

# Environmental Film Festival Opens Virtually This Weekend: See the Films Online!

With Golden Real Estate's commitment to sustainability, it's only natural that we have co-sponsored the Colorado Environmental Film Festival for at least a decade, and we're happy to co-sponsor it again this year.

The silver lining of the Covid-19 pandemic is that events like this are going virtual, making it possible for many more people (including me!) to see any or all of the films at home and on our own timetable. In past years, I was lucky to see even a few of the films, especially since I also needed to man our company's table in the festival's Eco-Expo.

The festival runs from Feb. 12th to Feb. 21st at [www.CEFF.net](http://www.CEFF.net). The three-part mission of the festival, as stated on its home page, is:

**Inspire:** With a growing public awareness for the environment, CEFF aims to increase this groundswell through inspirational and educational films which help motivate people to make a difference in their community.

**Educate:** CEFF's films and programs help people build the knowledge and skills they need to make environmentally responsible choices.

**Motivate:** CEFF wants audiences to be a part of the solution to today's environmental issues and motivates audiences to make a difference in their local environment.

This year's festival has 75 films in 22 collections. You can buy an all-access pass on their website for \$70 (less than \$1 per film), a 5-collection pass for \$35, or a 1-collection pass for \$10.

As I said above, you can view any film at any time during the ten days of the festival, but once you unlock a collection, you need to

view its films within 72 hours.

As in past years, the festival's films include both shorts and full-length films. I'm getting an all-access pass and look forward to seeing as many as possible!

Although most of the films are "on demand," selected films will be live streamed so that you can watch with the filmmaker and an audience and chat about it during the film and exchange comments, like on Zoom, afterwards. These live streams will be archived and can be viewed on demand later.

There will also be live online "lunch and learns" (one of which is a "Vegan Fusion Cooking Demonstration") and the Eco-Expo will go virtual too, with a few live visits to the booths of some of the sponsors and "exhibitors."

There will be an "Opening Night Watch Party" featuring a short documentary on electronic waste and a feature film, "The Story of Plastic." At this event, awards will also be presented for the winning films in each of several categories. Again, if you miss this event, you can stream it later.

The "Closing Night Watch Party" from 7 to 10:30 pm on Feb. 20th is an exception. It can only be viewed live and will not be streamed on demand later. It includes two films, *The Catalyst* and *Beyond Zero*, that you cannot pause or rewind. These are summarized on the website. I'm looking forward to these in particular, since the first one is a 6-minute film about going net zero in a home, and the second is a much longer film about a billion-dollar global energy company that committed itself to going *beyond* net zero by 2020. You can watch a trailer for it on the website.

The festival also has a photography component, and one of the live events (viewable later) is a keynote speech on Feb. 13th by famed photographer Russ Burden, who will show his Serengeti photos.

Of the 22 film collections, several contain films on a variety of different subjects, but there are collections on individual subjects, including: **Climate Change; Colorado Issues; International Issues; Oil and Gas; Public Lands and Parks; Rivers; Solar Power; Wa-**



**ter Issues; and Wildlife.** One collection features various short films.

On the website, you can view the titles of all the films in each collection and read descriptions of many of them.

For the Eco-Expo exhibitors like Golden Real Estate, this year's virtual format is a big win, because each "exhibitor" has a link you can click on to learn about that company or organization. In our case, you click on Golden Real Estate to view a short video tour of the sustainable features which have made our office a true "net zero energy" facility. You wouldn't get that opportunity standing at our booth in the physical exhibit hall.

Other exhibitors you'll enjoy learning about include GoFarm, Metro Denver Green Homes Tour, Citizens Climate Lobby, Luvin Arms Animal Sanctuary, Waste Management Recycling, Population Connection, and Tower Garden by Juice Plus. I'm looking forward to

seeing their videos, because in past years I was too busy manning our own booth to visit theirs!

The festival has always featured films by our youth (18 & under). This year there's a live stream at 10 a.m. on Saturday the 13th called "Filmmaking 101 for Young Filmmakers" (also viewable later). Here's a paragraph from the website: "Any young aspiring filmmaker... can join experts from *Talk to the Camera* for a fun, interactive workshop and introduction to the **CEFF Youth Filmmaker Festival Challenge**. Submit your storyboard to CEFF by Sunday, February 21.... Winner(s) will receive mentoring from a professional filmmaker in 2021 to help you complete and submit your youth environmental film for CEFF's 2022 Festival!"

Visit the Virtual Festival Home for all the details and to buy tickets — <http://ceff.eventive.org> — and enjoy all the 15th annual Colorado Environmental Film Festival has to offer from the comfort and safety of your own home! That web page has a useful calendar showing all the events that are live streamed.

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## Just Listed: 4-Bedroom Half-Duplex in Wheat Ridge

This 4-bedroom, 3-bath home at **6520 W. 34<sup>th</sup> Ave.** is a completely updated half duplex on a quiet cul-de-sac. It has an open floor plan with hardwood floors, wood-burning fireplace, built-ins and a skylight. The kitchen has stainless steel appliances, quartz counter tops, new cabinets and center island. There is recessed lighting throughout the home. All bathrooms have satin nickel fixtures, tile flooring, and tiled baths and shower. The master bedroom is bright and spacious, with a sliding glass door that leads onto a large deck overlooking green space. There are two nice sized bedrooms with a full bathroom and laundry room in the basement, plus an open area that could be anything you want it to be, including a game room, family room or home theater, with room to spare. The front entrance has an open patio and a large covered deck, perfect for your morning coffee or afternoon cocktails. The attached 2-car garage has lots of storage and an exterior entrance door. This home is in a great location offering easy access to shopping. A new roof was installed in 2017. This home was just listed by **David Dlugasch, 303-908-4835**. Look for a video tour and open house information soon at [www.WheatRidgeHome.info](http://www.WheatRidgeHome.info).



## DMAR Reports Average Home Price Rose by \$100K in Last 12 Months

The Denver metro Market Trends Report, released on Feb. 3rd by the Denver Metro Association of Realtors (DMAR), reports that **detached single-family homes** in the metro area set yet another record for average price, exceeding \$629,000 in January. There is a link to download the report on Golden Real Estate's blog, [www.GoldenREBlog.com](http://www.GoldenREBlog.com).



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