



MOSHANNON GROUP NEWS

SIERRA CLUB MOSHANNON GROUP



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Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour Friday, April 11 + Saturday, April 12, 2014

**State College High School
South Auditorium**
650 Westerly Parkway, State College
Doors Open at 6 p.m.
Films begin at 7 p.m.
Different films each night!



Ready to Fly

by filmmakers William A. Kerig and Scott Zeller

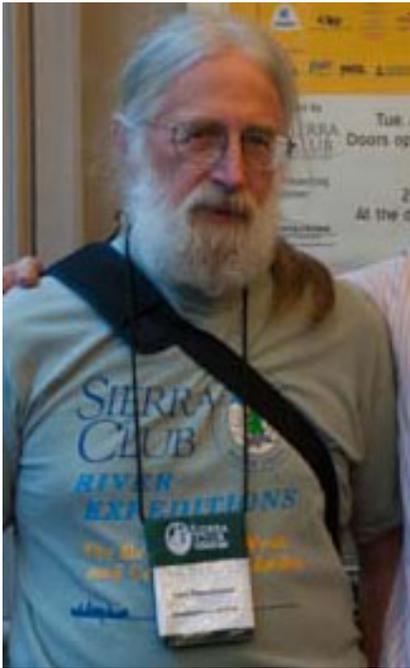
This feature film tells the story of the inclusion of women's ski jumping that first took place at the Sochi Olympics. Full of pluck and determination, a woman battles massive obstacles not only to achieve her dream, but also to help change the world for other women. In an emotional and triumphant journey with more ups and downs than a ski jumping competition itself, Lindsey Van and her colleagues take us along on their 15-year fight to achieve equality in the Olympic Winter Games.



Stand by filmmakers Anthony Bonello and Nicolas Teichrob

With a pipeline proposal always comes talk of what will be gained — but shouldn't we be asking, "What do we stand to lose?" A hauntingly beautiful examination of the people and culture of the Great Bear Rainforest — and the lives of those committed to defending its fragile ecosystems and fjords, one paddle stroke at a time.

For a complete list of this year's films, see the Moshannon Group website. Stay tuned on our Facebook page for upcoming news on our photo contest. Have a chance to win two VIP tickets to the Banff Mountain Film Festival and be entered into the drawing for an exclusive grand prize.
Link: bit.ly/banffstatecollege



Gary Thornbloom

Gary Thornbloom: An Environmental Hero

Gary's involvement with the Sierra Club began over 25 years ago when he was instrumental in founding an organization called "DROP" (Don't Ruin Our Park) to fight against the location of an Army National Guard Helipoint next to Black Moshannon State Park and garnered the support of the Moshannon Group. The State Chapter has deemed him, "An environmental hero" in the Sylvaniaian. Gary was instrumental in "saving" Spring Creek property. While others assumed that the property was to be dealt with in a way that was not in the interest of protecting Spring Creek, he persevered until a satisfactory use was made of the land. For these efforts he was recognized by the Game Commission. Gary is not afraid to take on daunting environmental issues.

As chair of the executive committee, he has guided the Moshannon Group to be one of the most financially viable groups in the State. Gary has produced the Moshannon Group's newsletter and writes "On the Trail" columns in the Sylvaniaian to raise environmental consciousness about the many environmental gems in our area and Pennsylvania.

He is an avid outdoor person who especially enjoys hiking, cross-country skiing and water activities on our public lands. He believes strongly and works diligently to protect our public lands. Hosting the Banff Mountain Film Festival in State College as a fundraiser for the Moshannon Group was his inspiration.

