

The Colorado Environmental Film Festival Is Back This Week — for Home Viewing

Golden Real Estate is proud to be a sponsor once again of this festival highlighting all aspects of environmental responsibility.

After all, one of the two slogans on every Golden Real Estate for-sale sign is "Promoting and Modeling Environmental Responsibility."

Since 2006, the Colorado Environmental Film Festival (CEFF) has been a flourishing part of Colorado's cultural landscape. It was founded by a dedicated and passionate core group of environmentally minded educators, filmmakers, and supporters who sought to create Colorado's first and only homegrown, international environmental film festival. Based in Golden since its inception, CEFF has entertained, enlightened, and educated thousands of festival goers over the years with hundreds of original and thought-provoking environmental films originating from around the globe. Each year, CEFF carefully curates and presents a new and different catalog of films, encompassing a broad mosaic of topics that always reflects CEFF's cornerstone mission to engage participants to learn about ways to understand, preserve, and protect the environment.

Last year, in response to the pandemic, CEFF successfully hosted and implemented the first fully virtual festival, increasing accessibility and opening up the event to broader audiences around the world. It

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screened a record 86 films, and it added Young Filmmaker Workshops to engage students.

The festival's three goals are to Inspire, Educate and Motivate, and I can personally testify that the films screened each year accomplish all three goals.

You can buy an all-access ticket allowing you to stream all 90+ films, or you can buy tickets to stream one or more of the festival "collections." Each film is assigned to one or more of the following collections:

- ◆ Activism/Environmental Justice
- ◆ Adventure
- ◆ Colorado Films
- ◆ Consumption/Waste
- ◆ Energy/Climate Crisis/Fossil Fuels
- ◆ Water, Rivers & Oceans
- ◆ Wildlife
- ◆ Health/Food
- ◆ Land Use/Conservation

Because this is an international film festival, many of the films are in foreign languages with English captions. Others are in English with closed captioning. For the hearing impaired, there is a separate collection with all the films that have either open or closed captions.

If you're interested in climate change, you'll want to view the 5-part series called **Feedback Loops**, which describes what could also be called "vicious circles" causing the acceleration of planet warming. An example of a "feedback loop" is the

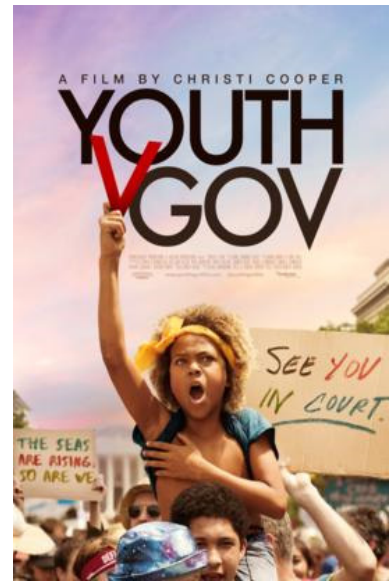
thawing of permafrost which releases large amounts of methane, further warming the planet. Each part of this series is 9 to 15 minutes long.

The **Virtual All-Access Ticket** can be purchased at www.CEFF.net for \$75, allowing you to stream all 90+ films, including 13 world premieres. A **single collection ticket** costs \$10, or you can buy a **5-collection ticket** for \$40.

You have from today (Feb. 24th) until March 6th to stream the films. In addition, there are some live events, including a Filmmaker Q&A on Feb. 24 and 25th, a Photography Keynote Talk on March 3rd, and two free "lunch & learns" from noon to 1pm on March 1st and 3rd. All are free except the keynote, which is included in the All-Access ticket or can be purchased separately for \$10. Order these tickets on the same website.

A paragraph describing each film is available on the website. You could spend an hour just getting to know about each of the films and the filmmakers.

CEFF may be a homegrown Golden event, but it has acquired an international reputation for screening the very best in films and videos



YOUTH v GOV is about more than just a lawsuit. It is the story of empowered youth finding their voices and fighting to protect their rights and our collective future. Hear from the filmmakers live at 7pm on Friday, Feb. 25th!

— and also still photography — related to the environment.

Remember, the films are only streamed for 11 days starting today, Feb. 24th, so get started by visiting www.CEFF.net today!

55+ Communities Get More Attractive With Age

Rita and I recently decided to sell our home and move into **Avenida Lakewood**, a two-year-old community near Colfax and Quail which boasts "Resort Inspired Living" for people 55 or older. (Actually, a spouse can be under 55.)

We were also looking at **Vita Littleton**, but Avenida is closer to Golden Real Estate's office, and I'm not retiring.

But that's the point. You don't have to retire for living in a 55+ community to make sense. The rent for our two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartment with 4th floor mountain views is competitive with a comparable apartment with none of Avenida's many amenities and activities which drew us to sign a one-year lease. And there's no buy-in.

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Jenn Gomer of CarePatrol specializes in helping seniors like us find the community which best fits our needs, and she recommended Avenida to us. (We hadn't heard of it.) If you're in our demographic, I suggest you call her office at **720-675-8308** and discuss what might be best for you. Such communities vary greatly, with some, unlike Avenida, providing "continuity of care," meaning that you don't have to move if your health deteriorates and you require assisted living, nursing home or hospice care.

A Western Slope Escape From High Prices

Kim Taylor's new listing is on a quiet cul-de-sac within walking distance of downtown Cedaredge. If that is not enough, it's just a 10-minute drive to the Gunnison River and 20 minutes to the top of the Grand Mesa for year round recreation! This home has been extensively remodeled — new paint, flooring, countertops, bathrooms with a German soaker tub and tiled walk-in shower, upgraded electrical panel, tankless water heater and hot water baseboard heating.... the list goes on. Want to work from home? There is a private entrance to a large room that could be an office. The roof and exterior paint is just 4 years old. The secluded backyard has a screened in porch and privacy fence and beautiful landscaping (just wait for spring!). The 2 detached garages will hold all your toys, or one can be a workshop with its built-in bench and electrical. See pictures and video tour at www.CedaredgeHome.info then come to the open house on **Sunday, February 27, from 1 to 3 p.m.** Or call Kim at **303-304-6678**.



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