

## Movie Night at the Grange – 3/29/2013

Join us this Friday night at 7pm at the Aromas Grange Hall for a showing of “The Real Dirt on Farmer John.” (No potluck this time! But local snacks will be served!)

This is an entertaining film about the life of a **maverick Midwestern farmer**. An outcast in his community, Farmer John bravely stands amidst a failing economy, vicious rumors, and violence. This is a powerful story of transformation and renewal, melding the traditions of family farming with the power of art and free expression.

With the death of his father during the late 60s, a teenaged John takes over the traditional family farm, slowly turning it into an experiment of art and agriculture, making it a haven for hippies, radicals and artists. This idealistic era ended with the farm debt crisis of the 80’s, bringing about the tragic collapse of the farm.

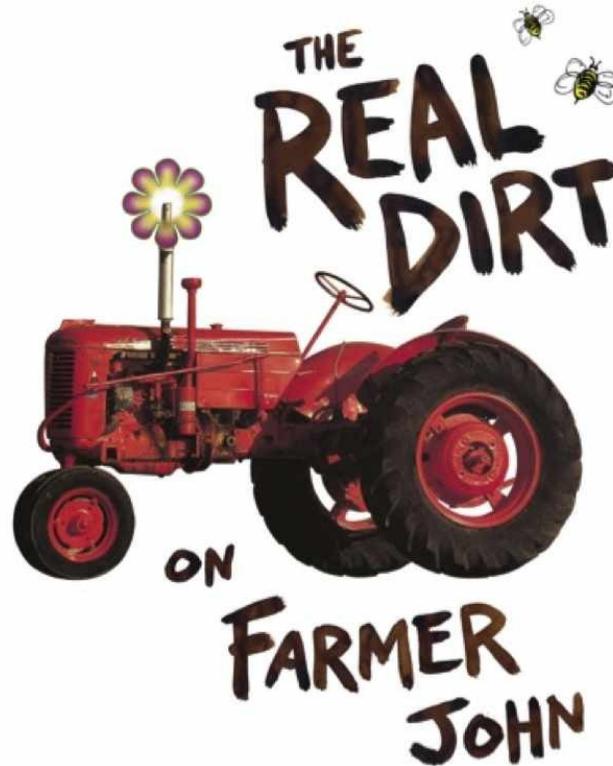
As rural America unravels, vicious local rumors turn John into a scapegoat, condemning him as a Satan-worshipping drug-dealer. Threatened with murder, his home burned to the ground, John leaves his farm and wanders through Mexico, where he is transformed by the soulfulness of this ancient land. Mysteriously, his quest leads him back to his hostile homeland.

Defying all odds, he gradually transforms his land into a revolutionary farming community, where people work and flourish providing fresh vegetables and herbs to thousands of people every week. The Peterson family farm has become Angelic Organics, one of the largest Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) farms in the United States, a beacon of today’s booming organic farming movement.

Director Taggart Siegel made the film in a most unusual way – shooting farmer John Peterson over 25-years of their evolving friendship, and using multiple media, from 8 mm home movies shot on the farm in the 50’s and 60’s to modern video — allowing him to capture his alternately humorous, heartbreaking and spirited life with raw drama and intimacy.

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