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Hollis man wins Best Feature Film

◆ **NH Film Expo:** Awards handed out to artists from around the nation.

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DERRY — After 15 years of screenwriting, Terre Weisman has finally directed and produced his first feature film, which received kudos last night at the New Hampshire Film Expo.

Weisman's film, "Developing Sheldon," was awarded the Best Feature Film at the NHFX. Weisman, of Hollis, said he was honored to receive the recognition.

"I have a lot of hopes for this film," said Weisman, 47. "This is beyond exciting."

His film, most of which was recorded in Nashua, follows the life of cancer victim Sheldon Wexler. While navigating his way around his dysfunctional family, Wexler tries to determine if it is too late to find true love.

Writing screenplays is a "labor of love" for Weisman, said the vice president of Peters Auto Center in Nashua. With this new award under his belt, Weisman said he intends to submit the film in other festivals throughout the nation.

He hopes that it may open the door for his film to eventu-

ally be aired on television or released for a theatrical debut.

Weisman's film was one of 153 films submitted to the Third Annual Film Expo hosted this past weekend at the Adams Memorial Opera House. It was selected among 76 films to be screened during the four-day event that concluded last night.

"We've gotten films from all over the country. We've even gotten films from overseas," said Chris Proulx, NHFX programming director. "But we are very proud of the submissions from New Hampshire and New England."

The quality of films submitted to this year's NHFX was impressive, according to Proulx.

In addition to Weisman, several other people received awards during the closing ceremonies of the NHFX. For their achievements, they received granite brick trophies now known as the "Granny" Awards.

Winner of the New England Screenplay Competition was "A House Divided," written by Mike Amato of Franklin, Mass.

Amato said the play highlights the life of a young woman with multiple personalities who marries a wealthy senator and finds herself in the middle of a murder investigation. In addition to the trophy, Amato also received \$500 from the law firm of Rath, Young & Pignatelli of Concord, the sponsor of the award.