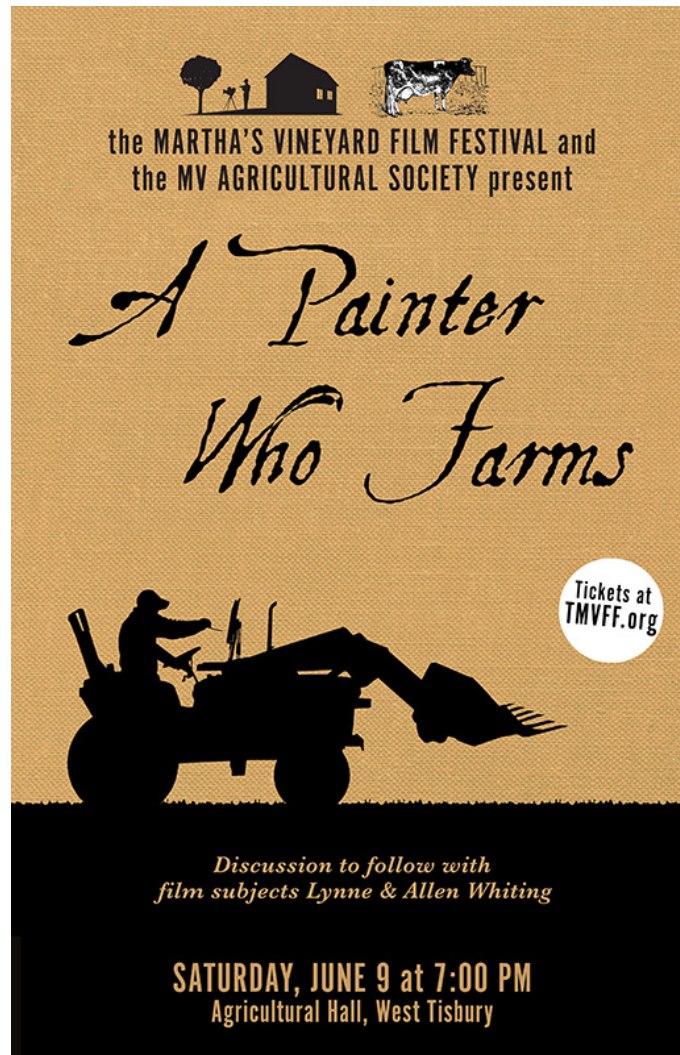


## Allen Whiting on the big screen

*A Painter Who Farms: A Documentary by Barbarella and David Fokos*



Courtesy The Martha's Vineyard Film Festival

The Martha's Vineyard Film Festival (MVFF) is teaming up with the Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society (MVAS) for a screening of the original documentary "A Painter Who Farms." The screening will take place on Saturday, June 9, at 7 pm at the Ag Hall in West Tisbury. General admission tickets are \$15, and \$7 for MVFF and MCAS members. Proceeds from the screening will benefit both Island nonprofits.

“A Painter Who Farms” is a film about Islander Allen Whiting, whose family has lived and farmed on Martha’s Vineyard for 12 generations. The screening celebrates Whiting’s passions — the art of farming and art itself. Allen and Lynne Whiting will be available for discussion after the film.

In March, the MVFF first screened the documentary during its 18th annual film festival, which boasted two sold-out screenings, according to a press release. **Directors Barbarella and David Fokos** deliver a touching portrait of Whiting, who is most known for his plein-air paintings of Island landscapes.

“Nowhere does he seem more at peace than when he’s outside painting or farming,” the press release said.

Whiting is a father of three children. He’s humble, quiet, funny, and provides insight into the soul of his beloved Island. His creative expressions of the beauty that surrounds him reflect a deep sense of stewardship, according to the press release. His wife, children, and friends complete the film’s homage to a well-known Island character.

The MVFF is dedicated to producing community events, educational programs, and films that spark discussion, debate, and action. The MVAS promotes the pursuit of agriculture, horticulture, land conservation, youth activities, mechanic and domestic arts, and encourages the raising and improvement of plant and animals.