

Travel film programs eyeing foreign countries

The Community House 1980-81 Travel Film series will offer 10 programs, beginning with "Bravo Portugal" on Oct. 31-Nov. 1, in Birmingham.

The all-color travel adventures are presented at 8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays at The Community House, Bates and Townsend. Tickets are available in advance or at the door.

The series was originated by master of travel films, the late George Fierro. It brings the nation's leading photographers/lecturers to narrate each film.

Season tickets at \$27.50 for all 10 film programs represent a savings over the individual ticket price of \$3.25.

Seasoned travel photographers Lisa Chickering and Jeanne Porterfield will bring their new film "Bravo Portugal" to open the series. Viewers will see Portugal by day and night — castles, pageants, colorfully decorated gondolas, Roman ruins, resor beaches, the Festival of the Trays, and even the last race of the majestic Tall Ships.

"The Netherlands" comes alive on the big Community House screen Nov. 14-15 with Russ Potter narrating. The audience will visit Volendam and Amsterdam; take a boat ride through the winding canals and colorful garden houses; share a merry Christmas evening; and see the Keukenhof Gardens and a cheese market in this land of contrasts.

Frank Kilear will bring his film on "India" to The Community House on Dec. 5-6. Kilear is noted for his informative narration sprinkled with humor, as well as authentic sound effects recorded on location.

"India" will show cosmopolitan Bombay, the Gateway to India; ancient Hindu and Buddhist culture; green hills and golden sands; the temples and soaring towers; village life and bright silks of Mysore; princely palaces and serene Udaipur, Jaipur, and the garden of Shimla.

Just when the weather turns cooler, photographer Bill Madsen will take armchair travelers to a warmer place on the globe, in "Rare Jewels of the Mediterranean," Jan. 9-10.



Kopchi tribesmen appear in Chris Borden's film, "Afghanistan."



England's most picturesque village, Castle Combe, is shown in Jonathan Hagar's color travel film "London to Land's End."

Gibraltar, the Balearic Islands, Spain, Majorca, Crete, Lebanon, Sicily, Tunisia and Morocco will all be seen through the eyes of this photographer.

Viewers will go from "London to Land's End" with narrator Jonathan Hagar on Jan. 23-24.

Sequences will take the audience from Piccadilly Circus and Windsor Castle to Stonehenge, Salisbury, Coventry, Clovelly, Polperro and St. Ives.

This in-depth adventure film even captures the axles ablaze with colors, the cots and charm in picturesque villages, a swan roundup on the Thames and, of course, close-ups of the Royal Family.

The Community House invites viewers to come along on a wintertime cruise to the sun in "Cruise Caribbean Islands" on Feb. 6-7. The film is shown through the camera lens of Dennis Glen Cooper.

The photographer has crossed and re-crossed the Caribbean, filming these islands, plying the azure sea waters on the newest cruise ships. The Dutch islands of Curacao and Aruba, the spice island of Grenada, the British island of Barbados, the very French island of Martinique, the American Virgin Islands — St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John, the Spanish island of Puerto Rico, intriguing Jamaica, bustling Nas-

sau, and the mysterious country of Haiti are all part of call.

Photographer John Roberts will show and tell all about "The Majestic Rhine" on Feb. 20-21 when he brings his film to The Community House.

From its beginnings in Switzerland's alpine heartland until it flows into the North Sea and becomes the subject of legends, the majestic Rhine teems with barges, boats and pleasure craft. It is bordered by bustling cities and industry, quaint villages, vineyards, castles perched in storybook settings, and magnificent cathedrals.

Among highlights of "The Majestic Rhine" are visits to the Swiss Alps; Strasbourg with its old-world French charm; Breganz and a colorful festival on the lake; Basel, the bustling port in Switzerland; and Cologne, home of one of the most magnificent cathedrals in the world.

"Denmark" is the pictorial subject offered March 6-7, with photographer Ric Dougherty narrating his film on this fairytale country.

The audience will visit Copenhagen and Tivoli Gardens; the island of Bornholm, boasting more sun than any other part of Denmark. Viewers will

stay in an ancient inn, sail the royal yacht, relive the Viking era during a mid-summer Viking Saga on Jutland; and stop at interesting plateaus and quaint old villages.

The mysterious world of "Afghanistan" comes to life on the big screen March 20-21, with photographer Chris Borden telling his audience about this fascinating country.

For an informative brochure describing each film program in the 1980-81 Travel Film Series, interested persons should call The Community House at 644-5832.

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