

SLOW AND STEADY SINCE 2013

JUNE 13th - 15th

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The theme for this years' festival and symposium is Community Engagement,
Storytelling & Conversations. Our storytellers and guests will shine a light on how they engaged communities to tell stories and encourage conversations about relevant social issues.

Free admission to all event activities. This year will be a hybrid event taking place in Fredericton, New Brunswick at UNB Memorial Hall and on Zoom, except CHELSEA EATS which will be an in-person event only.

TUESDAY JUNE 13, 2023

7:00 pm AST - Welcome & Acknowledgements
DOCTalks President: Gary Weekes

7:10 pm to 9pm AST - Six Primrose

Six Primrose is an award-winning feature-length documentary film which chronicles the dramatic impact that access to healthy food, a social network and empowering programs have on individual lives and communities as a whole. Following the film screening we will be joined in a conversation with the filmmakers, John Hillis and Hannah Minzloff, and several members of community food centers in the Fredericton area.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 14, 2023

12:30 pm AST – Collaborating in a Community of Creators

David Borish, Ph.D, is an academic researcher and documentary producer and in this panel discussion, he will share his insights about collaborating with indigenous communities in Labrador to mobilize traditional knowledge. This panel discussion is part of the 2023 DOC Atlantic Conversations Series presented in June 2023 by the Documentary Organization of Canada Atlantic Chapter, Lunenburg DOC Festival and DOCTalks Festival & Symposium.

2:30 to 4:00 pm - Digital Storytelling Project

In a world where there is a growing gulf between younger and older generations, the Digital Storytelling Project seeks to connect the two through community engagement, stories and conversations. Dr. Clive Baldwin (Social Work) and Dr. Linda Caissie (Gerontology) from St. Thomas University will discuss the Digital Storytelling Project along with six short film screenings.

7:00 to 9: 00 pm AST - SAYING GOODBYE-Preparing for Death

With COVID and an aging population, death has become a constant fear and a reality of life, so the documentary SAYING GOODBYE - Preparing for Death is a timely film about death and dying. Following the film screening we will be joined by the film director, Johanna Lunn, and Karen Lake, RN and Anne Marie Hartford, co-founders of Death in Education (DIE), which host Fredericton's Death Cafe and other educational events.

THURSDAY JUNE 15, 2023

12:30 to 2:00 pm AST - Loyalist Connection Project

The Loyalist Connections Creative Society is committed to building self-esteem and identity within Black communities by educating and documenting the historic resourcefulness and entrepreneurial spirit of our ancestors, so as to dispel racist historical narratives and address anti-racism. Laurice Gabriel Downey, Graham Nickerson, Shawn Smith and others associated with the Loyalist Connections Creative Society will be on hand to discuss their knowledge documentation and dissemination initiative.

2:30 to 4pm AST - CHELSEA EATS: Universal Basic Income Project

The COVID pandemic sent the City of Chelsea Massachusetts spiraling into chaos and to address incomes dropping to zero overnight, they initiated CHELSEA EATS, the largest basic income pilot project in American history. During this panel we will watch Raising the Floor documentary film and will be joined by the film director, Sabrina Avilés, and others associated with universal basic income programs in Canada.

7:00 pm AST – BUILDING ART The Life & Times of James Charles Dumaresq

Fredericton Heritage Trust has been preserving historically important buildings from the wrecking ball since 1972. Some 50 years later the Trust will engage the public with a film screening and talk, BUILDING ART: The Life & Times of JC Dumaresq, about an architect whose buildings include: New Brunswick Legislature, Charlotte Street School (now an art centre), York Street School (now a condominium) and many more. Join the Trust and documentary guests to screen a few episodes and discuss

the importance of heritage preservation.