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Greater Arkansas River Nature Association

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The GARNA Gab - January 2015
Happy New Year!

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Upcoming Programs & Events

Ski with a Naturalist Tour: guest naturalist Brett Beasley

Friday, January 9 * 1:00 pm * Monarch Mountain * free

Free, on-hill tour at our local ski area. Guests of all ages and abilities are welcome. This week's tour will be led by Brett Beasley of the USFS. He will discuss the USFS's role in multi-use recreation. The tour will be offered every Friday at 1:00 pm through March.

All About Pronghorns Program

Thursday, January 15 * 7:00 until 8:00 pm * First Presbyterian Church Salida * \$3 members, \$5 non

Did you know that pronghorn are the 2nd fastest land mammals on earth? Pronghorn have been roaming North America for over a million years and possess fascinating characteristics that make them one of the most rare and unique creatures on the planet! The talk will be presented by Matthew Coen, wildlife technician and local naturalist. **Please [pre-register](#).**

Geo Spatial Program for Adults

Friday, January 23 * 1:00 until 3:30 pm * First Presbyterian Church Salida * \$5 members, \$7 non

Have you been ordered around by your car's GPS and wished you could be the boss? This is your chance to tell your GPS where to go! GARNA and Chaffee County 4-H are offering an introductory adult GPS class to help you start to master the basics of GPS (Global Positioning System) technology. Presented by Christy Fitzpatrick, 4-H and family consumer sciences extension agent at the Colorado State University Extension office in Chaffee County. **Please [pre-register](#).**

2015 GARNA Environmental Presentation and Annual Meeting



Ski with a Naturalist tour guest presenter Brett with a group last winter.



Wild & Scenic Film Festival coming in March...stay tuned.



Thursday, February 5 at the SteamPlant ballroom * free

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Presenter: Richard P. Reading, VP for Conservation, Denver Zoological Foundation. Dr Reading will discuss the changing roles of zoos from "ghee whiz" recreation to a science-based focus on conservation.

A light soup dinner will be served. A big thank you to the **Salida Sunrise Rotary** for their generous sponsorship of this event!

Other News

Welcome two new Board Members!

We are excited to announce two new members of the GARNA Board - John McCarthy and Logan Myers.

John has lived just outside of Salida for about 4 years. He is retired from the Salvation Army where he worked in risk management. He also serves on the Chaffee County Heritage Board, recently joined the GARNA program committee and has volunteered with our youth programs. John is also a big railroad history buff!

Logan has lived in the county for about 12 years and is currently residing in Buena Vista. He is on the Board of Friends of Browns Canyon and Friends of the Arkansas (Canon City based). He has worked with American Whitewater and TU and was instrumental in designing the BV disk golf course. He is an avid paddler and overall outdoor recreator. Logan participated in the GARNA photo contest and won 3 out of the 4 categories!

Please meet John and Logan and honor long-term, exiting members Ann Graham and Marilyn Moore at the annual meeting and presentation on February 5.

Salida Trail Restoration Project receives Habitat Hero Award

In November 2014 the staff of the [Habitat Hero](#) program named the Monarch Spur Trail as an Outstanding Park/Trail Project Habitat Hero Garden and a positive contributor to their mission to grow a network of habitat for songbirds and pollinators in gardens across the Rocky Mountains and beyond, save water, and restore our joy in nature every day. This award is due to a recent, local effort to rehabilitate and restore critical habitat along the Salida Trail System. Since 2012, SPOT has worked with members of GARNA, the City of Salida, Chaffee County, Southwest Conservation Corps, the Land Trust of the Upper Arkansas, adopt-a-trail volunteers and citizens to remove invasive weeds, plant native grasses and plants, and provide ecological education and opportunities for adults and youth. A big THANK YOU to all the GARNA volunteers who helped make this happen!

Christy Fitzpatrick working her GIS magic with GARNA youth this fall.



Dr. Richard Reading



John McCarthy



Logan Myers

Our Friends

Canon City Geology Club - Monthly meeting
Monday, January 12 * 7:00 pm * First United
Methodist Church in Canon City

Steve Wolfe will speak on geology of the Canon City embayment and the surrounding community explaining the geologic history and major happenings that resulted in outcrops, landforms and natural resources of the area. More info canoncitygeologyclub.com.

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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Newly installed nesting boxes along the
Salida Trail

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