an old growth forest of Juniper and Pinyon Pines at Tilted Mesa. The terrain along the Morning Glory and Western Legends trails includes rocky outcrops with beautiful scenic vistas. Hikers will be given a list of geological features, flora and fauna, to find during their hike. Completed lists earn a prize! Wear good walking shoes and bring water for this 3.5-mile loop around the mesa. Sorry, no dogs allowed.

Presented By: Kane County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue
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LESSONS FROM SEARCH AND RESCUE

How To Not Get Dead

Date: Thursday, May 7
Time: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Location: Kanab Library Community Room, 374 N. Main St. Kanab, UT

Description: Are you wanting to get outdoors more, but unsure how to do it safely? Or perhaps you've always hiked in a group and now are thinking of going solo? Maybe you're an experienced outdoors person, but you want to hear stories of heroism and tragedy in canyon country? Join Preventive Search and Rescue Volunteer Katie Wallace for an adventure into discovering how things go sideways in the Great Outdoors, and how to not get dead when they do. Tips and tricks for keeping yourself safe while recreating in southern Utah, plus tales of local rescues past.

Presented By: Pipe Spring National Monument/NPS
Contact: Ian Harvey
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RIDGE TRAIL HIKE WITH A RANGER

Date: Friday, May 8, 2026
Time: 10:00 am UT Time (MDT) - 9:00 am AZ Time (MST)
Location: Pipe Spring National Monument. 406 N Pipe Springs Rd, Fredonia, AZ

Directions: From Kanab, head south on US 89-A to Fredonia, AZ. In Fredonia, turn west on AZ-389, following signs for Pipe Spring National Monument. Approximately 14 miles from the turn in Fredonia, turn right on N. Pipe Spring Rd, traveling ½ mile past the Kaibab Tu'ee Mart. The National Monument parking lot is on your left. Meet at the Visitor Center and Museum.

Description: Please note this event occurs in Arizona which is on Mountain Standard Time. Join a National Park Ranger for a hike along a scenic ½ mile trail, discussing the natural and cultural connections to the vast Arizona Strip, and highlighting the many different cultures who have called this place home since time immemorial.

Prepare for the elements on this easy hike with 200 feet of elevation gain, some rocky terrain, and direct sun exposure. Bring water, salty snacks, and sun protection. Pipe Spring NM will waive the entrance fee for this event and the hike may last up to 2 hours.

Presented By: Colter Davis
Contact: Colter Davis
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A HIKE THROUGH GEOLOGIC TIME

Date: Friday, May 9
Time: 8:00 am to 10:00 am
Location: Meet at the trailhead for the Kanab Trail (formerly Squaw Trail), located at the north end of 100 East in Kanab.

Description: Hike with Utah State University Geologist Colter Davis up the Kanab Trail and through the geologic time of the Kanab Utah area, stopping at various locations along the trail to learn about rock formations, their geologic ages, depositional environments, and the organisms that once lived here. At a scenic overlook Colter will discuss the geomorphology of the area over the last several hundred years. This two-mile out and back hike is easy to moderate with excellent views. Wear a hat and appropriate footwear. Bring a snack and plenty of water.

Don't miss our Climate Action Events!

Saturday May 9th, and Sunday May 10th. See Pages 4 & 6.

Climate Scientist Katherine Hayhoe's Six Most Impactful Climate Actions an Individual Can Take:

- Start a conversation about why climate change matters
- Join a climate action group
- Consider where you keep and how you spend your money
- Spark ideas for change at work, school or church
- Hold politicians at every level accountable by voting
- Reduce your personal footprint

Sign up to receive Katherine's free weekly newsletter, **Talking Climate:** https://www.talkingclimate.ca/

Science and Land

Presented By: Utah Bureau of Land Management, Kanab Field Office
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WISE STEWARDSHIP OF PUBLIC LANDS

Date: May 8, 2026
Time: 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Location: Kanab Library Community Room, 374 N. Main St. Kanab, UT

Description: Why does it matter? Join an interactive conversation and multimedia presentation with BLM Kanab Field Office Outdoor Recreation Planner Dan Gunn, focusing on the importance of public lands stewardship. The discussion will highlight visitor behaviors that either enhance or detract from the natural environment and the desired conditions and objectives for recreation identified by the managing agency.

