

Greater Arkansas River Nature Association



Salida Community Garden, a project of GARNA

The GARNA Gab - July 2016

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Upcoming Programs/Events

[Alpine Wildflower ID Hike on Cottonwood Pass](#)

**Saturday, July 16 * 8:00 am to 3:00 pm *
Cottonwood Pass * **ONE SPOT LEFT!****

Alpine wildflowers endure heavy snowfall, bitter wind, intense UV rays, and extreme cold. Learn how these jewels of the plant world survive and even thrive in one of the harshest environments on earth.

Participants can expect to hike less than a mile to identify different species of alpine wildflowers at the top of the pass. The hike will be led by longtime GARNA volunteer Marilyn Moore. Marilyn was a Master Gardener in Denver County for 17 years and a horticulture volunteer at Denver Botanic Gardens for 20 years. Please [email](#) the office if you are interested, we will also have a waitlist.

[Fishing High Mountain Lakes with](#)

Announcements

[GARNA's Summer Nature Camp](#)

The remainder of the day camps sessions taking place in Salida still have space.. Learn more [here](#).

[GARNA Photography Club](#)

It's a spectacular time to photograph our beautiful high mountain areas. The photo club is piggy backing on to the Hiking Club Friday hikes in July.

Friday, July 8 – Native Lake trail
(Leadville area)

Friday, July 15 – Alpine Tunnel trail (St. Elmo area)

Friday, July 22 – Ptarmigan Lake trail
(Cottonwood Pass area)

The group will plan to have a get together in August to share photos and experiences. The club is open to GARNA members.



author Tom Parkes

**Sunday, July 17 * 8:00 am to 3:00 pm *
"Found" Lake**

Central Colorado contains some of the most pristine alpine lakes in the state and have some of the most beautiful species of fish found in the Colorado Rockies. Tom Parkes will take the group on a short hike in to "Found" Lake just below Cottonwood Pass accessed from the Lost Lake trailhead. This workshop/ hike will cover backpack inventory, high country elements such as lightning, hypothermia, and giardiasis. Tom will help with identity of a few of the main species of trout found in these lakes as well as some of the best fly patterns that have been most productive for him over the years. Online registration is available [here](#).



NEW! Leadville Mining District Wildflower Hike

Wednesday, July 20 * 8:30 am to 1:00 pm * Mining District east of Leadville

Led by Leadville local Glenda Dunn, GARNA is hosting a short hike (3 to 4 miles) in an area locally known as Alpine Meadow or "Hills are Alive" in the Leadville Mining District east of Leadville. This area is known for its abundance of wildflowers and we hope to see Blue Flax, Columbine, Jacob's Ladder, Purple Fringe, Alpine Sunflowers, Monkshood, Wild Delphiniums, and Old Man of the Mountain! Glenda Dunn has been a Leadville resident since 1962. She is a high-altitude, organic gardener and wildflower enthusiast. She has been hiking and backpacking in the Leadville area and the Flat Tops for more than 50 years. For three years she lead wildflower hikes for the Leadville, Colorado and Southern Railroad and she started a local Leadville-based hiking group about ten years ago. Online registration is available [here](#).

Crestone Wilderness Stewards Chapter

The Crestone Wilderness Stewards have made some great progress this season and have started working on trails in the Sangre de Cristo mountains. CWS worked on the North Crestone trail where they cleared overgrown brush and down logs all the way up to groundhog basin. Earlier in May two CWS volunteers finished a cross-cut saw training in Saguache so the group now has four members who are class B sawyers for bucking only.

CWS is really concentrating efforts on recruitment and have a great new logo thanks to Brink Messick! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact [the office](#) and we'll put you in touch with Cathy or Dave.

Salida Water Festival - Volunteer!

GARNA is working with The Arkansas Basin Public Education, Participation and Outreach (PEPO) workgroup to organize the inaugural **Salida Water Festival on August 13**. The family-focused festival will include exhibits, activities and demonstrations related to various aspects of water use, including agricultural, municipal, commercial, environmental and recreational uses. Volunteers are needed! Learn more here or contact [Chelsey](#).

Job Opportunity for Chaffee GOCO Inspire Project

What are the barriers to all Chaffee County kids and families getting outdoors? This position will spearhead the Inspire Chaffee County Coalition to address gaps which prevent youth and families from engaging in outdoor activities. GARNA is a partner in this initiative. See full job description link on this [page](#).

Browns Canyon National Monument 1st Anniversary Party

Friends of Browns Canyon, The Wilderness Society, Conservation Lands Foundation, Conservation Colorado, and other public lands advocates invite the public to attend a celebration of the first anniversary of the Browns Canyon National Monument dedication.

**Saturday, July 16 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm
at the Lariat, 206 East Main Street in
Buena Vista.**



Kelly Creek Wildflower Hike

Saturday, July 30 * 8:00 am to 3:00 pm *
Kelly Creek near Saguache * TWO
SPOTS LEFT!

Explore summer wild flowers with local wildflower expert Ruth Runge-Barnes. Ruth will share her knowledge and passion as she leads a 4-6 mile hike to identify a wide variety of flowers along Kelly Creek in Saguache County in the San Luis Valley. Ruth describes this hike as an easy ramble on uneven terrain. 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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