

On the green screen

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The latest movie in a green film series at the Upcountry History Museum examines the destruction of an Arizona dam and its effects on surrounding biodiversity. So why should you care?

"Even though it does not address our region, it talks about how a damaged or even polluted river can be restored for the community to enjoy," said Kirbie Crowe, special events director for Upstate Forever, one of three non-profits coordinating the Flicks For Thought series.

"A River Reborn: The Restoration of Fossil Creek" will be shown May 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Upcountry History Museum's theater. Admission is \$5 and includes organic sodas and snacks.

"River Reborn" is a case study of the Fossil Creek dam in the Rim Country of Central Arizona. The movie shows the dam's negative effects on its local plant and animal life and then explores the decommissioning of the hydroelectric facility and the habitat's renaissance after its removal.

"This is a good example of state agencies, community groups and different parties working together for the benefit of a river," said Crowe. "There is a lot the Upstate can take away from that."

Frank Holleman, past president of Friends of the Reedy River, will be the guest speaker and will give a short introduction to the film, said Crowe.

"River Reborn" is the second movie in the eight-film series that looks to highlight sustainable solutions for the Upstate. Flicks for Thought will show two films each month until Aug. 21 when the last film, "Southbound" is shown.

The series aims to raise awareness about environmental and organic issues and suggest solutions to those issues in Upstate, said Crowe.

The festival is organized by Upstate Forever, the Greenville Organic Foods Organization and the Upcountry History Museum. Food-related films will be shown at 2 p.m. on the first Monday of each month,

while environmental films will be shown at 7:30 p.m. every third Thursday during the festival (with exception to "River Reborn").

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- For Thursday evening screenings, the museum will reopen at 6 p.m. and the \$5 will cover the cost of admission and the film.
- Call the Upcountry History Museum at 467-3100 for more information.

