



FILM SCREENING - STEWART UDALL AND THE POLITICS OF BEAUTY

Contact: Falmouth Public Library

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STEWART UDALL: THE POLITICS OF BEAUTY will be shown at the Falmouth Public Library, Main Branch, The Hermann Room, on Oct. 13 2023 at 3:00PM. The screening is free and open to the public. Following the film, documentary filmmaker John de Graaf (<https://www.johndegraaf.com/>) will answer questions from the audience.

The new 78-minute documentary celebrates the life and legacy of former Interior Secretary Stewart L. Udall, arguably the most effective environmentalist in American history. He fought tirelessly for the protection of our planet and its natural beauty and was the first public official to speak out about global warming.

This beautiful film tells the inspiring story of Secretary Udall as an advocate of social and environmental justice, international cooperation, the arts, and most of all, the protection of our shared environment and magnificent natural beauty. The story highlights the bi-partisan success of this unsung hero's efforts, and calls on us all to move beyond the polarization of our time and work together to protect our world's natural heritage.

Udall pushed legislation through Congress mandating clean air and water, wilderness preservation, pesticide restrictions, strip-mining reclamation,, and the establishment of the Wild and Scenic Rivers and National Trails systems, while providing greater self-determination for Native Americans. The film explores the hard choices Udall had to make regarding both the Vietnam War and plans to dam the Grand Canyon, which he helped ultimately stop.

This ground-breaking film goes beyond Udall's accomplishments to explore the values that motivated him, especially his concern for beauty and balance, as expressed in the Navajo concept of *Hózhó*.

"Don't miss this masterpiece!"--Gus Speth, former director, UN Development Program, Dean, Yale School of Forestry, co-founder, Natural Resources Defense Council.