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Columbia Center for the Arts presents the film *My Glass Odyssey* with attending filmmaker John Waterman for the monthly Mt. Hood Independent Film series on August 28th beginning at 7:00 p.m. This evening is slated to be full of gorgeous glass and conversation.

Columbia Center for the Arts warmly welcomes filmmaker John Waterman and glass artists with a reception beginning at 7:00 p.m., film at 7:30 p.m. There will be a Q & A with filmmaker and artists immediately following the film. Andy Nichols glass piece *Spawning Salmon* will be raffled off that evening as well.

A 6 week drive turned into a 6-month journey from glass artist to glass artist, studio to studio. What started out as diversions turned into a cathartic criss-crossing of the United States. He met friends he didn't know he had. This country's glass community carried him from coast to coast. John's uncle worked with his hands. In fact, most of his family worked with their hands. And, after his uncle passed away, he wanted to both run away and celebrate his life. He was a printer, had his own shop, and was his own man.

John had gotten involved in glass blowing a few years earlier, it's was doing 'with his hands' and he had the idea of throwing himself into it. So, selfishly, he packed up his car, joined by his four-legged buddy, Frito, and hit the road. His plan was simple: Drive west and meet a few glass artists along his way to Los Angeles...sunny and seventy-five. Life often deviates from 'plans.'

This film is not rated; Entry is by donation. Columbia Arts is located at 215 Cascade Ave. in downtown Hood River.

http://www.columbiaarts.org/more-arts/2013/8/MyGlassOdyssey.html

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