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Sustainable Film Series

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The non-profit Sustainable Lafayette has organized a Sustainable Film Series this summer; *The Economics of Happiness*, a well-made film that argues the benefits of localization over globalization for the average individual, was presented at a screening on June 28. The next two movies will be screened at the Lafayette Library and Learning Center on July 12th and July 26th at 7:00 p.m.

The July 12 movie is *Gasland*, by filmmaker Josh Fox. When Fox was asked to lease his land for drilling, he started asking questions about the safety of the drilling method and especially about the Halliburton-developed drilling technology of "fracking," or hydraulic fracturing. The film tells the story of Fox's cross country odyssey in search of the truth.

The last sustainable movie of the summer, to be presented on July 26, is *Queen of the Sun - What Are the Bees Telling Us?* Most have heard of the phenomenon called Colony Collapse Disorder, from which bees disappear in mass numbers from their hives with no clear explanation. The movie by director Taggart Siegel examines the global bee crisis through the eyes of biodynamic beekeepers, scientists, farmers, and philosophers. On a pilgrimage around the world, 10,000 years of beekeeping is unveiled - highlighting how our historic and sacred relationship with bees has been lost due to highly mechanized industrial practices; the movie also suggests natural solutions to restore our relationship with the bees.

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