



Friends of Allegheny Wilderness seeks to foster an appreciation of wilderness values and benefits, and to work with local communities to ensure that increased wilderness protection is a priority of the stewardship of the Allegheny National Forest.

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Friends of Allegheny Wilderness to present Wilderness Documentary at Clarion University

Clarion – Interested members of the public are invited to attend a free screening of the 57-minute documentary *American Values, American Wilderness* in Clarion on Tuesday, April 11, presented by Friends of Allegheny Wilderness (FAW). The film will be shown in the Pierce Planetarium on the Clarion University campus at 8:00 pm.

The 2005 documentary depicts a diverse group of Americans, including a teen-age daughter of Cambodian refugees, a children's book author, a cancer survivor, a tribal chairman from the Flathead Indian Reservation, inner-city children, and the late Christopher Reeve, among others, all sharing their values for wilderness.

The experiences and hopes of these Americans are interspersed with photography of some of the beautiful wild lands permanently protected as part of America's National Wilderness Preservation System that have captured their hearts. Places that are protected as: sanctuaries for animals and plants, the source of clean air and water, for physical challenge and spiritual renewal, and as a legacy for future generations. A labor of love for Christopher Reeve, the late actor donated his time and energy to this film, which was one of his last on-screen appearances before his death in of October 2004.

FAW is a Warren-based non-profit wilderness advocacy organization. FAW's mission is to foster an appreciation of wilderness values and benefits, and to work with local communities to ensure that increased wilderness protection is a priority of the stewardship of the Allegheny National Forest (ANF). The ANF is currently undergoing a revision of its long-term management plan, providing an opportunity to protect additional wilderness here.

The screening is free and open to the public. Please contact FAW at 814-723-0620 or alleghenyfriends@earthlink.net with any questions.

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