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Greater Arkansas River Nature Association



River Valley Ridge, Cassie Baldauf

The GARNA Gab - April 2016

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Upcoming Programs/Events

AgriSummit and film showing of Symphony of the Soil

Friday, April 22 * 9:00 am -1:00 pm *
Salida SteamPlant Event Center

AgriSummit is a day-long event highlighting opportunities for networking, discussion and learning focused on local food production and agritourism. Held at Salida's SteamPlant Event Center on **Earth Day, Friday, April 22**, starting at 8:30 am, AgriSummit 2016 will also include a catered luncheon featuring local foods and an early season farmer's marketplace. The day's events will be followed by a one-time-only screening of *Symphony of the Soil*, introduced by the film's Director, special guest **Deborah Koons Garcia**. GARNA is an event sponsor. More information and registration is available at guidestonecolorado.org.

Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, April 23 * 10:00 am to 1:00 pm *
Riverside Park in Salida

Programs in the works:

- **Saturday, April 23 Hike in Browns Canyon**
- **Saturday, April 30 Save the Frogs Day! Presentation and field trip**
- **Prescribed burning on our National Forests**

Please stay tuned for details on these events.



Welcome new GARNA Board Member Samantha Lane Bahn!

Samantha fell in love with the Arkansas Valley while working as a river guide. She teaches 5th grade at Salida Middle School and has an MS in Ecological Teaching and Learning, bringing environmental awareness, garden to cafeteria skills, and a love for plants and animals into the classroom. In her free time, she explores the valley with her husband Jackson, daughter Beya, and dogs Bodhi and Baloo!

Join GARNA, Salida Recreation, AHRA, 4H, Guidestone and many other community groups for a family-friendly Earth Day 2016. The event will take place at Riverside Park in Salida and is free and open to the public.

Spring Bloomin' Fundraiser

Ordering now through April 27

GARNA's 3rd annual spring bloomin' fundraiser is here to green your home, garden or provide gifts for friends or family – perfect for **Mother's Day on May 8!**

Options this year are **Annual flower bowls, hanging tomato plants and herb and veggie starters. Much more info and ordering available [HERE](#).** This year's bloomin' fundraiser sponsor is [Salida Greenhouse](#). A big thanks to owner Genene Phillips.

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.



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Pasque flower by John McCarthy

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