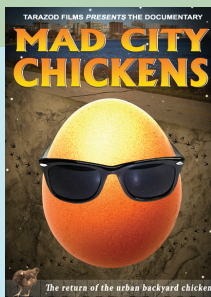


**Monday, April 4 • Noon - 1:20 pm**

**Film and Discussion: "Dirt! The Movie"**

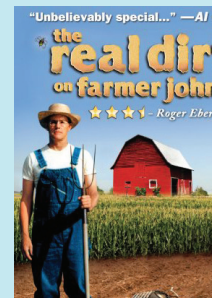
(80 minutes, 2010) An astonishing, humorous and substantial look at the glorious and unappreciated ground beneath your feet. Narrated by Jamie Lee Curtis, it tells the story of humans trying to reconnect to dirt — the living skin of the Earth. Traveling from the vineyards of California to the plains of Kenya, it reveals how repairing our relationship with soil can create new possibilities for all life on earth. *Cuesta College Library, SLO campus, Room 3219*



**Monday, April 4 • 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm**

**Film and Discussion: "Mad City Chickens"**

(78 minutes, 2009) A sometimes serious, sometimes whimsical look at the people who keep urban chickens in their backyards. From experts and authors to a rescued landfill hen or an inexperienced family that decides to take the poultry plunge, the film offers a humorous and heartfelt trip through the world of backyard chickendom. Followed by Q&A with Cambria chicken expert and author Christine Heinrichs. *Cuesta College, North County campus, Room N2401*



**Tuesday, April 5 • Noon to 1:20 pm**

**Film and Discussion: "The Real Dirt on Farmer John"**

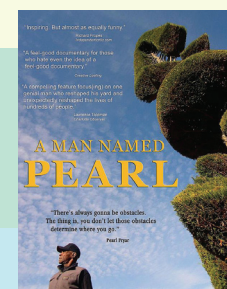
(82 minutes, 2008) The epic tale of a maverick Midwestern farmer — and community outcast, Farmer John bravely stands amidst a failing economy, vicious rumors and violence. By melding the traditions of family farming with the power of art and free expression, this powerful story of transformation and renewal heralds a resurrection of farming in America. *Cuesta College Library, SLO campus, Room 3219*



**Thursday, April 7 • Noon - 1:20 pm**

**Film and Discussion: "The Garden"**

(80 minutes, 2008) A 14-acre community garden in South Central Los Angeles started as a form of healing after the 1992 L.A. riots and grew into one of the largest urban gardens in the nation. But in 2006, bulldozers were poised to level this oasis amid the blight by a selfish landowner bent on building a warehouse. This Academy Award-nominated doc focuses on the growers' dignity, determination and fight to preserve their garden — and what they've done in the aftermath. With Danny Glover and Daryl Hannah. *Cuesta College Library, SLO campus, Room 3219*



**Friday, April 8 • Noon - 1:20 pm**

**Film and Discussion: "A Man Named Pearl"**

(78 minutes, 2008) The inspiring story of Pearl Fryar, a self-taught topiary artist, who transformed his once-average yard into a wondrous garden. Offers an upbeat message that speaks to respect for both self and others, and shows what one person can achieve. *Cuesta College Library, SLO campus, Room 3219*

**CUESTA COLLEGE 2011 BOOK OF THE YEAR**

**FARM CITY**  
THE EDUCATION OF AN URBAN FARMER

Cuesta College is proud to present writer Novella Carpenter on April 6 and her enchanting book that chronicles with grace and generosity her experiences growing crops in one of the toughest neighborhoods of the Bay Area. Her squatter's vegetable garden evolved into further adventures in bee and poultry keeping in a quest for manna: home-harvested honey, eggs and home-raised meat. "Farm City: The Education of an Urban Farmer" has resonated with readers across the nation and closer to home inspired 10 days of films, talks, demonstrations, tours and more that we hope will motivate you.

**WHAT:** Lecture by author **Novella Carpenter**, book signing and reception  
**WHEN:** Wednesday, April 6 • 5 pm - 7 pm  
**WHERE:** Cuesta College's Cultural & Performing Arts Center  
 Cuesta's SLO Campus

**FEATURED WRITER**  
**NOVELLA CARPENTER**

Novella Carpenter grew up in rural Idaho and Washington state. She studied under noted author Michael Pollan for two years while attending UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism. Her writing has appeared on Salon.com and sfgate.com (the San Francisco Chronicle's Web site), and in Mother Jones and Food & Wine. She lives in Oakland.

**NORTH COUNTY CAMPUS Films and Discussions**

**Thursday, March 31 • 3 pm - 9 pm**

**Films and Discussions**  
 Showing at Cuesta College, North County campus, Room N2401

Three compelling documentaries showcasing people who have found inspiration and salvation in their relationships with the soil kickoff this year's Book of the Year schedule.

**"The Garden"** • 3 pm - Chronicles the 2006 battle to prevent a 14-acre community garden in a blighted area of Los Angeles from being turned into a warehouse.

**"Dirt! The Movie"** • 5 pm - Tells the story of humans trying to reconnect to the soil.

**"The Real Dirt on Farmer John"** • 7 pm - Examines the tale of a maverick Midwestern farmer who bravely stands amidst a failing economy, vicious rumors and violence.