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“Sweet Home Monteverde” Wins Award in Accolade Global Film Competition

(Boulder, CO, 6/7/2020) – Robin Truesdale of Two Hands Films has won a prestigious Award of Merit from *The Accolade Global Film Competition*. The award was given for her direction of *Sweet Home Monteverde*, a documentary film that focuses on a small group of Quakers who emigrated to Costa Rica in 1950 as the U.S. prepared to enter the Korean War. The film follows them to a mountaintop village they name Monteverde and documents their environmental stewardship, their creation of the largest cloud-forest reserve in Central America, their pioneering work on ecotourism, and their early clarion calls to fight climate change. Their legacy of activism is passed down to succeeding generations.

“The stories told by these remarkable elders are timeless. Their beliefs about war, peace, and environmental protection are as relevant today as they were seventy years ago. And seeing the younger generations continue their legacy is really inspiring,” said Robin Truesdale. “This film has been seven years in the works, and the content is more important now than ever. Producer Bill Adler and I are really proud that this community trusted us to share their message with the world.”

The Accolade recognizes film, television, videography and new media professionals who demonstrate exceptional achievement in craft and creativity, and those who produce standout entertainment or contribute to profound social change. Entries are judged by highly qualified professionals in the film and television industry. Information about the *Accolade* and a list of recent winners can be found at www.accoladecompetition.org.

In winning an *Accolade*, Truesdale joins the ranks of other high-profile winners of this internationally respected award including the Oscar winning production of *The Lady in Number Six* by Malcolm Clarke, the very talented Dave Bossert of Disney for his short documentary, *The Tunes Behind The Toons*, Hollywood industry veteran Ron Howard for *When You Find Me* and Highwire Films Australia for their popular ABC TV series *twentysomething*.

Rick Prickett, who chairs *The Accolade Global Film Competition*, had this to say about the latest winners, “*The Accolade* is not an easy award to win. Entries are received from around the world from powerhouse companies to remarkable new talent. *The Accolade* helps set the standard for craft and creativity. The judges were pleased with the exceptional high quality of entries. The goal of *The Accolade* is to help winners achieve the recognition they deserve.”

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