

COMMUNITY SCREENINGS OF THE FILM “MORE THAN HONEY” FOR NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK IN JUNE

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(Seattle, WA) – The Meaningful Movies Project proudly announces multiple community screenings of the film “MORE THAN HONEY” in locations around the Greater Seattle area during the month of June, in celebration of National Pollinator Week. All screenings will be followed by the opportunity for community members to engage in conversation about these amazing creatures, other pollinators, their many contributions, the challenges they (and we, their beneficiaries) face, and what we can do about it. Bee resource people will be present at all screenings to answer questions. Some locations will have honey tastings, exhibits, and honey products available for purchase to benefit bee/pollinator organizations. All events are free and open to the public; however, donations will be gratefully accepted to cover expenses.

MORE THAN HONEY is a film on the relationship between humankind and honeybees, about nature and about our future. Honeybees show us that too much stability is just as unhealthy as unlimited growth; that crises and disasters are triggering evolution; and that solutions sometime come from completely unexpected directions. Honey bees appeared on Earth 60 million years before humankind, are responsible for over 80% of plant species being pollinated, and are indispensable to our survival. Along with other pollinating animals - birds, butterflies, bats, beetles and more – honeybees are vital to our delicate ecosystem. But over the past 15 years, due to “Colony Collapse Disorder,” colonies of bees have been decimated throughout the world. Should we blame pesticides or even the medications used to combat them? Parasites? Viruses? Travelling stress? Or a combination of all?

Join us for this outstanding film and a discussion of these fascinating pollinators with some of the people who interact with them on a day-to-day basis. Learn about steps you can take today to save them.

View the trailer here: <http://morethanhoneyfilm.com/>

NATIONAL POLLINATOR WEEK (June 18-22, 2014) is organized by the Pollinator Partnership to address the urgent issue of declining pollinator populations that are vital to our delicate ecosystem, support terrestrial wildlife, provide healthy watershed, and more.

Additional information: <http://pollinator.org/>

All screening events are volunteer-organized by the Meaningful Movies Project, a coalition of community film/discussion groups around Puget Sound dedicated to using film as a tool for education, advocacy, organizing and community building. The Meaningful Movies Project is presenting this in partnership with the Puget Sound Beekeepers Association <http://pugetsoundbees.org/>, The Pollinator Partnership <http://pollinator.org/>, Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs <http://www.wagardenclubs.com/>, Seattle Tilth <http://seattletilth.org/>, Crown Bees/BeeGAP (Gardeners Assisting Pollinators) <https://www.crownbees.com/category/beegap/>, and Kino Lorber Films <http://morethanhoneyfilm.com/>.

“MORE THAN HONEY” will be shown at these EIGHT locations:

Saturday, June 7, 2014, 7:00 PM

WEST SEATTLE MEANINGFUL MOVIES

The New Highpoint Community Center Neighborhood House, 6400 Sylvan Way SW, Seattle, 98126

Representatives of the Puget Sound Beekeepers Association will give a tour of the West Seattle Bee Garden. Doors open at 6:30 for Honey-sweetened snacks and social time.

More information: <http://westseattlemeaningfulmovies.org/>

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Friday June 13, 2014, 7:00 PM

WEDGWOOD MEANINGFUL MOVIES

University Unitarian Church (Knatvold Room), 6556 35th Avenue NE, Seattle, 98115

With representatives from the Puget Sound Beekeepers Association.

More information: <http://www.wedgwoodmeaningfulmovies.org>

Friday June 13, 2014, 7:00 PM

WOODINVILLE MEANINGFUL MOVIES

Northshore UCC, 18900 168th Ave NE, Woodinville, 98072

With representatives from the Puget Sound Beekeepers Association.

More information: <http://www.northshoreucc.org/>

Friday, June 20, 2013, 1:00 PM

GREENWOOD MEANINGFUL MOVIES

Greenwood Senior Center, 525 N 85th St, Seattle, 98103

With representatives from the Puget Sound Beekeepers Association.

More information: shannonm@phinneycenter.org

Friday, June 20, 2014, 7:00 PM

BEACON HILL MEANINGFUL MOVIES

Garden House, 2336 15th Ave. S., Seattle, 98144

With an intro to native pollinators and the Bee GAP (Gardeners Assisting Pollinators) program of the Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs and Crown Bees. Learn about native mason bees, gather resources, see equipment, sample honey & honey treats, receive discounts on merchandise purchased from Crown Bees (BeeGAP partner), door prizes, and more!

More information: <http://www.rockitspace.org/beacon-hill-meaningful-movies.html>, 206.762.1026.

Friday, June 20, 2014, 7:00 PM

FRIDAY NIGHT AT THE MEANINGFUL MOVIES in WALLINGFORD

5019 Keystone Place N. (Keystone Church), Seattle, 98103

With representatives from Puget Sound Beekeepers Association. Join us for a discussion on both honey bees and mason bees, as well as and other pollinators. We'll have an observation hive to look at and other exhibits, as well as honey tasting, honey for sale, a few additional short films, and more.

More information: <https://www.facebook.com/MeaningfulMoviesProject> or <http://www.meaningfulmovies.org/>

Friday, June 20, 2014, 7:00 PM

MEANINGFUL MOVIES in KIRKLAND

Northlake Unitarian Universalist Church, 308 4th Ave S., Kirkland, 98033

With representatives from Puget Sound Beekeepers Association,

More info: <http://www.northlakeuu.org/movies/>

Friday, June 27, 2014, 7:00 PM

SUSTAINABLE RENTON MEANINGFUL MOVIES

Sustainable Renton Office (in the Renton Highlands), 970 Harrington Ave. NE, Renton, 98056

With Aaron Crow, Renton beekeeper; and Mario Luppino, apprentice beekeeper from Seattle Tilth.

More information: https://www.facebook.com/meaningfulmoviesofrenton?ref=br_tf

THE MEANINGFUL MOVIES PROJECT:

The Meaningful Movies Network is an organization of existing and developing community-based film/discussion groups that are committed to using social justice film in conjunction with facilitated discussion on an ongoing basis to educate, organize, advocate and build community, and are committed to supporting one another in accomplishing these ends. Our goals are based in principles of peace, social justice, non-violence and benefit to the community.

The Meaningful Movies Project is a non-profit organization that actively supports The Meaningful Movies Network and its purpose. We advocate for the expansion of community-based film/discussion groups, provide guidance and tools to accomplish this goal, and support the idea that meaningful communication among individuals is the path to a just and peaceful world.

More information is available at <http://meaningfulmovies.org>. Please contact us if you're interested in organizing a group in your neighborhood.

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