How it works:

On Oct. 7, we will announce a theme, a line of dialogue and an object that will be needed to be included in each submission, e.g. Autumn winds blowing, "That's too much" and a cricket bat. After this announcement is made, filmmakers will have 48 hours to create their 3-5-minute film.

On Sunday, Oct. 9, filmmakers will submit their finished product and, over the next several days, they will be viewed by a panel of judges who will determine the overall winner and runner-up.

On Saturday, Oct. 15, all submissions will be screened at the GST, at which time the winner and runner-up will be announced. In addition, a special People's Choice award will be selected based on audience vote that night.

Official rules:

All footage must be shot within the official time period (5 PM Oct. 7 – 5 PM Oct. 9), and no stock footage or footage shot or created at another time may be used. We recommend organizing a cast and crew, and securing equipment and locations in advance.

Opening credits are not encouraged, but if you use them, they are considered to be part of the film, and therefore count against the five-minute maximum. End credits can be no longer than 60 seconds, and do not count against the five-minute maximum. (That is, a film may be 5 minutes long, with an additional 60 seconds of credits, for a total running time for 6 minutes.)

How to submit your film:

All films must be submitted by 5 PM on October 9th. Submissions can be dropped off at the Museum front desk on a USB flash drive, or shared via Dropbox folder to dstief@peoriariverfrontmuseum.org. Video format must be .mov, .mp4, or .avi. -- The higher the resolution, the better.