

## Don't Miss the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Colorado Environmental Film Festival Next Weekend

Once again, Golden Real Estate is pleased to co-sponsor the Colorado Environmental Film Festival (CEFF), held at the American Mountaineering Center in downtown Golden.

Held next Thursday through Saturday, this year's festival features a record 56 films from 10 countries as well as from local filmmakers. You can see the schedule and buy tickets online at [www.CEFF.net](http://www.CEFF.net).

Opening night (Thursday, Feb. 22nd) is a free "community night," including a reception with drinks and light appetizers, opportunities to interact with local businesses (including Golden Real Estate), a silent auction benefiting CEFF programs, and the screening of **Chasing Coral**. This documentary, which was recently short-listed for an Academy Award, looks at coral reefs around the world, which are vanishing at an alarming rate. Zach Rago, one of the stars of the film, will attend the screening and participate in a Q&A session following the screening. CEFF will also announce its five selected 2018 award winning films at the close of the evening. Reserve your free ticket for Thursday on the festival's website.

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By **JIM SMITH**, Realtor®

Themes for this year's films range from rivers, transportation, and climate change to endangered species, food/farming, and more. Countries submitting films include the United States, Australia, India, China, Mexico, Canada, Costa Rica, Slovakia, Indonesia and Brazil.

Two other features of the festival are a photographic exhibit and an eco-expo. The Environmental Photography Exhibition and Reception have become a much-anticipated part of this annual film festival. The free reception for the photography exhibition happens on Friday night with a keynote address entitled "Pretty Pictures Are Just Not Enough" by Kerry Koepping, Director of Arctic Arts Project. Complimentary drinks and appetizers are served. The exhibition remains on display at the American Mountaineering Center through April 27, 2018.

The Eco-Expo Call2Action is open to the public without a ticket and answers the question, "What can I personally do to affect this issue?" The Eco-Expo features solutions-based organizations focused on environmental issues.



Filmgoers will be exiting the two theaters galvanized to take action on a multitude of environmental concerns presented in the films. The expo hours are noon to 7:30 on Friday and 10 am to 7 pm on Saturday.

Descriptions of all films and their length is at [www.CEFF.net/films-2018/](http://www.CEFF.net/films-2018/). That web page is great, providing filters allowing you to quickly find which films match your environmental area of interest. You can specify short films vs. feature films, Colorado vs. foreign, documentary vs. drama (or comedy, adventure, animation, etc.) as well as 21 different issues (e.g., climate change, GMOs, rivers, etc.).

Half of the 56 films this year are "shorts," ranging from 4 minutes to 28 minutes. There are 16 feature length films ranging from 40 to 93 minutes in length. There are 12 films in the "Youth" category. One of them is a 17-minute film called "Melting Away" by Colorado high school student Liam Watson, whose passion for skiing drove him to explore how climate change may impact his favorite sport.



### Also Next Week: Behind the Scenes Tour of Golden Real Estate

You may recall my Jan. 4 column in which I described the latest steps taken at Golden Real Estate to move our building to (and beyond) "net zero." It involved replacing our gas forced air furnace with a "mini-split" system using only electricity for heating and cooling. Our gas meter has been removed, and now we power and heat our office, as well as charge our electric cars and those of visitors, using only our 20 kilowatts of solar photovoltaic capacity. Without natural gas service, we now consume no fossil fuels, and our Xcel bill is only \$11.79/month.

Next Thursday, immediately prior to the opening of the Colorado Environmental Film Festival, we're hosting a behind-the-scenes tour at Golden Real Estate to explain all the many elements contributing to the sustainability of our business. In addition to the mini-split system, you will see how we use sun tunnels to daylight our office and how we super-insulated our building. Come anytime on **Feb. 22nd, 3:30 to 5:00**. Refreshments will be served.

Our office is at **17695 S. Golden Road**. When you come, bring your white Styrofoam for recycling!

### Carol Milan Joins Our Brokerage

Having grown up in Evergreen and attended the University of Denver, Carol Milan settled with her husband Kevin in Golden to raise their 3 kids. Carol is committed to actively volunteering in the community through her work with PTAs and serving on the boards of the Christian Action Guild and Canyon Point HOA. With many years' experience as a RN and a business developer, Carol brings her knowledge and passion to providing highly personalized service to her clients, and enjoys helping families market their home or find their dream home! She and Kevin have also bought and managed investment properties for 15+ years. You can reach Carol at **720-982-4941** or by email at [Carol@GoldenRealEstate.com](mailto:Carol@GoldenRealEstate.com).



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