

***El Cine Cubano* Film Series kicks off on Sundays, September 22 and October 20 from 3-5pm**

Bozeman Public Library Large Community Room

Join Gallatin Valley Friends of Cuba for a free monthly film series that will explore Cuba's culture, music, ecology, history, people and relationships with the United States and globally. Starting Sunday, September 22 from 3-5pm, we'll screen Cuba: The Accidental Eden, with discussion following.

This 60-minute documentary examines how, for decades, Cuba's wild landscapes lay untouched while its Caribbean neighbors poisoned or paved over their ecological richness. Now, with the growth of tourism and some opening to travel, Cuba's priceless treasures are about to face an onslaught if the US trade embargo ends. What will happen to Cuba's stunning biodiversity? Are there sustainable forms of tourist development in Cuba's future? And what can Montanans learn and exchange with our neighbor nation to the South?

The monthly *El Cine Cubano* Film Series will continue at the Bozeman Public Library Community Room on Sunday, October 20, with the screening of The Buena Vista Social Club. A beloved musical and cultural story of the re-discovery of Cuba's classic *son* and folkloric musical traditions, Buena Vista Social Club also features the Grammy award-winning musicians and is produced by Ry Cooder.

Join recent travelers to Cuba who will discuss their experiences and share ways to see Cuba's myths and realities for yourself. Gallatin Valley Friends of Cuba is bringing together Bozeman area people who have or want to travel to Cuba as well as those who are interested in citizen diplomacy projects, people to people connections, possible Sister City and general education and organizing work. Fundamentally, we are all about building bridges between the people of Montana and Cuba. And promoting free exchange of travel and ideas between both the US and Cuba.

El Cine Cubano Film Series programs are free and the public is welcome. Co-sponsored by the Gallatin Valley Friends of Cuba and the US Women and Cuba Collaboration. More information: www.womenandcuba.org