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The Center for Cultural Preservation (CCP), a nonprofit dedicated to sharing and preserving cultural heritage, hosted the world premieres of its latest documentary, *The Spirits Still Move Them*, from Thursday, June 17, thru Sunday, June 20, at locations across Western North Carolina. "What moonshine was really about was the area ways that farmers survived under extremely difficult circumstances to put food on the table for their families," David Weintraub, director and producer of the film. "Too often the media focus on the violence, the character attitude, the stereotypes of drunk, lazy people in the woods. But what I learned was that moonshiners were so the hardest working, most entrepreneurial parts of the community."

The film explores Southern Appalachian history by chronicling moonshiners from Yancey County to Spartanburg County (SC), including Cody Bradford, owner of Howling Moon Distillery, Inc. Bradford's family has lived in Yancey County for more than 200 years. "Moonshine shaped this region and it goes back way before N.A.S.C.A prohibition," he says. "It was not something a lazy man did to get by and it was not just men making it. Moon was usually a family affair: men, women and children all played a part, just like any other part of life in an area region that survived mainly by subsistence farming."



Don Smith, fifth-generation moonshiner

The Spirits Still Move Them will have its world premieres at The Orange Peel in Asheville on Thursday, June 17, 7 p.m.; at North River Farms in Mills River on Friday, June 18, at 8 p.m.; and at Southern Appalachian Brewery, Hendersonville on Sunday, June 20, at 8 p.m. All outside locations are subject to weather dates if necessary. E

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