

Today's Festival Schedule

Howard's Farm

Filmmaker: Ivan Cash

This film profiles an 86-year-old farmer from Marlboro, NY; the filmmaker grew up next to Howard's farm. Howard passed away in his farmhouse in August of 2015, shortly after the film was finished. 2014. 6:12 mins
Shown at the Woodstock Film Festival in 2015.

Food for Thought, Food for Life

Filmmaker: Susan Rockefeller

Susan Rockefeller's new short film was filmed in part in Columbia County at Hudson Pines Farms, established by Margaret and David Rockefeller. Says Susan Rockefeller, "We want our food fast, convenient and cheap, but at what cost? As farms have become super-sized, our environment suffers and so does the quality of our food. *Food for Thought, Food for Life* explains the downsides of current agribusiness practices, and also introduces us to farmers, chefs, researchers, educators and advocates who are providing solutions." 2015. 20 mins
This film was shown at FilmColumbia at the Crandell Theatre in 2015.

The Perennial Plate Episode 81: Farming State of Mind (NYC)

Filmmaker: The Perennial Plate

Profiles a variety of urban gardening initiatives in NYC. 2012. 7:21 mins

I'm Farming and I Grow It!

Filmmakers: The Peterson Farm Bros

The Peterson Farm Bros are Greg (25), Nathan (22), and Kendal (19) Peterson, and they love agriculture. This is one of a series of parodies they have created, making them YouTube stars. 2012. 3:32 mins

Forward Farming: The Next Generation of American Agriculture

Filmmaker: Cassidy Davis

With the future of agriculture resting upon the shoulders of the next generation, Forward Farming provides a look into the life of a 22-year-old farmer, Wade Benards. The film documents Wade's journey, showing the challenges and opportunities of a young farmer during this crucial time in American agriculture. 2013. 9:04 mins

The Cream Rises: Local, Sustainable Milk from the Hudson Valley

Filmmaker: eatTV

All milk is not created equally. So says Sam Simon, who ditched his career as a successful orthopedic surgeon to start Plankenhorn Farm, a small farm that produces what he calls premium quality dairy products. In the past 30 years, New York State has lost 75% of its dairy farms. With low milk prices, high production costs, and competition from industrialized farming, farm after farm has shuttered. New York still ranks third in the country for milk production, but it's being produced on larger, increasingly more productive farms. Includes footage of Ronnybrook Farm and the Hudson Valley Fresh cooperative. 2012. 5:40 mins

Massachusetts Farm

Filmmaker: Joshua Baum

Farming is a vital influence on the landscape, economy, and culture in the Pioneer Valley of Western Massachusetts. Images collected frame by frame on vivid Super 8mm color film create an expressionistic experience of the shapes, patterns, and textures of local agriculture. Time becomes malleable. The camera emphasizes geometry, plays with light and shadow, and animates inert machinery. 2013. 6 mins
Shown at Films at the Farm (Amherst, MA), Milwaukee Underground Film Festival, and Experimental Film Festival Portland (Oregon) and others.

The Greenhorns

Filmmaker: Severine von Tscharner Fleming

Armed with a camcorder, farmer-filmmaker-activist and former Hudson resident Severine von Tscharner Fleming spent two years criss-crossing America, meeting and mobilizing a network of revolutionary young farmers resettling the land. The Greenhorns is an ode to their grit and entrepreneurial spirit, an exploration of sustainable agriculture, and an enticement to reclaim our national soil. The film is the culmination of over 200 hours of original footage from all regions of the United States, as well as original animation by young urban farmer and artist Brooke Budner and rare agricultural archival footage from the Prelinger Archives. 2010. 50 mins

Panel Discussion

Peter Paden, Columbia Land Conservancy Executive Director, will moderate a discussion with local farmers, including time for Q&A. Panelists include Chris Cashen (The Farm at Miller's Crossing) and Dan Mannis (Common Hands Farm).



Meet Your Maker Reception

Farmers, Filmmakers and Movie Goers:
Join Us At The Pub Following the Final Film

Immediately following the festival, please join us at The Pub (Peint O Gwrw at 36 Main Street) for our annual **Meet Your Maker Reception**. Enjoy complementary snacks featuring local foods as well as a cash bar, and mingle with your neighbors.

Film sourcing and selection:

Mary Gail Biebel, Annie Brody, Jessica Brooks, Tom Crowell, Landra Haber, Heath Iverson, Jeff Lick, and Steve McCarthy.

Save the date!

Annual Farm Tour

Saturday, September 24

Celebrating Columbia County farms and artists. Free and fun for the whole family with farms throughout Northern Columbia County opening their barn doors for tours. Farms include horse, dairy, alpaca, sheep, produce and cattle with farm products and artworks available for purchase. Watch for details on chathamkeepfarming.org/.



Farm Film Fest 8

Sunday, March 13
1:00-4:00pm

Free Admission
Crandell Theatre
Chatham, NY

chathamkeepfarming.org

