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# Greater Arkansas River Nature Association



*Ice Abstract by Andrea Wilkerson*

The GARNA Gab - February 2016

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## Upcoming Programs/Events including the **Wild & Scenic Film Festival!**

### Ski with a Naturalist Tours

Every Friday through March \* 11:00 am to 12:00 pm \*  
Monarch Mountain

Free, on-hill tour at our local ski area led by Tom  
McCollum.

### Winter Biking in the Upper Ark Valley (including FAT Bikes!)

Wednesday, February 17 \* 6:30-8:00 pm \* USFS Salida  
Ranger District

Even though it's the dead of winter, the weather is still  
perfect for riding the trails, roads or streets in the  
Arkansas River Valley! GARNA is partnering with Brett  
Beasley, recreation and snow ranger with the US Forest  
Service Salida Ranger District and Shawn Gillis, owner  
of [Absolute Bikes](#) to deliver a winter biking program  
sharing the nuances of winter bike riding such as trail  
etiquette, weather considerations, riding tips,  
gear/clothing, and options for bike equipment such as fat  
tire bikes. Shawn has offered to lead a guided trail ride  
exclusively for program participants on Sunday, February  
21 to practice riding tips. The program is FREE but pre-  
registration is required by [emailing](#) GARNA.

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your GARNA Gab? Now find Gab  
archives on our [website](#).

Keep your eyes peeled for info on an  
upcoming presentation in March: "A  
Cook's Tour of Glacial Geology in  
Colorado" by Dr. Vince Matthews.



### Introducing...GARNA's newest Chapter

We are so excited to announce that a  
3rd Chapter has formed under GARNA:  
The [Crestone Wilderness Stewards!](#)  
The group works to assist the Rio  
Grande Nat'l Forest, the BLM San Luis  
Valley Field Office and the Great Sand  
Dunes National Park and Preserve with

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**[Snowshoe Hike to Browns Creek Falls](#)**  
**Thursday, February 18 \* 9:00 am-3:00 pm \* Browns Creek Falls, Nathrop area**

Join GARNA for an intermediate-level snowshoe hike to Browns Creek Falls. The trail follows the creek and wanders through aspen and lodgepole pine forests and ends at the stunning ice formations at the falls. The outing will be led by Marsha Brown and Michael Fischer. [Pre-registration](#) is required.

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**[Building Bridges and Creating Corridors in Costa Rica](#)**

**Wednesday, February 24 \* 7-8:30 pm \* Salida United Methodist Church \* \$5 members, \$7 non members**

Dominique Naccarato will describe her first-hand experience studying Costa Rica's pioneering ideas, policies, and community collaboration that address habitat loss, fragmentation and degradation in Costa Rica and beyond. The talk will be coupled with stunning photography of wildlife seen on her trip through Costa Rica in early January 2016, and explore common themes with local projects. [Pre-registration](#) is recommended.

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**[Wild & Scenic Film Festival 2016](#)**

**Saturday, March 5 in Buena Vista**  
**Saturday, March 12 in Salida**

**[PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE](#)**

The Greater Arkansas River Nature Association and [Land Trust of the Upper Arkansas](#) have led the way in bringing environmental films to the Upper Arkansas Valley. The two organizations are again partnering to bring the [Wild & Scenic Film Fest 2016](#), a world-renowned tour of the latest, cutting-edge environmental films, to Chaffee County. The two events will benefit GARNA and LTUA and include 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 combine stellar film making, beautiful cinematography and first-rate storytelling. Don't miss this community event!

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**[Snowshoe Hike at Leadville National Fish Hatchery](#)**

**Wednesday, March 9 \* 9:00 am -1:00 pm**  
**\* Leadville Fish Hatchery**

Join GARNA for an easy snowshoe hike around the forest of the [Leadville National Fish Hatchery](#) through a lodgepole pine forest and past small frozen lakes. The Hatchery provides a peaceful environment with a potential to hike to the Colorado Trail. The outing will be led by Marsha Brown and Michael Fischer as well as

projects benefiting the five wilderness areas that are within the Upper San Luis Valley area. Please consider following their [Facebook page](#) for ongoing info about the Chapter and future volunteer projects in our neighboring valley.

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**20th Anniversary Celebration**

GARNA's 20th year is 2016 and we are planning a BIG celebration on **Thursday, April 7**. The big event will take place at Mt Princeton Hot Springs Resort. Please stay tuned for many more details.



Michelle Mueggler from the USFS Leadville Ranger District [Pre-registration](#) is required.



## 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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