Gary is the epitome of the Sierra Club motto: "Explore, Enjoy and Protect our planet"

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— Thursday March 20, 7PM, State Theatre

A Fierce Green Fire

Sierra Club Moshannon Group will sponsor a showing of **A Fierce Green Fire** on Thursday March 20 at the State Theatre. **A Fierce Green Fire: The Battle For a Living Planet** is the first big-picture exploration of the environmental movement - grassroots and global activism spanning fifty years from conservation to climate change. From halting dams in the Grand Canyon to battling 20,000 tons of toxic waste at Love Canal; from Greenpeace saving the whales to Chico Mendes and the rubber tappers saving the Amazon; from climate change to the promise of transforming our civilization... the film tells vivid stories about people fighting - and succeeding - against enormous odds. The film is divided into five "acts".

Act 1 focuses on the conservation movement of the '60s, David Brower and the Sierra Club's battle to halt dams in the Grand Canyon. Narrated by Robert Redford.

Act 2 looks at the new environmental movement of the '70s with its emphasis on pollution, focusing on the battle led by Lois Gibbs over Love Canal. Narrated by Ashley Judd.

Act 3 is about alternative ecology strands and the main story is Greenpeace's campaign to save the whales. Narrated by Van Jones.

Act 4 explores global resource issues and crises of the '80s, focusing on the struggle to save the Amazon led by Chico Mendes and the rubber tappers. Narrated by Isabel Allende.

Act 5 concerns climate change. Narrated by Meryl Streep.



Children protesting environmental pollution from *A Fierce Green Fire*

Calendar

ALL ARE WELCOME!

OUTINGS

Find the most recent additions to our outings, as well as maps for the outings listed below, on our website — www.sierramsh.org

**Saturday, April 5, 2014
9:30 AM
Bog Walk in Bald Eagle**

Using mostly dual-use trails to approach Old Peat Bog in Bald Eagle State Forest, hikers will walk around this hidden wetland niche that goes largely unnoticed by motorists on their way to Poe Valley parks. Meet at the Ground Oak Trailhead on Sand Mountain Rd, 3 miles off Rt 322 for this 6 to 7 mile loop hike. Pack lunch/water. For more info or in case of questionable weather, contact hike leader, Terri Davis, at nugenie@aol.com or [814-355-3345](tel:814-355-3345).

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING AND SNOW SHOEING

Join a contact list for outings to be scheduled as snow conditions permit. Contact: Gary Thornbloom: bearnob@verizon.net

Spring Creek Clean-up

The Sierra Club Moshannon Group will be participating in the annual Spring Creek Watershed clean-up on **April 26**. As has been our tradition, we will conduct the clean-up using kayaks and canoes. Anyone interested in details or participating, should contact Ron Johnson at greenbowl1@hotmail.com.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All members welcome. First Tuesday of the month, 7PM at ClearWater Conservancy. Call an Excom Member to confirm the next meeting location and date.

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Gary was always interested in learning more and becoming a better leader. He took advantage of workshops and activities that would help him expand his ability to protect the environment and lead the Moshannon Group. Due to his environmental activism, Mayor Elizabeth Goreham called him a “true inspiration” to her. He was instrumental in getting the “Environmental Bill of Rights” passed in State College. Gary served as executive committee chairperson for the Moshannon Group for ten years.

Not afraid to write Letters to the Editor, provide public and written testimony, Gary has been the face and voice for the Moshannon Group and will continue to be active as Land Use Co-Chair of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Sierra Club.

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Saturday, April 5th The Little Juniata River Association (LJRA) will conduct their annual river clean up on. A canoe/kayak float crew will clean the Little Juniata Natural Area (between Spruce Creek & Barree). We will meet at the Spruce Creek Church at 8:30am on the 5th and be done by noon. Breakfast and coffee will be served. Hiker/volunteers are also welcome. And we need all the boats that we can get. If interested, please contact : John Corr at 814 883-2720 email: johncorr51@gmail.com

April 27 10:30 am. Terri Davis and Ernest Boyd will conduct a 2 hour hike at Shaver's Creek to identify wild plants that can be used for food, medicines and teas. Ernest has taught classes on wild plants for 30 years.

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