Climate Action Event!

Presented By: Amazing Earthfest
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RAINFOREST ECOLOGY

Presentation by a Pioneering Researcher

Date: Friday, May 8, 2026
Time: 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm
Location: Kanab Library Community Room, 374 N. Main St. Kanab, UT

Description: Learn from University of Utah researcher Nalini Nadkarni, whose ecological research career on tropical and temperate rainforest canopies spans four decades, how the plants, animals, and microorganisms that dwell 100 feet above the forest floor represent “the last biotic frontier.” Rather than being “auxiliary” to rainforests, canopy communities are critical participants in nutrient and water cycles, in providing wildlife and birds with food and nesting materials. And they are the evolutionary home of many orchids, bromeliads, and ferns -- the ornamental plants we cherish.

From her personal experience in the forest canopy Nalini will share safe non-destructive ways that canopy researchers gain access – from walkways to hot-air balloons to drones, and reveal some of the negative effects that human activities such as deforestation, climate change, and forest fragmentation have had on canopy communities and ongoing efforts for mitigation.

Following this presentation, Nalini Nadkarni will host a screening of her new documentary film, **Between Earth and Sky** at 7:30 pm, exploring the critical importance of trees to life on earth and the abundance and variety of plant life in the canopy with a brief Q&A to close. **Classical/Spanish guitarist Julian Harmon will provide musical interludes!**

Presented By: Utah Geological Survey, Geologic Hazards Program
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SEISMOLOGY OF THE SEVIER/ TOROWEAP FAULT ZONE

Uncovering the Hidden Hazards

Date: Friday, May 9
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Location: Kanab Library Community Room, 374 N. Main St. Kanab, UT

Description: Southern Utah is famous for its stunning red rocks, canyons, and plateaus, and is also home to the Sevier/Toroweap fault zone, a break in the earth's crust extending nearly 220 miles from south of the Grand Canyon into the heart of central Utah. Much of this fault is hidden by rugged terrain.

New research from the Utah Geological Survey (UGS), in collaboration with the Arizona Geological Survey, uses cutting-edge lidar technology to digitally "see through" vegetation and accurately map fault scarps - the step-like features formed on the landscape when large earthquakes rupture the ground surface. This project sheds new light on earthquake hazards and our understanding of active faults in southern Utah, providing foundational knowledge to protect communities and infrastructure through smarter land-use planning

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Presented By: Backcountry Bodywork
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GUIDED MEDITATION & SOUND BATH NATURE HIKE

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026
Time: 11:00 am to 12:30 pm
Location: Meet at 11:00 am at the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Visitor Center, 745 East Hwy. 89, just east of the Exxon station in Kanab. Carpool to the trailhead.

Description: Join others for a short hike to a lovely public land site in a secluded alcove on the UT/AZ border. Once at the site, Ali will guide the group in meditation to connect with nature, followed by a crystal sound bath. Bring a cushion, towel or yoga mat if desired. This event is limited to 10 people. Bring water, wear appropriate hiking shoes and dress for expected weather conditions. Attendees must sign a waivers required by BLM and festival organizers.

Presented By: Bureau of Land Management
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PALEONTOLOGY AND BOTANY HIKE

Date: Sunday, May 10, 2026
Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Location: Meet at 8:30 am at the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument Visitor Center, 745 East Hwy. 89, just east of the Exxon station in Kanab. Carpool to the trailhead.

