



# NVLC News

## Special Banff Film Festival Edition

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## Banff Mountain Film Festival Returns to Truckee Meadows for 8th Straight Year

**-- March 31 at John Ascuaga's Nugget --**

The world's most exciting outdoor adventure films return to northern Nevada for one night only on March 31 from 7 to 10 p.m. at John Ascuaga's Nugget! With seating for more than 1,200, the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour's Truckee Meadows stop is not only the largest night on the tour of all seven continents, it is the biggest annual fundraiser for Nevada Land Conservancy.

Film buffs and outdoor enthusiasts alike will enjoy a selection of award-winning films celebrating mountain culture and sports such as skiing, kayaking, and mountain biking during this three-hour event with five big screens at John



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Ascuaga's Nugget's Rose Ballroom. General admission tickets are \$18 in advance and are available at REI (2225 Harvard Way in Reno) or through John Ascuaga's Nugget ([janugget.com](http://janugget.com) or 356-3300). VIP tickets with premier center seating, VIP swag bag, and a membership to NVLC are \$40, available only through the Nugget. General admission tickets are \$20 the day of the event, but don't wait that long! With only one night of films this year, the event is sure to sell out quickly!



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## NV Energy Funds Washoe Valley Work

A generous grant from NV Energy will partially fund Nevada Land Conservancy's work to protect the remaining 320-acres of the roughly 2000-acre Winter's Ranch in Washoe Valley, a project begun 10 years ago to protect the rural character, wildlife habitat, and water resources of the area. To date, more than 1,500 acres have been placed in public ownership, but the heart of the project, the 320-acres directly in front of Bower's Mansion, still awaits completion. NVLC staff will work with the landowner and the BLM to shepherd the project through the final stages of another Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act nomination for acquisition by the BLM.

The NV Energy Foundation grant of \$10,950 brings NVLC's Washoe Valley Campaign fundraising tally to within \$5,000 of our campaign goal. To contribute, please visit [www.nvlc.org](http://www.nvlc.org) or call Sonya at (775) 851-5180.

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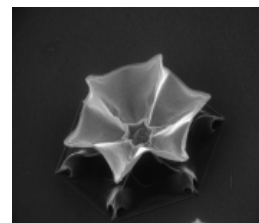
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It is with great sadness that I share the news of the passing of Kirk Odenkrantz, a great friend to Nevada Land Conservancy, valued board member, and loving husband, father, and grandfather. Kirk passed away on September 29, 2008. We will miss him tremendously.

Kirk and his wife, Annaliese, came to Reno in 1979 after his retirement, and quickly made themselves an important part of our community. Kirk and Annaliese Odenkrantz have given their time with countless volunteer hours of board service and field projects, have given financial support to many organizations, and they have given inspiration to the many people who know and love them. The list of local organizations that have benefited from their generosity is lengthy. Nevada Land Conservancy has been able to accomplish significant restoration efforts with their assistance and launch campaigns to finish our work in Washoe Valley and expand our efforts in the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. In addition, they have supported the Lahontan Audubon Society, Food Bank of Northern Nevada, Salvation Army, Sierra Club, The Nature Conservancy, and many, many others. Where people needed a hand, or nature needed a voice, they were always there and ready to serve.

Although we lost Kirk to Parkinson's Disease only a few short months ago, Annaliese continues their tradition of service. She readily stepped up to serve in his place as a Trustee for Nevada Land Conservancy. Kirk and Annaliese's love for Peavine Mountain and the special places of Nevada echo the work of NVLC, and serve to inspire our staff, who like many others, often find themselves harvesting native peavine seeds for plantings at Annaliese's urging, or following her and Kirk's recommendations to ensure successful restoration plantings in burn areas. In fact, many of the trees and plants you see on Peavine bear the handiwork of Kirk Odenkrantz, some hand-planted by him many years ago.

Serving as an example to all of us, the Odenkrantz's generosity has ensured that those in need will have help in times of trouble, and that the solace of nature will be there to soothe those who seek its remedy. Thank you, Kirk, for believing in us, and thank you, Annaliese, for continuing to do so.



*Electron microscope image of a snowflake, part of Kirk's research.*

**Craig Schriber, Chair**

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A special Banff pre-event party across the street at Great Basin Brewing Company runs from 4 - 6:30 p.m. with sneak peeks at some of the films and advance raffle ticket sales. Doors open at the Nugget at 6:00 p.m. with an array of exhibitors, no-host bars, and an incredible raffle of outdoor adventure products and a rafting trip. Films begin 7 p.m. and run until about 10:00 p.m. For more details on this event, please call the Nevada Land Conservancy at 851-5180 or visit [www.nvlc.org](http://www.nvlc.org).



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## Truckee River Noxious Weed Treatments Begin This Spring

Weed control along Truckee River tributaries is slated to begin early this spring to control tall whitetop and thistle infestations, thanks to a Truckee River Fund grant. The work is guided by 2005 and 2007 grant-funded weed mapping efforts used to help create the Truckee Meadows Cooperative Weed Management Action Plan. A contract with Great Basin Institute for tributary chemical control will ensure that the herbicide is used efficiently. Volunteer crews and other work crews will also remove thistle rosettes mechanically with shovels.

Following the removal of weeds, our goal is to restore the landscape with native plants. This weed work will improve the overall soil stabilization and decrease erosion and sedimentation by protecting native habitat and restoring riparian areas.

## Many thanks to our event sponsors who make possible the 2009 Truckee Meadows stop on the Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour!

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# EVENTS CALENDAR

**Tuesday, March 31, 2009: Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour -- Truckee Meadows Stop.** Join us at John Ascuaga's Nugget for an evening of exciting outdoor adventure and mountain culture films. Proceeds benefit Nevada Land Conservancy. Tickets available at [www.janugget.com](http://www.janugget.com) or at REI, 2225 Harvard Lane in Reno. Details: 851-5180 or [www.nvlc.org](http://www.nvlc.org).

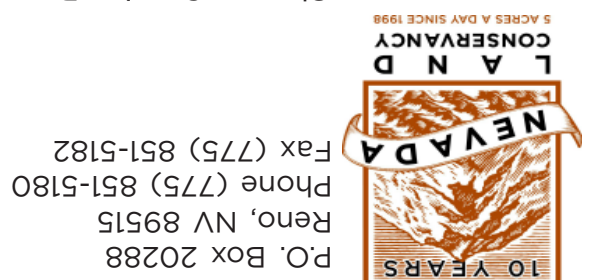


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**Saturday, May 2, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm: Swan Lake Anniversary Event: Clean-Up and Tour of Swan Lake and Silver Lakes.** Join us for a day in celebration of the 10-year Anniversary of the Dedication of Swan Lake Nature Study Area! We'll start the morning with our annual clean-up event, break for a catered lunch for volunteers and a short program, and then enjoy a guided tour of both Swan Lake and Silver Lake with local naturalists. Participants can sign-up for the volunteer clean-up, the tour, or both! Volunteers meet in the Lemmon Valley McDonalds parking lot off Hwy 395 at 8:30 am, then separate into groups to clean up sites around Swan Lake. Please bring water, gloves, dress in layers, and wear a hat or sunscreen. If you have hip waders or boots, we may use you in the wet areas of trash removal. Be forewarned that cleanup participants will be getting dirty! Details: Becky at Nevada Land Conservancy (775) 851-5180.

**Saturday, May 2, 9 am - 11 am: Regional Weed Pulls.** Volunteers are needed for Verdi area and Oxbow Park weed pulls. Please bring water, sunscreen, a hat and gloves. Details: Becky Stock (775) 851-5180.

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