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# Greater Arkansas River Nature Association



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The GARNA Gab - August 2016

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## Upcoming Programs/Events

### [Browns Canyon guided hike to Cave Springs](#)

**Saturday, August 13 \* 8:00 am to 1:00 pm \*  
Browns Canyon National Monument**

Get out with GARNA and the [Friends of Browns Canyon](#) to explore Browns Canyon National Monument on this 6 miles round-trip hike. The hike leaders are Mike Kunkel and Linda Gibas. Mike is the co-founder of Friends of Browns Canyon and an avid conservationist. Linda is the treasurer of Friends of Browns Canyon and an active equestrian and trail steward. Online registration is available [here](#).



### [Guided Trip to the Orient Mine Bat Cave](#)

**Saturday, August 13 \* 6:00 to 10:00 pm \* San Luis Valley near Villa Grove**

Join GARNA and [Susan J. Tweit](#) for a trip to see the Orient Mine bats. We will drive to and then hike about 2 miles round trip to the opening of the Orient

## Announcements

### [Job Opportunity at GARNA!](#)

We looking for a part-time youth program assistant to join our team. Passionate about environmental education? Want to be a part of a dynamic team that makes stewardship a reality in the Upper Arkansas Valley? Is your career goal to work in the environmental non-profit or public lands arena? Full position description [here](#).

### [Salida Water Festival](#)

**Saturday, August 13 \*  
Riverside Park \* 11:00 am  
to 4:00 pm**

This family-focused festival will include exhibits, activities and demonstrations related to various aspects of water use, including agricultural, municipal, commercial, environmental and recreational uses. Live music and more! Learn more [here](#).

**Rocky Mountain Field  
Institute work in the Sangre  
de Cristos - shared by the  
Crestone Wilderness  
Stewards chapter of GARNA**

Take a "volunteer vacation" and help with the

Mine Cave via the Black Canyon trail head where we'll witness the mass flight exodus of the bats at dusk over the San Luis Valley. The closed Orient Mine has been the home to nearly 250,000 migratory bats for the last 40 years. The guide for the trip is Susan J. Tweit, plant biologist, award-winning author, speaker, and teacher. Online registration is available [here](#).



### [Astronomy Program and Stargazing: A warp speed tour of the universe](#)

**Saturday, August 27 \* 7:30 to 9:30 pm \* Home of Scott Adams**

Scott Adams will present a lecture on astronomy from the back yard astronomer's point of view. Some highlights of the talk will include: a review of various types of telescopes used by amateur astronomers and how they differ from professional observatory telescopes; a discussion on the types of deep space objects "out there"; a comparison of what viewers actually see through amateur telescopes versus professional telescopes; and a discussion of planetary "conjunctions", **with special attention to the Venus – Jupiter conjunction that will be visible that evening**. Scott will also discuss the immense scale of the universe in terms of sizes of astronomical objects and distances between them. The talk will be followed by stargazing session. Online registration is available [here](#).



### [A Cook's Tour of Glacial Geology in Colorado](#)

**Wednesday, September 20 \* 7:00 to 8:30 pm \* First Presbyterian Church of Salida**

*There was great interest and a big turnout when this program was presented in March 2016 in Buena Vista. We are pleased for Dr. Matthews to offer it again in Salida.*

Because Colorado is the 'Top of the Rockies' with an average elevation of 6,800 feet above sea level, we experienced widespread effects from Quaternary glacial episodes. As a result, the state is rich in erosional and depositional testimonials to those periods of extensive glaciation. GARNA has arranged for Dr. Vince Matthews to present on the

realignment of the summit trail on Kit Carson-Challenger Ridge, a multi-year undertaking. Basecamp at the Willow Lake Basin from Tuesday, August 16 to Sunday, August 21. RMFI provides all meals and work tools/equipment. Learn more [here](#).

### **Friday Fishing Program**

Get HOOKED on fishing! Arkansas Headwaters Recreation Area, Collegiate Peaks chapter of Trout Unlimited and GARNA are offering a FREE all-ages fishing program matching seasoned anglers with newbies. **Next date is Friday, August 26.** Call AHRA at 719-539-7289 to sign up.

### **Beekeeper Program**

An inaugural *Colorado Beekeeper Mentorship Program* will be pilot tested in Chaffee County in September-November. This program is designed to teach more advanced skills for beekeepers, how to research current and future topics in beekeeping, understand current and emerging research, and gain skills in mentoring novice beekeepers. For more information, please contact Kurt Jones at [kurt.jones@colostate.edu](mailto:kurt.jones@colostate.edu).

### **Official Fire Information for Pike/San Isabel National Forest (including the Hayden Pass Fire)**

719-299-1567

Email: [psicc.pio@gmail.com](mailto:psicc.pio@gmail.com)

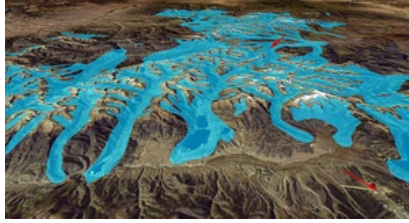
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### [Lightning Safety](#)

With the monsoon season, lightning storms are back in the forecast. Please review the [NOAA's lightning safety information](#) and be careful out there!

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sculpting of Colorado's mountains by multiple glacial events over the last 150,000 years. This talk will illustrate the widespread impacts and excellent examples of these times of global cooling. Online registration is available [here](#).



## 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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