A greater knowledge of social issues means more effective social action.

Fourth Friday Films offers an inspiring series of solutions-focused films. Each is created to educate, spark conversation and stir the conscious viewer to act on issues of social justice, ecological responsibility, politics and more. This is an opportunity to see that social actions really can—and do—work in the real world.

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> 6:30 p.m. — snacks & socializing 7:00 p.m. — film

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- Free snacks.
- Interesting people.

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October 22 – Changing the Conversation: America's Gun Violence Epidemic

Looking down the barrel at public health prevention: one community at a time. This film explores a radically logical approach to the issue of gun violence, shifting the focus from Second Amendment rights to public health prevention. You'll hear from lawmakers, activists, urban musicians united for change, and members of a quiet town searching for answers after a violent domestic murder-suicide. Directed by awardwinning, FUSM member Janet Fitch, the film offers solutions and hope along with the knowledge that prevention strategies can succeed when driven by data, not ideology. *87 minutes*

November 26 – Renewal

Global warming can make strange but useful bedfellows. This feature-length documentary traces the rise in environmental activism among religious communities throughout America. From within their Christian, Jewish, Buddhist and Muslim traditions, people work together as conscious stewards of the earth and re-examine what it means to be human and how we live on this planet. The film is really 8 short documentaries stitched into a 90-minute whole, documenting that differing faiths can speak to each other and create good from that dialogue. *90 minutes*

January 28 – The Yes Men Fix the World

Watch out Big Business. The Yes Men are here! This is the screwball true story about gonzo political activists who blur the line between comedy and investigative journalism in the style of a Mark Thomas or a Michael Moore. Hell-bent on challenging the ethics and business practices of giant corporations, this group of activists find all sorts of creative and witty ways to expose some of the world's biggest criminals.

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February 25 – Homegrown

Ever wondered what it'd be like to live like "Little House on the Prairie" in the 21st Century? This film is an intimate human portrait of that reality. It follows a pioneering family who transformed their Pasadena, CA single-family home into a micro farm. On a third of an acre — while living off the grid the Dervaes family harvests over 6,000 pounds of produce, makes their own bio diesel, powers their computers with the help of solar panels, and maintains a website that gets 4,000 hits a day. It demonstrates the triumph and satisfaction of sustainable living, along with underscoring the community created by such audacious acts as turning your lawn into a farm.

March 25 – Grown in Detroit

Just imagine... urban pregnant teens farming a decaying city, working, learning and planning for better lives for themselves and their babies. It's not a movie script. It's the subject of this fascinating documentary. Detroit may have a reputation as one of the most impoverished and dangerous cities in the U.S., but this award-winning film exposes a different side: the one where residents are resourceful and create unique solutions such as greening the city and teaching teens to harvest its profits. This back-to-the-roots concept is a simple and effective way for a city to start all over again ... and could be a lesson for the rest of the world.

April 22 – Peaceable Kingdom, the Journey Home

Veganism is often seen as an urban practice. Yet, this riveting documentary explores the awakening conscience of several people who grew up in traditional farming cultures and who have now come to

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question the basic premises of their inherited way of life. Their transformative arcs are presented through a woven tapestry of memories, music and breathtaking accounts of life-altering moments. We watch as they move from being people steeped in and financially dependent on raising animals and their products as commodities to individuals who reject that model. They each come to passionately embrace living as herbivores for environmental, health and compassionate reasons.

May 27 – Dirt! The Movie

Think you know dirt? Take a closer look at the glorious and unappreciated ground beneath our feet. Dirt feeds us and gives us shelter. Holds and cleans our water. Heals us and makes us beautiful. Regulates the earth's climate. And dirt is very much alive. This film tells dirt's story from its miraculous beginning to its tragic degradation. You'll hear from global visionaries who are discovering new ways to repair humanity's relationship with soil. From farmers rediscovering sustainable agriculture to children eating from edible schoolyards, *DIRT! The Movie* suggests ways we can create new possibilities for all life on Earth.

June 24 – Capitalism, A Love Story

It's Michael Moore, right? You can expect wacky clips, newsreel montages, interviews with the bluecollar victims and at least one huge comedy stunt. But, most of all, you can expect a hard-hitting, emotional story that will leave you reeling and thinking. With sheer energy, wit and pertinence, Moore examines the disastrous impact of corporate dominance on our everyday lives. And he comes up with some extraordinary revelations. *127 minutes*

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