



**TEXAS GOLD**

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## **TEXAS GOLD LAUNCHES FILMMAKER'S QUEST**

### **An Unreasonable Woman takes on the most polluted place in America**

**Sonoma, California April 2006** – Texas Gold, an award winning short documentary film about one woman's fight in the most polluted place in America will screen at Sonoma Valley Film Festival on Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and April 9<sup>th</sup> @7pm at the house of docs in Sonoma, California. "Texas Gold follows the story of Diane Wilson, a fourth generation fisherman and mother of five who believes that putting one's life on the line is when real change happens," says Bay Area filmmaker Carolyn Scott.

"Diane began her life of environmental activism in 1989 after learning that her small Texas county had been named the most toxic place in America," says Scott. This revelation along with a mass die off of dolphins along the Gulf Coast and the slow death of her once thriving fishing community propelled Diane to take bull-dog like action.

"We sit on the edge of a global ecological crisis, yet most Americans don't know it," says Scott. "Diane Wilson represents a growing number of self proclaimed "Unreasonable Women" who work round-the-clock to find solutions to this crisis."

Texas Gold places us smack in the middle of Diane Wilson's quest to stop polluting industries from destroying the air, water and earth around us. Emotionally raw and spontaneous, the film captures Diane in action on one of her many hunger strikes, talking with Lucky Bucky, a former fisherman—rail-thin and riddled with cancer and illegally chaining herself on the top platform of a Dow Chemical water tower. This last action landed Diane a six month jail sentence. Her decision to bottle water from a local government designated Superfund Site and sell it back to the business men who created the murky polluted water—Texas Gold— reveals even more about the humor, heart and soul of this extraordinary woman. Actor and Bay Area resident Peter Coyote narrates the film along with a Texas Gold bottled water commercial.

Conceived as an eco-detective story with a fair amount of humor and a sense of adventure, Scott has crafted her first film in the ambitious *Quest To Save Turtle Island* documentary series. The Quest series portrays the lives of sixteen extraordinary women activists from around the world who work to find solutions for the global ecological crisis. Scott's next film in this series features the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize Recipient Wangari Muta Maathai.

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Texas Gold premiered last fall at The Palm Springs International Film Festival of Shorts on Sept. 23 and was selected for their BEST OF FEST. Winner FOR BEST DOCUMENTARY at the New York City Short Film Festival and on tour with the BEST FILMS 2006 with both the Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival and Austin Texas Screen Door's BEST OF FEST. The film is screening around the country to enthusiastic audiences. Please see the film's website for more information <http://www.texasgoldmovie.com>

Texas Gold credits include Carolyn Scott, Director, Writer and Producer, Academy Award nominated Director and Cinematographer, Vicente Franco, Peter Coyote narrates the documentary and the film includes his sardonic commercial for the toxic water Diane is bottling in her polluted bay. Stamatis Marinos, Writer and Editor, Patricia Pagaling, Co-Producer, and Patsy Northcutt, Line Producer.

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