

39th Annual Insect Fear Film Festival



The 39th “Venomous” Annual Insect Fear Film Festival (IFFF) will be held on **Saturday, February 26, 2022**. It will be hosted by the Entomology Graduate Students Association in the Department of Entomology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. This year’s festival will be online via Zoom. **Registration is required but FREE. Activities will begin at 5 pm CST, and film introductions will start at 7:30 pm.** This year’s festival will feature a special presentation from Justin Schmidt of the famous [Schmidt sting pain index](#), along with a virtual insect petting zoo, venomous insect Bugscope, a virtual tour of the Illinois Natural History Survey insect collection, bee ventriloquism, insect crafts, and a virtual gallery of the annual IFFF art contest featuring insect-themed

artwork by local K-12 students.

This year, as befits our Zoom format, a program featuring animated and live short films and clips from feature-length films will be presented. Clips will be shown in three groups--first, stings as exaggerated comic plot elements; next, reactions to stings, including anaphylaxis, as humorous, dramatic, or horrific highlights; and, finally, shorts revealing the scientific reality of venom and venomous insects, including potential beneficial uses of arthropod venom. Venom usage among arthropods can vary greatly--honey bee workers sting as a means to protect themselves or their colony, while predatory wasps use their venom to paralyze their prey to feed to their larvae. We will even be featuring a live stinging demonstration to highlight the fascinating process of venom delivery. Come and feel the virtual burn!

Festival Registration



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