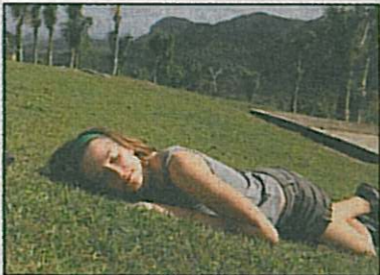


Bits 'n' Pieces



Clark College alumna Aimee Friberg presented a short film at the International Festival of the New Latin American Cinema in Havana, Cuba.

Filmmaker's dreams come into focus

A year ago, former Vancouver resident Aimee Friberg set a New Year's "intention" to participate in an international film festival before the end of 2008. In December she met that goal, traveling to Havana, Cuba, for the International Festival of the New Latin American Cinema.

There Friberg, who lives in Berkeley, Calif., curated a series of experimental films called "Imagining Now" and screened her short film, "Mathematics for Plants."

"It was an honor to be brought up as a representative of North American experimental film," said Friberg, 29.

Friberg's exhibiting experience began in Clark County. She studied photography at Mountain View High School and Clark College before moving to Seattle to earn a bachelor's degree in interdisciplinary visual arts. It was there she became interested in video art and film. Friberg's passion for art then took her to San Francisco, where she worked at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art until resigning to focus on her craft.

Friberg already has her 2009 intentions planned, and they include growing her freelance photography business; submitting "Mathematics for Plants" to other festivals; bringing emerging artists to Gallery Extraña, her and her boyfriend's art gallery; and fronting the band Beno+Minnie.

The Havana film festival may have been her first international screening, but it won't be her last, Friberg said.

"It's just the beginning."