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The GARNA Gab - February 2015

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Upcoming Programs & Events

Macro Photography Workshop

Thursday, February 19 * 6:00 until 8:00 pm * First Presbyterian Church Salida * Free for members, \$6.50 for non members

Back by popular demand – What makes it macro? Explore the world of macro photography with John McCarthy. There will be discussion and individual hands on experience using various camera settings and techniques, lighting, and subject matter. As time allows participants will share photos on their laptops and notebooks. [Please pre-register.](#)

Twin Lakes Interlaken Guided Snowshoe

Saturday, February 21 * 10:30 am - 1:00 pm * Twin Lakes Interlaken Trail

Michelle Mueggler will lead a snowshoe hike on the Twin Lakes Interlaken trail passing through the turn-of-the-century ghost resort of Interlaken. On the hike, Michelle will give a brief history of wilderness in the US, how wilderness management differs from other wild lands management and other fun facts. The outing will take place even if there is not enough snow to snowshoe. [Please pre-register.](#)

* WILD AND SCENIC FILM FESTIVAL *

Thursday, March 5 * Salida SteamPlant Theater

Friday, March 13 * Buena Vista Community Center * 6:00 until 8:00 pm both nights

THE SHOW SOLD OUT LAST YEAR! [BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW.](#)

The Greater Arkansas River Nature Association and the [Land Trust of the Upper Arkansas](#) are partnering to bring the [Wild & Scenic Film Fest 2015](#), a world-renowned tour of the latest, cutting-edge environmental films, to Salida and Buena Vista. The event will benefit GARNA and LTUA and includes 20 environmental and adventure films with **unique films shown each night**. Both evenings promise an “incredible selection of films to change your world.” Considered one of the nation’s premiere environmental and adventure film festivals, this year’s films



Thanks to all who attended our annual environmental presentation and meeting on February 5...it was a great turn out and Dr. Reading was a fantastic speaker!



Congrats to the annual meeting "appeal card" drawing winners:

TJ Hittle
Kim LeTourneau
Susan Bavaria
Svata Louda
Allison McCormick
Forrest Whitman

We appreciate your participation!

combine stellar film making, beautiful cinematography and first-rate storytelling.

Feature films:

Salida – [The Little Things](#) is a snowboard documentary based on environmentally conscious riders who are inspirational through their riding as well as their sustainable ways of living and thinking.

Buena Vista – [Drawn](#) merges film and illustration and transports you on four journeys, from the Venezuelan Amazon, to the China-Mongolian Border, to the northern reaches of Canada, and closer to home in the Yosemite Valley.

Drinks, pizza and popcorn will be available. [Ticket prices](#) start at \$10 with membership incentive.

Stream Ecology Volunteer Training with Collegiate Peaks Anglers Chapter of Trout Unlimited

Thursday, March 12 * 9:00 am * Scout Hut in Salida

Are you interested in learning about fishing, stream ecology and/or sharing these interests with middle schoolers? Join members of the Collegiate Peaks Anglers Chapter of TU and GARNA for a Stream Explorers training and equipment review. [Please RSVP by emailing Dominique.](#)

Other News

Welcome our first ever STUDENT Board Member!

We are excited to announce Harper Powell has joined the GARNA Board of Directors.

Harper is a sophomore at Salida High School. Along with her sister Phoebe, she plays in a local band The Powell Sisters that released their first album last year. You may have seen her in the paper recently as part of the Lake County Nordic ski team. We are excited to have Harper serve as in the first ever student seat for a young person's perspective on our organization's activities!

Upper Arkansas Wilderness Volunteers

UAWV is getting ready for another busy season. If you are interested in getting out on the trails, reporting trail conditions, and/or helping to repair some of the trail routes with other trained volunteers, please contact UAWV at uawvolunteers@gmail.com.

Earth Friendly Book Club

Open to all GARNA members. The March book is *Seeds of Hope: Wisdom and Wonder from the World of Plants*, by Jane Goodall - "Seeds of Hope takes us from England to Goodall's home-away-from-home in Africa, deep inside the Gombe forest, where she and the chimpanzees are enchanted by the fig and plum trees they encounter. She introduces us to botanists around the world, as well as places where hope for plants can be found, such as The Millennium Seed Bank, where one billion seeds are preserved. She shows us the secret world of plants with all their mysteries and potential for healing our bodies as well as Planet Earth." - Amazon
Please contact [Marilyn Moore](#) to join the club.



We are thankful for our Wild & Scenic Film Festival sponsors:

- [Salida Mountain Sports](#)
- [Moonlight Pizza & Brewpub](#)
- [River Runners](#)
- [The Trailhead](#)
- [Eddyline Brewing](#)



Harper Powell



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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GARNA Green Tip

Are your outlets leaking? Easily install foam plates behind light switches and electrical outlets to reduce drafts and energy bills. You can get a packet of 10 for about \$3 and they're easy to install with just a screwdriver. More ideas at www.earthshare.org.

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