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“KEEPING THE MAY RIVER WILD” TO SCREEN SEPT. 19  
AT SAVANNAH’S GRAY’S REEF OCEAN FILM FESTIVAL

BLUFFTON, S.C. — Greg Smith’s award-winning short documentary about the plight of wildlife in Bluffton’s unique tidal environment, “Keeping the May River Wild,” has been selected for inclusion in the Gray’s Reef Film Ocean Festival. Leading off a series of short films gathered under the heading of “Around Our Region,” the 24-minute multimedia project is set to screen at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 19, in Savannah College of Art and Design’s Trustees Theater at 216 E. Broughton Street.

Smith, a 26-year Bluffton resident, photographer, writer and producer, spent several years completing the project as part of his 2009 Master of Arts in Visual Communication degree from Ohio University. The documentary was cited among the Best of ASMP (American Society of Media Photographers) 2009 and received the Southern Lens Award at the 2010 Beaufort Film Festival. It also screened at the 2010 Macon Film Festival, has appeared on the Beaufort County Government Channel and is set to air this fall on SC-ETV. In addition, Smith has shared the documentary with a variety of clubs and groups, both local and more distant.

“My pictures, audio and video aim to tell a story close to my heart,” Smith says. “When those who truly know the subject and craft want to share this tale with others, I’m deeply honored. To be included in the Gray’s Reef Festival means a great deal to me.”

Admission is free to the Gray’s Reef Film Ocean Festival, which will fill the Trustees Theater Sept. 17 through 19. Sponsored by the Gray’s Reef National Marine Sanctuary, the festival’s mission is to use “films to explore the beauty of the sea, the complexity of the marine ecosystem, the creatures that inhabit it, our maritime heritage, and humankind’s relationship with the oceans and the environment in a positive, healthy, family-oriented format.”

Smith remains available to share his documentary, his thoughts and his professional services. To learn more, view a short trailer of “Keeping the May River Wild,” order DVD copies, and view galleries of Smith’s wildlife photography, please go to [www.imediasmith.com](http://www.imediasmith.com).

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