

The Secret Life of Plants at Denniston Hill

is a "food literacy program" where art, food, agriculture, and community food politics intermingle.

Taking place at **Denniston Hill's** organic demonstration garden and greenhouse in Sullivan County, **The Secret Life of Plants** uses films, videos, performances, and workshops to stimulate community dialog about the personal, economic, and social benefits of nutrition, agriculture, and the arts. For the inaugural **Secret Life of Plants Program**, we are pleased to present a series of nighttime, outdoor video screenings. The series will kick off with a viewing of the film **The Secret Life of Plants** and a special set of **Music for Plants** by local DJ Josh Druckman.

All film screenings take place at **Denniston Hill**: 43 Denniston Hill Rd., Woodridge, NY 12789. Space is limited; please RSVP to info@dennistonhill.org. Please bring your own seating (blanket, mat, lawn chair) flashlight, and/or insect repellent. We kindly request that any pets are on a leash and alcoholic beverages be left at home. **Suggested donation \$3.**



June 19

The Secret Life of Plants

by **Walton Green** (1979, 76 min.), 9pm
Music for Plants with **DJ Josh Druckman**, 7:30pm

The Secret Life of Plants film will be introduced by Peter Coffin. Peter is a local artist who has generously donated the greenhouse from his artwork, **Untitled (Greenhouse)**, 2002 to Denniston Hill for use as a functioning cold box greenhouse. In honor of this donation, we will feature a set of music from Peter Coffin's piece **Music for Plants** spun/mixed by local DJ Josh Druckman. The music featured here was made inside the greenhouse for the benefit of the plant's growth.

Spectacular cloud forests, stunning macro and time-lapse photography, and an astounding original soundtrack by Stevie Wonder, **The Secret Life of Plants** is a film dedicated to the exposure of the psychic energies and abilities of plants, celebrating their wondrous connection to the energies of the world, both seen and unseen.



August 7

Our Daily Bread

by **Nikolaus Geyrhalter** (2006, 92 min.), 8pm

"Documentary meets conceptual art..."
—David Jenkins, Time Out London

"In his superb documentary **Our Daily Bread** the Austrian filmmaker Nikolaus Geyrhalter does exactly what Mr. Pollan proposes: he looks. Much like **The Omnivore's Dilemma**, and much like Eric Schlosser's book and Richard Linklater's film of **Fast Food Nation**, this documentary is an unblinking, often disturbing look at industrial food production from field to factory. Mr. Geyrhalter has said that he is fascinated by "zones and areas people normally don't see." His fascination is our gain. **Our Daily Bread** can be extremely difficult to watch, but the film's formal elegance, moral underpinning and intellectually stimulating point of view also make it essential. You are what you eat; as it happens, you are also what you dare to watch."
—Manohla Dargis, NY Times

Note: The generally bloodless slaughterhouse scenes may upset some viewers, and the final scenes show animals killed onscreen.

View video clips from [Our Daily Bread](#)



August 28

Some Like it Raw

by **Andrea Love** (2009, 11 min.), 8pm

An animated documentary chronicling raw milk.

Fresh

by **Ana Sofia Joanes** (2009, 72 min.), 8pm

Fresh celebrates the farmers, thinkers and business people across America who are re-inventing our food system. Each has witnessed the rapid transformation of our agriculture into an industrial model, and confronted the consequences: food contamination, environmental pollution, depletion of natural resources, and morbid obesity. Forging healthier, sustainable alternatives, they offer a practical vision for a future of our food and our planet.

View video clips from [Fresh](#)

Gorzynski Ornerly Farm (Cochecton, NY) is the co-sponsor of **Fresh** and will supply farm-fresh movie snacks for the screening.

Denniston Hill's mission is to create a sustainable environment in which to pursue artistic development through residences, exhibitions, and education programs and foster dialogue across disciplines. Our unique location in the southern Catskills invites site-related investigations from artists, architects, writers, and scholars in the visual arts, literature, architecture, sciences, and the humanities.

The Secret Life of Plants Series reflects **Denniston Hill's** mission to explore new ideas about sustainable development that can be generated through artistic practice.

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