



# Hands Across the Hills

Leverett MA / Letcher County KY

## Appalachian Film Night

Monday October 2, 2017

Leverett Library 6:30-9:00 pm FREE

*Presented by the Leverett Alliance as we educate ourselves to host Kentucky visitors for cultural exchange and dialogue Oct 27-29*

### **Stranger with a Camera** Shown on PBS's P.O.V.

In 1967 a crew filming a documentary about poverty in Appalachia was confronted by a landowner, who shot and killed the filmmaker. Over thirty years later another filmmaker Elizabeth Barret, born in Letcher County KY, weaves a tale of a complexly motivated crime with an insightful exploration of how the media affects the communities it chronicles.

"A provocative moral inquiry but also a vivid portrait of a place and time."

**The New York Times**

### **Strangers & Kin**

This film traces the evolution of the "hillbilly" image through Hollywood films, network news and entertainment shows, dramatic renderings of popular literature, and interviews with contemporary Appalachians to demonstrate how stereotypes are created, reinforced, and often used to rationalize exploitation. Strangers and Kin suggests how a people can embrace modernity without becoming "strangers to their kin."

"Any society is diminished when one of its segments is stereotyped or exploited. Viewing Strangers and Kin is not a provincial exercise. It is part of our growth as a viable democracy."

**Wilma Dykeman, author and historian**

*Each film runs approximately one hour. There will be a short break for snacks and conversation between films.*