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Film Festival Inspires Community Garden Events

MADISON, Wis. – Madison’s *Tales from Planet Earth* community and film festival has inspired Community GroundWorks at Troy Gardens to plan events connected to one of its films, *What’s On Your Plate?*

Troy Gardens serves more than 1,000 children from the Madison area each year, giving them hands-on experience with gardening, food systems, and sustainable production. Anna Zeide, a Community GroundWorks volunteer and event planner, hopes that these upcoming events will let people learn about the “free play environment” at the garden and see what they can do to help.

A discussion following the 10 a.m. (Sat.) Nov. 7 screening of *What’s On Your Plate?* at the Madison Museum of Contemporary Art theater will feature director Catherine Gund and star of the film Sadie Rain Hope-Gund as well as Nathan Larson of Community GroundWorks.

Members of the audience can then follow Tory Miller, chef at L’Etoile, to the Dane County Farmers Market for a demonstration on preparing spring rolls.

Community GroundWorks is asking for donations to help with its new outdoor kids’ kitchen. An online “gift registry” at www.notlong.com/troykitchen allows supporters to donate supplies such as a hand-powered blender, a bicycle-powered mill grain, and rain barrels.

Community GroundWorks at Troy Gardens sees the screening of *What’s On Your Plate?* as a chance to engage the community and get people excited about its work.

“This is not your average film festival. We want to make something happen,” says Zeide.

Tales from Planet Earth, to be held Nov. 6-8 at several venues in downtown Madison, will showcase about 50 films from around the world. For complete details, visit TalesFromPlanetEarth.com.

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