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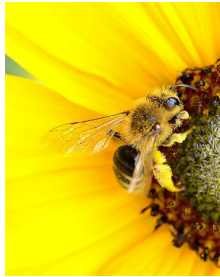
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The GARNA Gab - April 2015

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Upcoming Programs & Events

[Spring Bloomin' Fundraiser!](#)



Warmer weather is here - time to green your home, garden and think about gifts for mom (Mother's Day is May 10). Three options this year, 14" annual **flower** bowls, 12" hanging **tomato** baskets and individual **herb** plants. **Profits go to GARNA to support youth and adult education on our Valley's natural, cultural & historical resources.**

Place your order, then between May 1-11, choose the particular flower/herb combination and pots/baskets within the category you ordered at Salida Greenhouse.

This year's sponsor/partner is Salida Greenhouse. **Orders due by April 24.** Ordering available online or by mail. Much more info [here!](#)

NEW! Snow Science: Keystone Science School program

Friday, April 10 * 9:30 am - 3:30 pm * Old Monarch Pass * **limited spaces, please call for registration**

KSS is providing a hands-on day of high alpine and snow science, avalanche and climate change. The group will learn how to use snow science tools, spend some time doing snow science data collection, and learn basic avalanche safety. There are only 5 spots left for this unique opportunity to learn from skilled instructors with extensive experience in snow science. KSS's mission is to incorporate nonbiased scientific inquiry, leadership development, civic engagement and academic rigor into all learning experiences. This

Our first ever Climate Series Pub Talk was a great success! Join us on or about May 1 for another lively discussion. Stay tuned for details.



Thanks Alex Rudney with the USFS Salida Ranger District



event is open to all ages. Please call Dominique at 539-5106 for more information.

[Geology Hike to the "Crater"](#)

Saturday, April 11 * 8:00 am - 4:00 pm * Arkansas Hills near Salida * \$5.50 members, \$8.50 non members * **ONLY A FEW OPENINGS LEFT**

Bob Hickey will lead this hike to the Salida "crater" in the Arkansas Hills. It is a moderate, 8.5 mile round trip hike through pinon/juniper/ponderosa forest to a geologically interesting point in the Salida volcanic field. [Please pre-register.](#)

NEW! [Stream Explorers](#)

Fridays beginning April 17 - May 8 * 9:00 am - 12:00 pm * Scout Hut, Salida * Free!

GARNA and Collegiate Peaks Anglers Chapter of Trout Unlimited invites middle schoolers learn about river creatures, do aquatic experiments with fish and shrimp, learn to tie flies, learn basic fly casting, and go fishing! Students who attend all 4 sessions will receive a FREE fly rod, reel and line set-up, certificate, and youth membership to TU. **Space is limited, register by April 10 through Salida Rec by calling 539-6738 or stop by the Salida Pool.** Learn more [here](#).

More for youth...[Camp Fridays](#): "Adventures on the Ranch" GARNA/Guidestone Friday, April 17 and "Nature Explorations" GARNA/Salida Rec Friday, May 1. Ages 5-7. Register at Salida Pool. Learn more [here](#).

[Earth Day 2015](#)

Saturday, April 25 * 10:00 am - 2:00 pm * Riverside Park/Scout Hut, Salida * Free!

Join GARNA, Salida Recreation, AHRA, BLM, 4H, CSU extension and other community groups for a family-friendly Earth Day 2015. Featuring the Cheyenne Mountain Zoomobile, a community yoga class, electronics and latex paint recycling, craft table, gardening, fishing, geology booths and more!

NEW! [Using Wild Plants in your Life](#)

Thursday, May 7 * 6:30 - 7:45 pm * Salida Community Center * \$10 members, \$12 non members

Sam Liebl of [Earth Knack](#) in Crestone will speak about his quest to thrive alongside wild plants in every season. Drawing on historical accounts, current ethnobotanical research, and his daily first-hand experience, Sam will share how to use the plants of the region as food, tools and medicine. [Learn more and pre-register.](#)

[24th Annual Clean Up Green Up](#)

Saturday, May 16 * 8:30 am registration * Picnic: Riverside Park/Scout Hut, Salida



It's that time again to clean up the Arkansas River and surrounding areas before the summer recreation season gets seriously rolling. Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area (AHRA) and GARNA team up each year for this important volunteer community event. Volunteers may sign up beforehand with AHRA at 539-7289 or register day of at AHRA or at the Buena Vista River Park. All volunteers enjoy a picnic lunch at Riverside Park in Salida. Come on out!

NEW! Railroad History of the Arkansas Valley: tour the Buena Vista Depot

Sunday, May 17 * 2:00 - 3:30 pm * Buena Vista Depot Museum, McPhelemy Park Buena Vista * \$6.50 members, \$8.50 non members

Vic Kuklin, frequent railroad storyteller, member of BV Heritage and former member of the DSP&P Historical Society will share the history of the railroad and its role in developing agriculture, mining, and ice harvesting in BV, Nathrop and St. Elmo. Event includes touring the depot museum and adjacent cabooses. [Please pre-register.](#)

NEW! Photographing the Sand Dunes

Friday - Sunday, May 29-31 * Great Sand Dunes National Park * \$25 members, \$35 non members

GARNA's photo club is hosting a field trip to the Great Sand Dunes. The focus of the trip is on communicating individual responses to the solitude, grandeur, and stark beauty of this unique and natural setting with photographs. Local photographer Ed Berg will lead the photo talks with topics of composition, camera settings and other techniques. In order to take advantage of late afternoon, evening and morning light on the dunes, this is an weekend excursion. Learn much more and [pre-register here.](#)

Other News

Hiking Club

Open to all GARNA members. It's time to plan the GARNA Hiking Club 2015 hikes and we are making sure we have a complete list of interested trekkers! If you would like to receive emails about summer hikes and have not already received an email, please [email](#) the office to join the club. We appreciate a response by April 10. If you are unsure about your membership status, please also let us know and we'll look it up for you.

Friends News

Canon City Geology Club

Dr. Lou Taylor, Research Associate with the Denver Museum of Nature and Science will speak about the Amphicoelias vertebra found in Garden Park at the



Photo by Ed Berg

club's next meeting on April 13, 7:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church in Canon City. Please call 719-275-9781 for more information.

Introduction to Browns Canyon National Monument Hike

On Saturday, April 18, AHRA is offering a 4 mile round trip hike into Browns Canyon from the Ruby Mountain Campground to Little Cottonwood Creek Gulch bench. Bob Hickey will be the hike leader. Please call ARHA at 539-7289 to register or for more information.

Not a GARNA member?

GARNA is the Arkansas River Valley's only local broadly focused conservation and educational institution with non-profit status. GARNA is supported by membership fees. We have over 300 members and growing... [will you join us?](#) Benefits for GARNA members:

- 20% discount on all items at all times in GARNA book and map outlets
- Advanced notification and invitations to special events and activities
- Reduced registration fees for GARNA programs
- Access to GARNA's special interest clubs

Thank you for supporting GARNA and our mission of fostering stewardship of the resources of the greater Arkansas River region through education, volunteerism and experiences.

Sincerely,

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