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## ***Visions of the Wild* Goes Online and Around the World**

**Vallejo, Calif.** — The Visions of the Wild Festival has gone virtual! The annual film and arts festival, held annually each September in downtown Vallejo, will instead host monthly online events starting on September 23.

The series of free programs, which continue into the spring of 2021, is part of a project called 38°N. Because Vallejo sits on the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel north of the Equator, the festival organizers decided to explore art and the environment from the perspective of our latitude. The 38°N project aims to connect with people around the globe who share our passion for nature, culture, and community. The following events have already been announced:

- September 23 (7pm PT) – Authors David & Janet Carle describe their journey around the world on the 38<sup>th</sup> Parallel.
- October 1 (7pm PT) – Global Recycled Plastic Art Challenge – Launch event
- October 21 (5:30pm PT) – Yale University historian Valerie Hansen explores the ancient Silk Road.
- November 18 (6pm PT) – A panel discussion centered on the film *Carvalho's Journey*, which will be available online to registrants a week before the event.

On October 1, the festival is launching the Global Recycled Plastic Art Challenge. The competition is open to youth around the world who live close to 38° north latitude (between the 37<sup>th</sup> and 39<sup>th</sup> parallels). Details are on the festival website at [VisionsoftheWild.org](http://VisionsoftheWild.org).

When public health concerns are reduced, festival organizers will create a 38°N exhibition in Vallejo's Temple Art Lofts Gallery. (Latitude 38.10237, Longitude -122.25686).

*Visions of the Wild* is organized by the USDA Forest Service in collaboration with the Vallejo Community Arts Foundation and a wide range of local partners and sponsors.

Register for the FREE on-line events at [VisionsoftheWild.org](http://VisionsoftheWild.org). Follow the festival on Twitter <https://twitter.com/VizWild> or Facebook: [www.facebook.com/VisionsoftheWild/](http://www.facebook.com/VisionsoftheWild/)

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