



NEW!
WINTER MOVIE NIGHTS
@ THE SIMCOE SENIOR CENTRE

Based on the success of December's event – the showing of the movie, *The 11th Hour*, the Norfolk Field Naturalist's Board of Directors has decided to offer "Winter Movie Nights" in January, February and March, in addition to our regular Speakers Night.

These three hard-hitting and thought-provoking documentaries should help beat the winter blahs and allow for some stimulating discussion and debate on the issues our biosphere faces and how humankind can make a difference.

We hope you'll join us!

Tuesday, January 26th, 2010 @ 7:30 P.M.

Our Daily Bread

Welcome to the world of industrial food production and high-tech farming! To the rhythm of conveyor belts and immense machines, Nikolaus Getz's award-winning film looks without commenting or flinching into the places where food is produced: monumental spaces, surreal landscapes and bizarre sounds - a cold, industrial environment which leaves little space for individualism. People, animals, crops and machines play a supporting role in the logistics of this system which provides our society's sustenance. *Our Daily Bread* is food for thought that just may make you change how and what you eat!

Tuesday, February 23rd, 2010 @ 7:30 P.M.

The Power of Community: How Cuba Survived Peak Oil

When the Soviet Union collapsed in 1990, Cuba's economy went into a tailspin. With imports of oil cut by more than half – and food by 80 percent – people were desperate. This film tells of the hardships and struggles as well as the creativity of the Cuban people during this economic crisis, which they call "The Special Period". The film opens with a short history of Peak Oil, a term for the time in our history when world oil production will reach its all-time peak and begin to decline forever. This fascinating film follows the Cuban transition from a highly mechanized, industrial agricultural system to one using organic methods of farming and local, urban gardens. Cuba is the only country that has faced such a crisis, and this intimate look at their courageous response serves as an example to the rest of the world the power of community.

Tuesday, March 30th, 2010 @ 7:30 P.M.

Up The Yangtze

In China, it is simply known as 'The River'. But the Yangtze - and all of the life that surrounds it - is undergoing a truly astonishing transformation wrought by the largest hydroelectric project in history, the Three Gorges Dam. Canadian documentary filmmaker Yung Chang returns to the gorgeous, now-disappearing landscape of his grandfather's youth to trace the surreal life of a "farewell cruise" that traverses the gargantuan waterway. Singularly moving and cinematically breathtaking, *UP THE YANGTZE* gives a human dimension to the wrenching changes facing not only an increasingly globalized China, but the world at large.