Description: This guided hike led by a BLM paleontologist and a BLM botanist starts with an easy walk to a set of early Jurassic dinosaur tracks located off of Bunting Trail. Participants are welcome to enjoy the easy part, and then skip the strenuous part of this hike. Please know and respect your ability. A strenuous ascent to the top of the mesa will follow to visit an additional pair of dinosaur tracks, see great views, and a take a short snack break.

On the way to both track locations, we will discuss local plants, geology and paleontology. Wear sturdy hiking shoes, a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and a long-sleeved shirt. Bring at least 3 liters of water and snacks. Hiking poles are recommended for the steep descent from the mesa top.

Presented By: Utah Mountain Lion Conservation
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Website: utahmountainlion.org

LIVING WITH LIONS
Stories from the Field

Date: Sunday, May 10, 2026
Time: 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
Location: Kanab Library Community Room, 374 N. Main St. Kanab, UT

Description: Why are keystone species so important in nature? Learn more about mountain lion biology, their behavior, and how to identify tracks and scat. Hear stories from the field, including up close encounters with mountain lions, kittens, camera traps, and more! Website: https://www.utahmountainlion.org/

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2027!

Would you like to join the Amazing Earthfest team in a rewarding volunteer leadership role? We're looking for you! Please contact our festival director Rich Csenge at rich@amazingearthfest.org

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS SUSTAINER'S

Western Rivers Expeditions • Grand Canyon Expeditions
Joy In Wood Furnituremakers • Willow Canyon Outdoor
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Wendy Pattrick & Kelly Taylor • Steve & Jeanne Hogseth
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Bruce Amundson

Latimer Smith • Cindy Von Halle • Desiriee Beaudry
Bryce Chamberlain • Mislav Kos & Annie Mark
John & Kathy Jefferis • Donna & Gordon Huntsmann
Richard Lane • Ted McGrath • Cathy Moore
Leslie Loeffel • Reed Gleason • Erica Stone
Barbara Andrews • Jeffrey Louden

Night Sky

Presented By: Stellar Vista Observatory
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SOUTHERN UTAH'S STARRY NIGHTS
Awe and Wonder of the Universe

Date: Thursday, May 7, 2026
Time: 9:30 PM – 11:00 PM
Location: Tilted Mesa Trailhead

Directions: From Kanab, go east on US Hwy 89 toward Page, AZ, for a distance of about 10 miles. Go past Johnson Canyon Road and take the first right turn after the bridge over Johnson Wash which is just beyond a corral. Go straight south on an improved dirt road for about one mile to the "tee" and turn left. Go a short distance and turn right. Proceed to the Tilted Mesa Trailhead parking area.

Description: Who has not gasped in wonder looking up into the inky blackness of a sky scattered thick with stars? To facilitate that experience, the Bureau of Land Management, Kanab Field Office, is in the process of identifying a specific location expressly for the purpose of stargazing; a first of its kind on federal lands in Utah!

Learn about local initiatives to enhance appreciation and comprehension for the value of natural darkness and to protect the visibility of the stars. Get an update on southern Utah's newest astronomical observatory being built in Kanab! Gaze at wispy nebulae, star clusters, distant planets and galaxies through an astronomical quality telescope. Space music performed live by **Matt Stewart** and friends will add a special dimension to the occasion!

MUSIC PERFORMED LIVE AT THESE EVENTS!

Studio Musician Matt Stewart

Thursday, May 7, 1:00 pm - Invocation to Sustainability - Peaceful / Meditative / Introspective

Thursday, May 7, 9:30 pm - Southern Utah's Starry Nights – Space

Classical/Spanish Guitarist Julian Harman

Friday, May 8, 6:30 pm - Rainforest Ecology Talk and Film - Central / South American

Saturday, May 9, 4:00 pm - Potluck Social Dinner Party - Mixed Styles

Sunday, May 10, 2:30 pm - Axis Mundi: Order of the Cosmos - Native

Documentary Film and Screenings

Kanab City Library Community Meeting Room, 374 North Main Street, Kanab
Film screenings are free of charge but your generous donations help us present high quality productions like these year after year. Please make a voluntary contribution. THANK YOU!

Thursday, May 7

"THE BIG AND THE SMALL", episode 102 - PBS

Searching: Our Quest for Meaning in the Age of Science

Time: 7:30 PM (58 minutes)
Topic: Ethics

Travel with the American physicist, writer, and social entrepreneur Alan Paige Lightman as he explores humanity's place in the moral universe, highlighting that within the enormous scale of physical existence we live roughly equidistant between atoms and stars. Interviews with the Dalai Lama, a rabbi, and a bio-ethicist offer insights into artificial intelligence, consciousness, and ethical considerations regarding advanced androids. Lightman has served on the faculties of Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology and is currently a professor of the practice of the humanities at MIT.

Friday, May 8

BETWEEN EARTH AND SKY

Nalini

Meet the Film Makers!

Time: 7:30 PM (26 minutes)
Topic: Personal Resilience

World-renowned forest ecologist and science communicator Nalini Nadkarni pioneered the study of rain forest canopies as well as the means of reaching them by adapting the techniques of mountain climbing. She fell fifty feet from a tree and nearly died when her rope snapped on a research climb.

The Big Sky Documentary Film Festival Jury expressed it concisely. This film, "….sublimely captures the inspirational resilience and bravery of forest ecologist Nalini Nadkarni."

Nalini herself will introduce the film immediately following her presentation on the research she is currently conducting.

A RADICAL THREAD

Time: 8:30 PM (70 minutes)
Topic: Homesteading

Set against the dramatic scars of 19th century hydraulic gold mining, follow a back-to-the-land community in the Sierra foothills as they invent national models of sustainability to challenge the economic system and confront the impacts of widely accepted paradigms in 1970's America. Their 17-year collaborative project stitching an 83-foot tapestry visualizes the community's story in twelve narrative embroidered panels. Now, as they face their greatest threat of all, climate-driven wildfires, they pass their collective experience and knowledge of environmental justice to the next generation.

Saturday, May 9

THE LITTLE THINGS THAT RUN THE WORLD

Time: 7:30 PM (105 minutes)
Topic: Insect Ecology

Insects, the most numerous group of animals on the planet by far—three quarters of all species - were the first animals to evolve flight nearly 440 million years ago. They have survived all five of the known mass extinctions since then. But, there is evidence that the pace of decline among insects is fast approaching the levels of previous catastrophes. What is causing this extinction crisis? What can be done to reverse the trend?

Sunday, May 10

AXIS MUNDI - VOLUME 1

(Premier Screening!)

Davd & Chloe

Meet the Film Makers!

Time: 3:00 PM (57 minutes)
Topic: Cultural Astronomy

Axis Mundi, a cultural astronomy documentary film series requiring years of dedicated research, has been in production since 2012, the Year of the Dragon. Every equinox and solstice, the Axis Mundi team explores how celestial "alignments" may have been sacred to ancient peoples around the world. While contemporary society strives for ever more technology, other ways of knowing may be more critical to the survival of humanity. **Acoustic Guitarist Julian Harmon will provide closing music for the 20th Amazing Earthfest. Distinguished guests will be in attendance!**

FOOL'S PARADISE (LOST?)

Time: 4:30 PM (87 minutes)
Topic: Love of Nature

A love letter to our wild—our own inner wild, and the outer wild, this film elicits wisdom from 10 interviews, including a globetrotting photographer, a journalist, a Navajo scholar, an ecotherapist, famed "planetwalker" Dr. John Francis, and experts in mindfulness and climate change. Immersed in their experiences, we delve into topics such as personal action, sustainable business and life practices, nature therapies and how we need and use nature to regenerate ourselves. What can different cultures and histories offer us as lessons for our future? What are some of our most prominent thinkers and creators doing to make change within themselves and beyond? How can we tap into those lessons and experiences both as individuals and communities?

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